

**CYNGOR  CYMUNEDOL  
COEDPOETH  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF  
COUNCIL MEETING**



**4th December 2012**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Hinchliffe – Chair

Cllr K Woodward, Cllr L Wright, Cllr S Davies, Cllr G Williams, Cllr G Jones, Cllr T Wyatt, Cllr P Wilson, Cllr T Shaw & Cllr G R Price (10) - Cllr G Griffiths (Wrexham CBC)

**COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm**

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p>Mr R Johnston (Principal Manager Environmental Protection at Wrexham CBC) gave a presentation in respect of how the Public Protection Department deal with historic land contamination, focusing on lead concentrations as a result of the past metal mining in the area.</p> <p>Mr R Johnston outlined the statutory framework (Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) and stated that the Council has looked at historical maps and records to identify areas of past industry, any in-filled areas or former landfill sites and other such locations of potential historic contamination. Specific mention was made of the lead mining activities that took place in the Smelt area of Coedpoeth.</p> <p>The staged process adopted by Wrexham CBC in carrying out contaminated land investigations and assessments are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initial identification and assessment of land that may be 'contaminated land'.</li> <li>2. Contact owner/occupier and investigate the land where potential problems have been identified.</li> <li>3. Assess the risks and determine if the land is 'contaminated land'.</li> <li>4. If the land is determined as 'contaminated land', the person responsible or the Owner/Occupier would be responsible for remediation of it.</li> <li>5. Finally, if land is determined as 'contaminated land', this determination and it's remediation would be placed on a public register.</li> </ol> <p>Mr Johnston explained that the next step is to investigate more specific areas in Coedpoeth, specifically around the old smelter and that owner/occupiers concerned had been written to. Mr Johnston asked Members to forward any relevant local information about former mining areas in the Village. The Chair thanked Mr Johnston for his presentation.</p>	

  
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<b>2</b>	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></b></p> <p>The Chair in her introduction :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li> <li>b) Thanked those Officers and Members who had helped to make the Friends of the Parish Hall's Yule Celebration a great success.</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllr M Dixon, Cllr K Childs &amp; Cllr G Slegg (3).</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllr G Williams – Nant Mill</li> <li>b) Cllr T Wyatt – Happy Days.</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b><u>MINUTES – 13th November 2012 – Council Meeting</u></b></p> <p>That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record.  <b>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr T Shaw – Unanimous.</b></p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><u>The Council <b>noted</b> the following which were for information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Attendance records for the last six months.</li> <li>B. The Clerk's action points and progress made.</li> <li>C. That no Planning applications had been received.</li> <li>D. The major items of correspondence received.</li> <li>E. The Budget Statement as at 30 November 2012 which suggests a deficit of £12,000 because the new roof is part funded from reserves.</li> <li>F. The detailed analysis of income by user group for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 which showed that income is slightly down on target.</li> <li>G. That the Clerk was carrying out a VAT compliance check which could involve seeking professional advice.</li> <li>H. The progress being made with Happy Days to revise their constitution and develop a suitable business plan.</li> <li>I. That a press release had been issued in respect of the road safety issues in Talwrn Road and around Bryn Tabor School.</li> <li>J. The additions to the Council's Web Site.</li> <li>K. The 5% increase in the 2013/14 Precept equates to an annual increase of £4.14 per Band D taxpayer or approximately 8p a week.</li> <li>L. The new grave digging arrangements are now in place.</li> </ul>	

