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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF
COUNCIL MEETING
12th JUNE 2012

PRESENT

Cllr M Dixon – Chair

Cllr K Woodward, Cllr G Roberts, Cllr P Wilson, Cllr K Childs, Cllr A Wyatt, Cllr L Wright, Cllr C Davies, Cllr G Slegg & Cllr G R Price (10)

Observer: Cllr M Whitby

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></p> <p>The Chair in his introduction :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Welcomed everyone to the Meeting b) Allowed Cllr Whitby to be an observer at the meeting because he had not signed his Declaration of Acceptance but stated that he could not propose, second or vote on any issue on tonight’s agenda. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Whitby had 2 months from the election of 4 May to complete and sign his Declaration of Acceptance. c) Highlighted to Members a number of positives for the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The successful Jubilee Generation Lunch and referred to a letter sent by Mrs S. Jones praising the Council “for putting on such a lovely party”. The Chair also thanked Cllr K Childs, Cllr G Jones and Cllr J Hinchliffe for giving up their time to help at the lunch. b. The clean bill of health given by the Internal Auditor on the 2011/12 Annual Accounts. c. The impending meeting with local businesses (3rd August 2012) and the 2nd High Street Tidy Up (8th August 2012). d. Some progress was being made on the dilapidated and dangerous state of the Meithrin/Tele Cottage Buildings. 	
2.	<p><u>PRESENTATIONS</u></p> <p><u>The Chair presented the following certificates to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mr & Mrs G Williams – Joint Villagers of the Year for 2012. The Chair stated that he had quickly come to admire and marvel at their selfless determination to make a contribution to the well-being of the Village. b) Mr D Unwin for his dedicated and voluntary work as a Community Councillor over the last decade. 	

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3.	<p><u>MEETING WITH THE BOWLING CLUB</u></p> <p>The Council met the following Bowling Club officials - John Davies (Secretary), Pauleen Lindley (Child Protection Officer) and Derek Unwin.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed them to the meeting and stated that the Council looked forward to working with the Bowling Club to raise the profile of Crown Green Bowling in the Village and to identify ways of promoting more members.</p> <p>John Davies stated that there are currently 40 members and that the Bowling Club had carried out a number of initiatives, of late, to increase membership e.g. youngsters from local church groups. It was pointed out that the Bowling Green cannot make any charges under the current policy adopted by Wrexham County Borough Council and that, furthermore, like similar bodies they are cash strapped. Mention was also made that the Community Council has a key to the Bowling Green and woods and the Bowling Club would appreciate if the Council could promote Crown Green Bowling as widely as possible. It was also reported that the Bowling Club had received a grant which would allow more members to train to be accredited coaches and that they could then offer local Schools taster sessions as well as consider setting up a team to play neighbouring bowling clubs.</p> <p>At the Chair's suggestion the following Members (Cllr G Slegg, Cllr C Davies and Cllr K Childs) together with the Clerk agreed to a meeting with Bowling Club officials to discuss ways in which the Council could help. Initiatives discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Use of the Council web-site. b) Consider using Facebook. c) Identify a location for a Notice Board. d) To identify an appropriate Marketing Strategy e) Engage with local schools, youth club etc. f) Promote competitions/leagues for youngsters. g) Bowlers could be asked to make donations. <p>The Chair thanked the Members of the Bowling Green for meeting the Council and he looked forward to progress being made.</p>	DVB
4.	<p><u>PRESENTATION FROM Mr D HINCHLIFFE ON THE NORTH WALES POLICE AND COMMUNITY TRUST (PACT).</u></p> <p>Mr D Hinchliffe (Honorary Treasurer PACT) stated that PACT was launched in 1998 to support community initiatives, particularly those in which the Police are involved, which aim to improve the quality of life by reducing crime and the fear of crime in all the communities of North Wales. Mention was also made that 2 members of the PACT Trustees live in Coedpoeth. Since 1998 PACT had invested over £1 million in communities across North Wales with the main activities as follows:</p>	

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	<p>a) Promoting crime prevention initiatives. b) Education in drug, alcohol and other substance abuse. c) Promoting road safety.</p> <p>It was agreed that Members would read the literature circulated at the meeting and discuss possible grant applications etc. at a future Council meeting which would be linked into the Risk Assessment being carried out by the Clerk. Mr D Hinchliffe implored the Council to liaise with their local PCSO when they come to make an application.</p> <p>Cllr K Childs asked whether Mr Hinchliffe could meet with the local Youth Club leader to explain the extent of funding available, to which he readily agreed.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Mr D Hinchliffe for his comprehensive presentation.</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>KC</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>TENDERS – PARISH HALL ROOF</u></p> <p>The 4 tenders received were opened in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders and Members were informed as to the fixed price quotes given. At the Chair’s recommendation it was agreed that the tenders would be sent to Morgan Maire (Chartered Surveyors) for their opinion and it was accepted, at the outset, that the lowest quote might not be the successful tenderer if the Surveyors had any concerns etc. The Clerk was asked to circulate the Council with Morgan Maire’s recommendation.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr J Hinchliffe – Cllr G Price objected.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr S Lee & Cllr G Griffiths (Wrexham CBC).</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>9th May 2012 – Council Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Minutes were approved. ○ Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous. • <u>9th May 2012 – Annual Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes were approved. • Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous. 	


