

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday 8th October 2013**

Present

Cllr J Hinchliffe – Chairman

Cllr S Davies, Cllr L Wright, Cllr G Williams, Cllr T Wyatt, Cllr G Jones, Cllr C Williams, Cllr T Shaw,
Cllr P Wilson, Cllr K Childs & Cllr G R Price (11)

Mr G ap Thomas – Leader Newspaper

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 busy agenda. 2. There are two Part 2 items which will be dealt with after the press and public have left the room. 3. Praised the Clerk for his busy work-load over the last month - confirmed that over 70 application forms had been sent out and that 17 completed application forms had been received to date. 4. Reminded Members of the process to be adopted should Members have any concerns over staff (to the Clerk in the first instance) and over the Clerk (to the Chair in the first instance) should be put in writing. If Members do not comply with approved procedures they could be in breach of the Members Code of Practice. 5. Asked Members to give serious consideration to the 2014/15 Budget and the Council's priorities. 	
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr M Dixon & Cllr K Woodward.</p>	
3.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>10th September 2013 – Council Meeting</u> That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record. Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Unanimous.</p>	

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	<p><u>24th September 2013 – Special Council Meeting (Community Facilities)</u> That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record. Proposed: Cllr G Jones, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Unanimous.</p>	
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 on resolving a number of them. C. The Planning applications received. D. The major items of correspondence received. E. The Budget Statement as at 30th September 2013 which suggested a surplus of £300 for the 2013/14 financial year. F. The urgent repair carried out. G. Analysis of Lettings Income as at 30th September 2013. H. The delay in the LED conversion in the Parish Hall. I. The Development Committee is exploring the feasibility of restoring the Tennis court in the Memorial Park. It was suggested that the Clerk should liaise with the Development Committee and seek advice from Brymbo Tennis Club as they might have surplus equipment. 	DVB
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 new Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 and the major changes made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A move to a career average scheme (and not a final salary scheme). b. More flexibility in paying contributions. c. Increased employee contribution rates for the higher paid. B. The Clerk provided an update on the discussions taking place with Wrexham CBC re Community Facilities. Wrexham CBC is facing unprecedented cuts of up to £60 million over the next 5 years. The above cuts will result in a significant reduction in the level of services provided. The Leader of Wrexham CBC implored all Community Councils' to understand Wrexham CBC's plight, seriously consider taking on board the services proposed and to re-prioritise their budgets in order to minimise the increase in local precept. The Clerk reported that Wrexham CBC was holding a road show on the 10th October 2013 and urged all Members to attend. The Clerk further reported that Members might have to delay a decision on the 2014/15 Budget until the December 2013 Council Meeting in light of the above road show. 	DVB

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	<p>C. The draft Budget for 2014/15 – Members were asked to give this serious consideration before the Budget is approved at the November or December 2013 Council Meeting.</p> <p>D. The request from North Wales Police to help to reduce demand on the Call Centre (St Asaph).</p> <p>E. The future relocation plans for Wrexham Police Station to transfer the town centre police station to a shared building with Wrexham CBC and to build a new custody suite and administration office in Llay.</p> <p>F. The Chair requested that Members gave further consideration to the request from Ysgol Bryn Tabor for a further Governor and suggested that they talk to Cllr K Woodward who is already a School Governor at Bryn Tabor.</p> <p>G. The Council noted the incident in the Parish Hall and endorsed the actions taken including praising a member of staff. PART 2 ITEM</p> <p>H. It was agreed that in the case of the accommodation issue (Agenda Item 4.11) that an agreed plan of action would be implemented with a view to effecting the necessary refurbishment as soon as is possible. PART 2 ITEM</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>DVB</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p>A. The schedule of Payments (11th September to 8th October 2013 totalling £16,204.95 (excluding VAT). This included the additional payment agreed under agenda item 4.10.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Unanimous</p> <p>The additional payment (Agenda Item 4.10) (excluding VAT) was approved on the grounds of health & safety.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr G Jones – Unanimous</p> <p>B. The payments made on the Alto Cards by members of staff for the period 1st April to 30th September 2013.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr L Wright – Unanimous.</p>	<p>DVB</p> <p>DVB</p>

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	<p>C. The members of the Staffing Select Committee in the appointment of a new Clerk were selected as follows after the Chair gained the assurance of all nominated Members that they would comply with the Council's Diversity and Equalities Policy in the selection of the new Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Chair – Cllr J Hinchliffe Proposed: Cllr G Jones, Seconded: Cllr S Davies - Unanimous b. The remaining members, of the above Committee, were selected by a secret ballot after each Member gave a short presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr G Williams, Cllr T Wyatt & Cllr L Wright c. It was also agreed that Cllr G Price and Cllr S Davies would act as reserves. d. It was further agreed that Members of the above Committee would stand down if they had “a personal relationship” with any of the applicants. 	ALL
9.	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>The motion from Cllr B Williams – War Memorial Project - was deferred and the Chair asked all Members to give this item further consideration.</p> <p>Members gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Cllr G Jones – Council nominated School Governor at Penygelli School.</u> <p>Expressed some concerns as to the running of the above and the Clerk was requested to liaise with Wrexham CBC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <u>Cllr K Childs – Council representative on the Youth Club.</u> <p>That there were regular meetings with the Youth Club leader in the Village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <u>Cllr G Price – Council representative on Plas Pentwyn Management Committee.</u> <p>In light of the current staffing re-structures and re-organisations at Wrexham CBC not a great deal was happening at the moment.</p> <p>Cllr T Wyatt stated that a number of the Members and the Clerk are involved with Happy Days and that considerable progress is being made in transforming the organisation.</p>	DVB
10.	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Police attended the meeting and provided the crime statistics for September 2013. Members discussed the various categories of crime and were informed that there was no regular pattern involved and that crime levels were falling. It was reported that progress would be made in implementing the Council's priorities over the next quarter which are as follows:</p>	

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	<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>Cllr S Davies raised his concerns over incidents in the Adwy which were being addressed. Cllr T Wyatt expressed concern at a youth seen riding a mobility scooter in a dangerous fashion which the Police were aware of. Cllr G Williams requested that the Police give serious consideration to monitoring the serious congestion issues in Llewellyn Road/Griffiths Road before a serious accident occurs. Cllr K Childs expressed concern at the serious congestion issues outside Bryn Tabor School.</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 could be replaced with affordable housing. b. That a number of speed changes had been implemented throughout the Village. c. Discussions were taking place with RBL with a view to the Council receiving computer equipment. d. Implored the Council to provide a bench on the High Street in response to a request from elderly residents. It was agreed that this item would be brought to the next Council meeting and Members were asked to give it further consideration. 	ALL
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 T Shaw – