

  
**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL**  
**COEDPOETH**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**11th SEPTEMBER 2012**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Dixon – Chair  
 Cllr K Woodward, Cllr G Roberts, Cllr P Wilson, Cllr C Davies & Cllr G R Price (6)  
 Cllr G Griffiths (WCBC)

**Member of the Public:** Mr G Williams

**COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm**

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></b></p> <p>The Chair in his introduction :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Welcomed everyone to the Meeting</li> <li>b) Highlighted the following positives to the Council:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The good External Audit Report for 2011/12.</li> <li>b. The Council had received grants totalling £16,200 from WREN and Wrexham County Borough Council.</li> <li>c. The positive initial meetings with North Wales Police and the Bowling Club.</li> <li>d. The excellent work carried out by the Caretaker and his Assistant in respect of painting the Hall and Snooker Room as well as the new signs.</li> <li>e. That the Council's Snooker Hall would be featured on the ITV programme – Come Dine with Me.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Reported that the Vice Chair had received a letter from the Ombudsman in respect of the Clerk's complaint and wished the following recorded in the Council's Minutes:               <p style="margin-left: 40px;">"I have received formal notification from the Office of the Public Services Ombudsman that the Code of Conduct complaint made by the Clerk against former Councillor, Mr Michael Whitby, is to be referred to the President of the Adjudication Panel for consideration by a tribunal".</p> </li> <li>d. Reminded Members that there could be increased costs, within the agreed budget, relating to the new Parish Hall roof which will be agreed with the Chair and Morgan Maire and reported back to Council for approval retrospectively.</li> </ul>	

  
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2.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <p>a) Cllr G Slegg, Cllr J Hinchliffe, Cllr L Wright, Cllr K Childs &amp; Cllr T Wyatt (5).  b) PCSO S Roberts (1).</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>a) None.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>MINUTES - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – Council Meeting</u></b></p> <p>a) That the Minutes, of the above meeting, be approved as a true and correct record.  <b>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Unanimous.</b></p>	
5.	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><u>The Council noted the following which were for information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Clerk's action points and progress made.</li> <li>B. The 8 Planning notices/appeal which had been received.</li> <li>C. The major items of correspondence received.</li> <li>D. The urgent repair carried out on the Hand Tissue Dispenser.</li> <li>E. The Budget Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 which suggests a £20,000 deficit for the year after taking into account the new Parish Hall Roof.</li> <li>F. The detailed analysis of income by user group for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 which showed that income is down on last year's actual.</li> <li>G. The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.</li> <li>H. The offer of training to Councillors in respect of the Code of Conduct and Welsh Language.</li> <li>I. The availability of further grants – Northern Marches &amp; Keep Wales Tidy.</li> <li>J. An update on co-options.</li> <li>K. The need to review the Assistant Caretakers remuneration in the light of the change in duties.</li> <li>L. That Councillors need to inform the Clerk as to the location of any desired additional litter bins in the Village.</li> <li>M. Circulated to Councillors the "Good Councillors Guide".</li> <li>N. Informed Council that there would be a new Local Government Pension Scheme in 2014 which would be a career average with an accrual rate of 1/49 (compared with a current final salary scheme with an accrual rate of 1/60).</li> <li>O. That the Cemetery Superintendent had removed broken kerb stones on the grounds of health and safety.</li> <li>P. The extent of the damage in the Memorial Park due to anti-social behaviour.</li> </ul>	All

