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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
29th MAY 2012

PRESENT

Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr K Woodward, Cllr G Jones, Cllr P Wilson, Cllr J Hinchliffe, Cllr K Childs, & Cllr G R Price (7)

Wrexham CBC: Cllr G Griffiths

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the special Council meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr M Whitby</p>	
3.	<p><u>CO-OPTIONS</u></p> <p>Members agreed to the following people being co-opted as a Community Councillor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Davies • Gary Slegg • Lesley V Wright • Anthony Wyatt <p>This was subject to their completing the necessary paperwork.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Cllr G Price abstained.</p>	
4.	<p><u>POLICING ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE</u></p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr G Griffiths & Cllr K Childs (Wrexham CBC) for attending the meeting to discuss Policing Issues.</p> <p>Members expressed concern at the extent of vandalism, alleged drug taking, drinking under age and the extent of anti social behaviour and in particular the corridor between the Meithrin Building and the Memorial Park.</p>	


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Cllr G Price stated that the problems in the Memorial Park were not new and that youngsters from outside Coedpoeth congregated there. In addition, the Council has considered locking the Park on a number of occasions but was fearful for the member of staff responsible.

The Clerk stated that in the case of the Meithrin Building he had written to Wrexham CBC along with irate residents who live across from the building. Cllr K Childs confirmed that she had asked questions of Wrexham officers. In addition, Mrs J McKenzie (Youth Team Leader) has also raised concerns.

Specific issues raised included members of the Council's staff and their family being threatened by youths who had been drinking.

Members felt that there was a need for more CCTV cameras throughout the Village.

Cllr K Childs confirmed that she had asked the Police to step up their presence in the Village.

Mention was also made that Coedpoeth is an alcohol free zone but that it has to be enforced.

Cllr G Griffiths asked the Council what was their intent – was it to stop the problem or solve the problem. The Council accepted that their ultimate aim is to attempt to solve the problem whilst working closely with other approved bodies. Cllr J Hinchliffe mentioned that PACT (North Wales Police) provide funding for reducing drug and alcohol related crime. It was also reported that there is more funding for PCSOs in Wrexham and that the Council should request an additional resource but some Members felt that a PCSO had limited powers and presence.

Cllr G Griffiths stated that the new political administration in Wrexham CBC is committed to addressing issues such as anti social behaviour and recommended that the Council, and other bodies in the Village, should re-apply for all appropriate grants.

Cllr K Woodward proposed that the Council carry out a formal risk assessment of the extent of vandalism, drugs, drinking and anti-social behaviour in the Village and seek the views of residents etc. On completion of the risk assessment the Council should then invite the area Inspector of Police to attend a special Council Meeting.

Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr K. Childs – Unanimous

MEETING FINISHED – 8.30pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council

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