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7.	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The Council discussed the following:</u></b></p> <p>A. Request from Coedpoeth History Society for a donation towards a history book of the village – Council discussed the letter from the Secretary of the Society but felt that there was a need to have sight of the content of the book before making a final decision as to a donation.</p> <p>B. The request from Wrexham CBC for funding of £4,641 to provide a school holiday play work provision in the Village – Council considered this request but rejected it on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That the request had come after the Council had allocated its budget for 2013/14.</li> <li>b. That Wrexham CBC is attempting to transfer responsibilities to the Community Council without the necessary budget and without adequate consultation etc.</li> <li>c. Questioned the overall cost of this initiative and felt that there was a need for a detailed breakdown of the total cost of £9,282 for 15 hours a week across 4 half term holidays.</li> <li>d. That there is an urgent need to involve all the local groups in the Village who provide facilities for school children ( Happy Days, Salvation Army, 4Kids, local Schools etc.) in order that any school holiday play work provision in the Village is joined up and appropriate for the needs of the Village.</li> <li>e. Resolved to ask Wrexham CBC to investigate the current provision in the village with a view to producing an integrated strategy for this provision.</li> </ul> <p>C. Discussed the AVOW 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund and felt that a bid to extend the appointment of an Adult from New Achievers (See 8B), for a longer period, would be appropriate.</p> <p>D. Discussed the Village Newsletter (Cloch Maelor) and felt that it was both informative and that the content was appropriate for the Village. Members stated that consideration should be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Providing Members with hard copies so that they could distribute them.</li> <li>b. Sending a copy to members via email so that they could forward it on to friends and colleagues who live and work in the area – a cascade effect.</li> <li>c. Seeking advertising income in order that the Newsletter becomes more self-funded.</li> </ul>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
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8	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The Council approved the following:</u></b></p> <p>A. Approved the schedule of Payments (14<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 totalling £13,255.22 (excluding VAT).  <b>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>B. Approved the appointment of a member of New Achievers on a short term contract to input the burial records on an Excel spread-sheet. Note: New Achievers is a non-profit making organisation that provides adults with Aspergers and Autism meaningful experience of employment.  <b>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Unanimous.</b></p>	DVB
9	<p><b><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>1. <b><u>St Asaph Disaster Fund</u></b></p> <p>Whilst the Council had sympathy with the plight of residents in St Asaph with the recent flooding it was felt that under current legislation that they could not make a donation. The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation with WAG. Council agreed to look into possibilities for providing practical aid to the residents of St. Asaph.</p> <p>2. <b><u>Christmas Raffle</u></b></p> <p>Council approved making up the Christmas Raffle proceeds so that each of the four groups – Happy Days, Coedpoeth FC, Nant Mill &amp; St Tudfil's - received £100 each.  <b>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>3. <b><u>Request from St Tudfil's for a donation to their Christmas Music Spectacular</u></b></p> <p>Council declined to provide a donation on the grounds that St Tudfil's had received monies from the Christmas Raffle (See 2 above) and that the Council had provided the Church with a Christmas Tree and lights for the second year running.</p>	DVB  DVB
10	<p><b><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>The Police did not attend the meeting or provide the latest crime statistics. The Clerk was asked to verify reports that the Police will no longer routinely attend Community Council meetings. The Chair asked for crime figures to be provided to Council with or without the attendance of the Police.</p>	

  
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<b>11</b>	<p><b><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>There were no matters reported by Cllr G Griffiths.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></b></p> <p>a) The Chair confirmed to Council that she would be working very closely with the Clerk and Chair to produce a press release on the rationale behind the Council's 5% increase in Precept for 2013/14.</p>	DVB
<b>13</b>	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>a) Cllr K Woodward – Referred to the recent press coverage of Salem Chapel and applauded the efforts of the Clerk and Wrexham CBC for putting the building on their buildings at risk register.</p> <p>b) Cllr T Shaw – Asked the Clerk to discuss with Wrexham CBC the need to replace the one way sign on Tabor Hill.</p> <p>c) Cllr G Price – Asked Cllr G Griffiths (Wrexham CBC) to discuss an issue with a local resident in respect of Council repairs.</p> <p>d) Cllr J Hinchliffe – Stated the need to raise the profile of the Villager of the Year and to finalise the Tom James slate sculpture early in the New Year.</p> <p>e) Cllr G Williams – Expressed some concern that so few Members had attended and or assisted with the Yule Celebration (See 2b).</p>	
<b>14</b>	<p><b><u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012 (Third Tuesday in the Month) – Full Council Meeting.</p>	

**MEETING FINISHED – 8.39pm**

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