  
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	<p><b><u>The Council discussed the following:</u></b></p> <p>A. The request from the Coedpoeth History Society for funding towards a history book of the Village was deferred and the Clerk was requested to obtain further information which would allow Council to make a more informed decision.</p> <p>B. The request from St Tudfil’s Church for funding which was not approved because it was not for a specific project and it was agreed that Council finances were somewhat tight this year because of the new Parish Hall roof.</p> <p><b><u>The Council approved the following:</u></b></p> <p>A. Approved the schedule of Payments (11<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 totalling £18,202.44 (excluding VAT). <b>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr G Price – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>B. Approved the External Audit Opinion for 2011/12. <b>Proposed: Cllr G Jones, Cllr P Wilson – Cllr G Price abstained.</b></p> <p>C. A plaque to recognise WREN’s contribution and those of the third party funders re Parish Hall roof. <b>Proposed: Cllr P Wilson, Cllr G Jones – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>D. A further payment to Plas Pentwyn of £25 towards the flowers in the hanging baskets/watering apparatus, which is in addition to £120 which was already approved. <b>Proposed: Cllr P Wilson, Cllr S Davies – Unanimous.</b></p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>a) Cllr M Dixon raised the following issues:</p> <p>a. That this Council approves the purchase of Forma slates (instead of Salamanca slates) for the Parish Hall Roof at an increased cost of £4,000, affording greater protection, longevity (75 year life) and wind resistance. Councillors welcomed and thanked Mr John Thomas for his kind offer of providing the new slates at cost price. <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr P Wilson – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>b. That this Council recognise and mark Tom James achievements. The Council agreed to this in principle and welcomed thoughts and ideas to be discussed at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>c. That this Council updates the signatories and the authorities for electronic authorisation and advises Unity Trust accordingly, viz that any two of the Chairman, vice-Chairman and Clerk be hereby authorised to give written instruction to the bank, and that the existing electronic authorisation rules continue (that the Clerk, Account and Chairman may set up an electronic payment, but that it requires authorisation by two councillors). It was resolved that:-</p>	<p>All</p> <p>MD</p>

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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 K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Unanimous.**

**7. OPEN MEETING**

The purpose of the Open Meeting was for Members to revisit the Council's current Business Plan and highlight any new issues/concerns/aspirations etc.

<b>Cllr</b>	<b>ISSUES/CONCERNS/ASPIRATIONS ETC.</b>
G. Slegg	The need to repair the Tennis Courts; the need to support local businesses; the need to work more effectively with the Police and other agencies in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
J Hinchliffe	The need to support local businesses e.g. each Councillor adopting a number of local businesses; the need to reduce the extent of dog fouling in the Village; the need to work more effectively with the Police and other agencies in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour; the need for the Village to identify its Identity; the need to plan ahead for important dates/anniversaries.
G Price	The Council should concentrate on its core functions first.
M Dixon	Reported that he had again heard of the need to move the zebra crossing and the desire to consider a 20mph restriction on the High Street.
K Woodward	The Council should concentrate on what it can do to assist Villagers in working (e.g. support local businesses), living (e.g. working with the Police and other agencies) and playing (support the Bowling Club).
S Davies	The need to communicate more widely throughout the Village using Facebook and Twitter; better notice boards throughout the Village including the Adwy; use of Coedpoeth.com addresses and fuller contact details in the Council's website.
G Jones	The need for Xmas lights in the Village.

It was agreed that the Clerk would incorporate the above points and submit a revised Business Plan by the November Council Meeting.

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<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>PCSO S Roberts provided the crime statistics for July and August 2012:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>CRIME</th> <th>JULY</th> <th>AUGUST</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary Dwelling</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary other than dwelling</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anti-Social Behaviour</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Members were pleased to note that crime numbers for July and August are down when compared with June 2012.</p>	CRIME	JULY	AUGUST	Burglary Dwelling	2	1	Burglary other than dwelling	3	3	Theft from Vehicles	3	2	Criminal Damage	6	9	Anti-Social Behaviour	4	6	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	
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<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>a) Cllr G Griffiths (Wrexham CBC) offered assistance to the Council in dealing with Planning Applications more effectively.</p>	All																					
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors would provide the Clerk with examples as to what other Community Councils' send to the media.</p>	All																					
<b>11.</b>	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>a) <b><u>Cllr P Wilson</u></b> – raised concern as to the Pentre Vron Planning Application Appeal re conversion of barn.</p> <p>b) <b><u>Cllr K Woodward</u></b> – asked the Clerk to report the serious pot holes on Greenfield Road.</p>	DVB																					
<b>12.</b>	<p><b><u>FUTURE MEETING</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (Second Tuesday in the Month) – Full Council Meeting</p>																						

**MEETING FINISHED – 9.30pm**

*Dave Bamber* CPFA Clerk to the Council