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>29th May 2012 – Special Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Minutes were approved subject to confirmation that the risk assessment focused on the Meithrin Building/Memorial Park corridor. ○ Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous. 	
9.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council noted the following which were for information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Clerk's action points and progress made. B. The 3 Planning notices which had been received. C. The major items of correspondence received. D. The urgent repairs carried out. E. The Budget Statement as at 31st May 2012. F. The detailed analysis of income by user group for the period ending 31st May 2012. G. The costs of the Jubilee Generation Lunch which was part funded by the Chair's allowance. H. The dates for the meeting with local businesses and the 2nd annual high street tidy up. I. Progress made on the Declarations of Acceptance. J. The local Schools had not replied to the Clerk's Flame Award letter sent. <p><u>The Council discussed the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. An update from the Clerk re Grant Application to WREN. B. Agreed to meet with Julie MacKenzie (Youth Club Zone Leader) at the July 2012 Council Meeting to discuss funding and to understand the essential activities carried out by the Youth Club. C. Councillors agreed to provide the Clerk with an address, telephone number, email etc. for the Council website. Cllr C Davies suggested that photographs should be included. D. The Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interests. In the case of the Register of Interests all Members, except one, were happy to complete this form even though it was not compulsory as they felt that it demonstrated that the Council was open and transparent in accordance with the Council's principles of good governance. E. The Meithrin/TeleCottage buildings issue – See 1d. <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approved the Protocol Policy for the Council when dealing with conflicts between Members and officers. Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Cllr G Price abstained. 	

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	<p>B. Approved the schedule of Payments (10th May to 12th June 2012 totalling £12,093.86 (excluding VAT). Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous.</p> <p>C. Approved the schedule of Alto card payments for the period 1st October 2011 to 31st March 2012 totalling £837.23. Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr J Hinchliffe – Unanimous.</p> <p>D. Approved the Annual Return for 2011/12 which showed a surplus of £7,151.52 for the 2011/12 financial year with total fixed assets of £1,573,495.00 as at 31st March 2012. Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>a) <u>Cllr M Dixon</u> - Council approved the following Members (Cllr T Wyatt, Cllr L Wright, Cllr C Davies & Cllr G Slegg) to have viewing, set up and authorisation rights for the Council's bank account:</p> <p>The following mandate was passed at a meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12th June 2012:</p> <p>It was resolved that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Mandate for the operation of the bank accounts, payment instructions and banking services is provided to the Bank and that amendments to the Mandate may be provided by any Councillor or any officer of the Council who is notified to the Bank as being authorised by the Council so to do; 2. The Bank is entitled to rely upon this Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it; 3. The Bank will be notified in writing of any change in Councillors / Internet Users. 4. The Terms and Conditions remain unchanged and in all other respects. Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr K Childs – Unanimous. <p>b) <u>Cllr K Childs</u> – requested a review of charging policy for charitable local groups. The Clerk confirmed that it is Council policy to provide a 25% reduction to groups who hold charitable status and that allowing some groups to have facilities for nothing or 50% reduction was setting a dangerous precedent and could lead to an increase in the Council's precept. Members whilst sympathetic felt that the current policy of a 25% reduction for bodies with charitable status was appropriate. It was agreed that the Council would be happy to meet the Care Group trustees in case they might be able to offer advice with grant applications.</p>	

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7.	<u>POLICING MATTERS</u> There was no Police Report.	
8.	<u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u> There were no matters raised.	
9.	<u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u> Cllr J Hinchliffe stated that she was working on a Media Strategy for the Council which she hoped to have ready for the July 2012 Council meeting.	
10.	<u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cllr M Dixon</u> – Requested that the Clerk discuss with the Police the allegations of inappropriate behaviour taking place in the Gentlemen’s Toilets on the main car park just off the High Street. • <u>Cllr P Wilson</u> – unsecured door in Salem Chapel. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the key-holder. • <u>Cllr J Hinchliffe</u> – informed the Council that the Friends of the Parish Hall had planned a full programme of events over the next year. • <u>Cllr K Childs</u> – recommended that the Council receive a presentation from the officials of the Playground Scheme Project. • <u>Cllr C Davies</u> – informed the clerk of change of email address. • <u>Cllr K Woodward</u> – raised questions concerning a footpath off Salem Road. Cllr K Childs stated that she was meeting with Mr G Hughes (Wrexham CBC Street-Scene) tomorrow to discuss this issue and other issues in the Village. 	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>KC</p> <p>KC</p>
11.	<u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u> Tuesday 10 th July 2012 (Second Tuesday in the Month) – Full Council Meeting	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.47pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council