

COEDPOETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

15th January 2013

PRESENT:

Cllr M Dixon – Chair, Cllr K Woodward, Cllr J Hinchliffe, 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 (11)

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><u>PRESENTATIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cheques, for £100, were presented to representatives from Happy Days, St Tudfil's and Friends of Nant Mill from the proceeds of the Council's Christmas Raffle.2. Gareth James, Area Manager for Blakemore Retail (Spar), and his property team outlined their proposals for the Old Bakery Site. In the presentation mention was made that:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Blakemore Retail had purchased the freehold of the Old Bakery Site on the High Street and would be submitting a planning application in the next few months. Preliminary discussions had been held with Planning Officers from Wrexham CBC concerning unloading times, noise, pedestrian and vehicular safety, visitor security etc.b. It was Blakemore's intention to re-locate the existing Spar shop, in the Village, to the Old Bakery as it would provide a bigger store with better parking (12 spaces including 1 disabled) including disabled access. The major aim was to provide a store that could comprehensively service the Village.c. Blakemore Retail confirmed that they are in discussions with the Church to buy a narrow strip of land adjacent to the Old Bakery site.d. Mention was also made that the refit and the building work could cost in excess of £500,000 and that it would create new jobs.e. Blakemore confirmed that it was their intention to re-let the current Spar site. <p>There was a lively answer and question session and the Chair asked Gareth James, and his team, to keep the Community Council updated of their plans and extended an invitation to attend a future meeting of the Council.</p>	
2	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></p> <p>The Chairman in his introduction :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Welcomed everyone to the meeting.b) Wished everyone a belated Happy New Year.c) Stated that 2012 had been a very successful year as evidenced by the considerable progress and the new Parish Hall Roof.d) Praised the new Council for their professionalism and diligence.	

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	<p>e) Reminded Members to return their nominations for the Villager of the Year award.</p> <p>f) Thanked the Vice-Chair for chairing the December 2012 Council Meeting, noting the standards that he was now expected to achieve.</p>	
3	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>a) Cllr M G Slegg & Cllr K Childs (2).</p> <p>b) In the case of Cllr G Slegg it was agreed that the Council accepted the mitigating circumstances leading to his non-attendance at recent Council meetings.</p>	DVB
4	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	
5	<p><u>MINUTES – 4th December 2012 – Council Meeting</u></p> <p>That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record. Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr P Wilson – Unanimous.</p>	
6	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council noted the following which were for information:</u></p> <p>A. The Attendance records for the last six months.</p> <p>B. The Clerk's action points and progress made.</p> <p>C. The Planning applications received.</p> <p>D. The major items of correspondence received.</p> <p>E. The Budget Statement as at 31st December 2012 which suggests a deficit of £10,500 because the new roof is part funded from reserves.</p> <p>F. The detailed analysis of income by user group for the period ending 31st December 2012 which showed that income is slightly down on target.</p> <p>G. The Street Lighting repairs update for November and December 2012.</p> <p>H. Consultation on the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill which showed that the Council is already compliant with the actions proposed for Community Councils'.</p> <p>I. The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Body for Wales.</p> <p>J. The Ombudsman for Wales has informed the Council that his staff have to apply a higher threshold when deciding to investigate complaints in respect of political expression.</p> <p>K. That the Council had received a score of 4 out of 5 from Wrexham CBC for the kitchen in the Parish Hall.</p> <p>L. The progress being made on the proposal to update the Cemetery records.</p> <p>M. The improvements made to the Council's web site.</p> <p>N. The outcomes of the internal Tax Compliance Audit undertaken.</p> <p>O. That Joanne's the Tailors had been awarded first prize in the Christmas Shop Window Display.</p> <p>P. That the next meeting with the local businesses would take place on 29th</p>	

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	<p>January 2013.</p> <p>Q. The progress being made on the installation of LED lighting for the Parish Hall.</p> <p>R. The information provided by Small Business Enterprise UK Ltd (The Council's HR Advisers).</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council discussed the following:</u></p> <p>A. Agreed to hold further discussions with Coedpoeth History Society in respect of the request for funding of a history book of the village.</p> <p>B. Agreed to the WAG funded training programme offered to staff in respect of communication, technology and numeracy.</p> <p>C. Agreed that the Clerk look into the feasibility of an Engensa solar loan and report the findings to the Council.</p> <p>D. Rejected the suggestion of a Council Plaque in the Old Carnegie Library providing the names of Chairs and Clerks.</p> <p>E. Felt that there was a need to develop the Council's web site before considering an on-line booking system.</p> <p>F. Agreed to request presentations be made from representatives from the Ramblers Footpath Secretary in respect of footpaths and Groundwork in respect of improving community green spaces at the February 2013 Council Meeting.</p> <p>G. Deferred a decision on the Ceiling in the Ante Room of the Parish Hall until the February 2013 Council Meeting and agreed that a further quote be obtained.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p>A. Approved the schedule of Payments (5th December 2012 to 15th January 2013 totalling £13,997.87 (excluding VAT). Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous.</p> <p>B. Approved the amendment to the Council's Business Plan to include a further section on Technology. Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Unanimous.</p> <p>C. Approved the recommendations made by Mr T Crawford in respect of the Parish Hall floor and informed the Clerk that his advice be sought in drawing up a tender specification. Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr L Wright – Unanimous.</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>

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9	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Chair agreed to re-write his proposals, made in respect of traffic concerns, in light of comments received from Members.</p>	MD																																								
10	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Council received a presentation on the crime statistics for the quarter ending 31st December 2012 and it was confirmed that the extent and level of crime was falling (as demonstrated by the table below).</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</th> <th style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</th> <th style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Burglary other than dwelling</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft from Vehicles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fraud</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arson</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ASB</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unauthorised taking of Vehicle</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	Burglary other than dwelling	3	6	0	Theft from Vehicles	1	1	1	Theft	1	2	0	Fraud	1	0	1	Arson	0	1	2	Criminal Damage	5	3	1	ASB	7	5	6	Unauthorised taking of Vehicle	0	0	1		18	18	12	
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11	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>There were no matters reported.</p>																																									
12	<p><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chair confirmed to Council that a draft newsletter would be circulated to the Council in the next week or so.</p>	JH																																								
13	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>a) Cllr P Wilson – Stated that it was his intention to raise the proposal to hold a Carnival in the Village at the next meeting in February 2013.</p> <p>b) Cllr J Hinchliffe – Reminded Members of the Friends of the Parish Hall’s family fun day on 6th April 2013, the new pharmacist in the Village and that the presentation to Tom James would take place on 23rd February 2013 at noon in the Old Carnegie Library.</p> <p>c) Cllr S Davies – Expressed concern at the poor state of lighting on Heol Dirion.</p> <p>d) Cllr L Wright – Expressed concern as to the poor state of the verges on Nant Road.</p> <p>e) Cllr G Williams – Stated that it was his intention to raise the following matters at a future Council Meeting – incentives to staff for bringing in new bookings, the need for key staff to meet the Council on a quarterly basis and the possibility of holding car boot sales in the car park or Parish Hall.</p>	PW JH DVB DVB GW																																								
14	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u></p> <p>Tuesday 12th February 2013 (Second Tuesday in the Month) – Full Council Meeting.</p>																																									

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MEETING FINISHED – 8.55pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council

Approved