

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
COEDPOETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting
Tuesday 10th September 2013**

Present

Cllr M Dixon – Chairman

Cllr S Davies, Cllr J Hinchliffe, Cllr K Childs, Cllr K Woodward, Cllr G Williams, Cllr T Wyatt, Cllr G Jones, Cllr B Williams, Cllr C Williams, Cllr T Shaw & Cllr G R Price (12)

Mr Garth ap Thomas – Leader & Mrs B Matthias - Resident

COUNCIL MEETING COMMENCED – 7.30pm

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1	<p><u>INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and referred particularly to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A warm welcome to everyone. 2. A heavy agenda owing to the Council being in recess in August 2013. 3. That a special meeting would be called on 24th September 2013 to discuss the letter from Wrexham CBC in respect of outsourcing functions. Members were reminded to send any comments to the Clerk if they could not attend. 	ALL
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr L Wright.</p>	
3.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllr J Hinchliffe (Friends of the Parish Hall), Cllr T Wyatt (Happy Days), Cllr B Williams (Plas Pentwyn, Y Felin, Coedpoeth Historical Society & Happy Days), Cllr C Williams (Plas Pentwyn, Y Felin, Coedpoeth Historical Society & Happy Days), Cllr G Williams (Plas Pentwyn, Y Felin, Coedpoeth Historical Society & Happy Days) & Cllr G Price (Plas Pentwyn & Happy Days)</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>11th June 2013 – Council Meeting</u></p> <p>That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record subject to the following corrections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present – Should include Cllr T Wyatt. 2. Under any other business the date of the Village Fete should have been 21st September 2013. <p>Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr K Woodward – Unanimous.</p>	

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5	<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. Members' Attendance records for the last six months. B. The Clerk's action points and progress made. C. The Planning applications received. D. The major items of correspondence received. E. The Budget Statement as at 30th June 2013 which suggested a surplus of £1,200 for the 2013/14 financial year. F. The urgent repairs carried out. G. Analysis of Lettings Income as at 31st August 2013. H. The delay in the LED conversion in the Parish Hall. I. That all residents celebrating 90th birthday in the Village would be presented with a bouquet by the Chair/Vice Chair. J. The letter from the Accountant thanking the Council for supporting her AAT training. K. The apology given to the Cemetery Superintendent by the Clerk. L. That the grass in proposed wild flower meadow had been cut, pending the land being rotovated and seeded. M. The qualification in Volunteer Management. N. The Wiggle Etape Cymru bike race. O. The AGM meeting of the Wrexham/Birkenhead Rail Users Association on 12th October 2013. P. The proposed outsourcing of functions letter from Wrexham CBC. Q. That two of the hanging baskets had disappeared on the High Street by the Spar. 	
6.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council noted the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The preliminary 2014/15 budget, but accepted that this could change in light of the letter from Wrexham CBC in respect of outsourcing. The Clerk asked Members to give consideration to the budget prior to formal approval in November 2013. B. That the Clerk would write to Wrexham CBC seeking advice on addressing the Japanese Knotweed problem as well as including a page on the Community Council's web site. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>DVB</p>

