

**CYNGOR  CYMUNEDOL
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING



12th February 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 K Childs, Cllr T Shaw & Cllr G R Price (10)

Garth ap Thomas - Leader

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><u>PRESENTATIONS</u></p> <p>James Kendall, Environmental Projects Officer for Groundwork gave a brief presentation of what Groundwork could do for the Council. He explained that Groundwork North Wales works alongside local communities, public bodies, private companies and voluntary sector organisations to support communities in need. They help people and organisations make changes in order to create better neighbourhoods, build skills and job prospects and to live and work in a greener way. They have considerable experience in delivering bespoke projects that use the environment as a catalyst for building a more sustainable future. They focus their activity on communities where they can make the most difference. Last year alone they delivered over 115 projects across North Wales, helping improve the quality of people's lives and the places where they live, work and play.</p> <p>Members felt that Groundwork could assist in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brightening up the Cemetery. b. Identifying a suitable green project for the Cemetery. c. Planting daffodils through the Village. d. Re-building the stone wall on Park Road adjacent to the Memorial Park e. Brightening up the Memorial Park. f. Re-instating the stocks at the junction of New Road and Heol Maelor. g. Improving the tennis courts. <p>There was a lively answer and question session and the Chair asked the Clerk to liaise with Groundwork to come up with a plan of action for 2013/14.</p>	


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2	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
3	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/OTHER INFORMATION</u></p> <p>a) Cllr M T Wyatt (1). b) Members were informed that Cllr G Slegg had resigned from the Council. c) Members were also informed that as Cllr S Lee had not attended the last six meetings, nor given her apologies, that she be written to stating that she was no longer a Community Councillor in accordance with Local Government Regulations, not having attended a single meeting in the last six months.</p>	
4	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllr S Davies declared an interest in agenda item – Request for funding from Cross Foxes (See 8D).</p>	
5	<p><u>MINUTES – 15th January 2013 – Council Meeting</u></p> <p>That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record. Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – 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. B. The Clerk's action points and progress made. C. The Planning applications/appeals received. D. The major items of correspondence received. E. The urgent repairs carried out to the Old Carnegie Library roof. F. The Budget Statement as at 31st December 2012 which suggests a deficit of £16,000 because the new roof, to the Parish Hall, is part funded from reserves. G. The detailed analysis of income by user group for the period ending 31st January 2013 which showed that income is on target with last year. H. That there were no Street Lighting repairs carried out in January 2013. I. Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council can spend up to £25,750 on local initiatives. J. The proposals outlined in respect of the 2014 new Local Government Scheme. K. The outcome of the recent job evaluation in respect of the Assistant Caretaker. L. The existence of a new Community Services Fund to help Public Houses to diversify.</p>	

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	<p>M. Bicycle marking events throughout Wrexham.</p> <p>N. The invitation from the Care Group to celebrate their 40th anniversary was noted and it was confirmed that Cllr K Childs and Cllr G Jones would attend.</p> <p>O. VAT update in respect of capital improvements.</p> <p>P. The outcomes of the meeting with local businesses held on the 29th January 2013.</p> <p>Q. The complaint received in respect of the rationale behind the latest increase in cemetery charges.</p> <p>R. Further improvements made to the Council's web-site.</p> <p>S. The installation of a trophy cabinet in the Parish Hall provided for by the Caretaker.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council discussed the following:</u></p> <p>A. <u>The Youth Justice Reparation Work</u></p> <p>Members felt that the re-painting of the Parish Hall (indoors) could be a suitable project for young offenders thereby giving them the opportunity to repay society for offences committed. It was agreed that the acoustic boards would be left un-painted.</p> <p>B. <u>Funding for Play Work Project</u></p> <p>It was noted that Wrexham CBC, in the e-mail to the Clerk, had not addressed the integrated strategy for the Village recommended by the Community Council and until that was completed the Council could not provide part-funding.</p> <p>C. <u>Welsh Government – Web Site Development</u></p> <p>It was noted that the Council would take advantage of the Welsh Government's grant of £500 to develop further the Web Site.</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 (16th January to 12th February 2013 totalling £10,238.07 (excluding VAT). Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous.</p>	