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7	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p>A. The schedule of Payments (10th July to 10th September 2013 totalling £24,957.90 (excluding VAT).</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr L Wright – Unanimous</p> <p>B. The Christmas Raffle which would be drawn on 29th November 2013 and the Christmas Dinner which would be held on 5th and 12th December 2013. It was agreed that the following organisations/events would benefit from the Raffle proceeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friends of the Parish Hall• Over 60's• Care Group• Memorial Park Project (celebrate the 100th anniversary of the First World War). <p>Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr B Williams – Cllr J Hinchliffe abstained.</p> <p>C. Agreement in principal to working with Wrexham CBC to develop a plan for play-ground provision subject to resolving the outsourcing issue. It was also accepted that this could only be achieved through grant applications to such organisations as WREN owing to budget pressures. Members thanked Elizabeth Crompton for her excellent letter in respect of playground provision and agreed to invite her to a future meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr T Wyatt – Unanimous</p> <p>D. Approved the appointment process, for the new Clerk, except for the appointment of the Selection Sub-Committee which would be resolved at the October 2013 Council meeting. The following Members expressed an interest on being on the Selection Sub-Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr G Williams• Cllr T Wyatt• Cllr S Davies• Cllr J Hinchliffe• Cllr G Price• Cllr G Jones• Cllr L Wright• Cllr P Wilson <p>Proposed: Cllr K Woodward, Seconded: Cllr G Price – Unanimous</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>
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	<p>E. The expenditure on a new floor in the Ante Room.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr T Shaw, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous</p> <p>F. Approved the spinal point increase for the Accountant to reflect her success in passing the Association of Accounting Technicians examination.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous</p> <p>G. Annual grant applications totalling £1,500 to six local organisations for £250 each.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Cllr J Hinchliffe, Cllr C Williams, Cllr G Williams, Cllr B Williams, Cllr T Wyatt & Cllr G Price abstained.</p> <p>H. The underwriting of the Mirrors in the Balcony Room and to make the payment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr G Price – Unanimous</p> <p>I. Noted the External Auditors qualification for the 2012/13 Financial Accounts in that the dates of the advert were not in compliance with the Regulations. The Chair reminded Members that because the annual expenditure had exceeded £200,000 the Council had faced a more thorough audit and commended the Clerk and Accountant for all their hard work. The Clerk apologised to Council for the mistake made.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr B Williams – Unanimous</p> <p>J. Selected John Thomas Roofing to replace the front facing roof of the Old Carnegie Library in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr K Childs – Unanimous</p> <p>K. The Adwy litter pick will take place on 6th October 2013 supported by Keep Wales Tidy. A poster would be circulated throughout the Village and Cllr S Davies would determine an appropriate route based on need.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr J Hinchliffe, Seconded: Cllr K Childs – Cllr G Price abstained.</p> <p>L. A surplus flood light, owing to the LED conversion, would be given to the Bowling Club.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr J Hinchliffe – Unanimous</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 formal matters raised.</p> <p>Mrs B Matthias praised Cllr K Childs for all her help in resolving a Wrexham CBC council housing matter.</p>	
10.	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Police attended the meeting and provided the crime statistics for August 2013. Members discussed the various categories of crime and were informed that there was no regular pattern involved.</p> <p>Mention was made that PCSO Beth Large was a new member of the Village team.</p> <p>The Council also agreed their first 2 priorities in line with the quarterly performance monitoring process instigated by Wrexham CBC would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding and development of Neighbourhood Watch Groups. • Closer scrutiny of the Memorial Park in relation to ASB and under-age drinking. <p>Proposed: Cllr T Wyatt, Seconded: Cllr B Williams – Unanimous</p>	
11	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>The following matters were raised by Cllr K Childs (Wrexham CBC Councillor):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. That Meithrin and Tele Cottage should be demolished by November 2013 and that they would be replaced with affordable housing. b. That 30mph signs would be installed on the Talwyrn Road next week. c. Various other local issues affecting Heol Celyn (parking issues) and Prospect Drive (incomplete pavements). 	
12	<p><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to submit a press release to the Council in respect of this Council Meeting.</p>	DVB
13	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr B Williams –The Council should celebrate the 100th anniversary of the First World War by having an exhibition in the Old Carnegie Library and that further names should be added to the memorial. It was agreed that the Clerk would table this motion to the October 2013 Council Meeting. 2. Cllr M Dixon – The cost of a Village map was £5 and that if any Member is interested they should contact the Clerk. 	DVB All

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	<p>3. Cllr T Wyatt – That the Clerk write to the Bowling Club and Slimming World encouraging their Members to use the Council’s car park instead of parking on the main road.</p> <p>4. Cllr J Hinchliffe – Stated that the Friends would appreciate the Council providing a turn at the Yule Celebration on 29th November 2013.</p> <p>5. Cllr K Woodward – Expressed major concerns over the outsourcing request from Wrexham CBC.</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>All</p>
<p>14</p>	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS –</u></p> <p>Tuesday 24th September 2013 (Tuesday) – Special Council Meeting re Outsourcing. Members were asked to bring the letter and appendices to the meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday 15th September 2013 (Second Tuesday in the Month) – Full Council Meeting.</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.15pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council

Approved