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	<p>B. Approved the appointment of CT Property Maintenance to install a fixed ceiling in the Ante-Room of the Parish Hall (excluding electrical work). Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Cllr J Hinchliffe abstained.</p> <p>C. Approved the selection of Mrs Bea Williams as the Council’s Villager of the Year for 2013 and that Tom James should be asked to make the presentation. It was agreed that a bouquet would also be presented to Mrs B Williams. Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr J Hinchliffe– Unanimous.</p> <p>D. Approved a grant of £250 to Cross Foxes Football Team and the clerk was asked to advise the Secretary of the Club of the availability of other sources of grant funding, such as, from West Wrexham Small Grant Scheme. It was also pointed out that staff at Plas Pentwyn could assist Cross Foxes to complete the grant application. Proposed: Cllr G Jones, Seconded: Cllr J Hinchliffe– Unanimous.</p> <p>E. Approved a Christmas Dinner for the over 65’ – Net Budget £350. Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Cllr G Price abstained.</p> <p>F. Approved the estate improvements re new radiator in stair well to Balcony Room and filling in of the windows in the old toilet block – Budget £450. Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Cllr G Jones abstained.</p> <p>G. Approved a light buffet in respect of the presentation to Tom James in the Old Carnegie Library on 23rd February 2013 at noon. Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr T Shaw – Unanimous.</p> <p>H. Approved the purchase of bunting for local businesses for St David’s day- Budget £100. Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr L Wright – Unanimous.</p> <p>I. Approved a new roof to the front face of the Old Carnegie Library by September 2013 and requested that the Clerk make a grant application to WREN for £5,000. It was also agreed that, in the absence of a grant, that budget virement would be affected in 2013/14 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accessible Toilet Improvements (Library) - £6,000 b. Reserve for Street Lights - £1,000 c. Urgent Repairs - £1,000 d. Reserves/Memorial Gates - £3,000 e. Other Efficiency Savings - £1,500 <p>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr J Hinchliffe - Unanimous.</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>JH</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
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9	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>There were no matters to discuss.</p>																																													
10	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Council received the January statistics and agreed that the levels of reported crime are falling when compared with a year ago.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">NOV.</th> <th style="text-align: center;">DEC.</th> <th style="text-align: center;">JAN.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Violence</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>Burglary other than dwelling</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</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;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fraud</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>Arson</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>Criminal Damage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ASB</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unauthorised taking of Vehicle</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	Violence	0	0	1	Burglary other than dwelling	6	0	3	Theft from Vehicles	1	1	2	Theft	2	0	1	Fraud	0	1	2	Arson	1	2	0	Criminal Damage	3	1	2	ASB	5	6	8	Unauthorised taking of Vehicle	0	1	0		18	12	19	
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11	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>Cllr K Childs provided an update on the various new road improvements throughout the Village.</p>																																													
12	<p><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></p> <p>Cllr G Jones provided the Clerk with an extract from the Leader outlining what other Community Council's report in the Leader. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit a paper to the Leader each month.</p>	DVB																																												
13	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>a) Cllr T Shaw – requested an update on the proposed developments on the Talwrn Road, Bryn Tabor School and Penygelli School. Mention was made that the developments identified would take place later in the 2013/14 financial year.</p> <p>b) Cllr J Hinchliffe – the next Friends of the Parish Hall quiz will take place next Wednesday in the Cross Foxes on the third Wednesday in each month.</p> <p>c) Cllr G Jones – received clarification on why the Cemetery Superintendent is not currently paying rent.</p>	KC																																												


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	<p>d) Cllr G Williams – reported that the Friends of Nant Mill AGM would take place on Thursday at 1.00pm. praised Ysgol Clywedog for their recent event held in the Parish Hall and requested that the Clerk put a Staffing Bonus Scheme on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>e) Cllr K Childs – asked the Clerk to send an anniversary card to the Care Group to celebrate their 40th Anniversary.</p>	DVB
14	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS -</u></p> <p>Tuesday 12th March 2013 (Second Tuesday in the Month) – Full Council Meeting.</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.15pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council

Approved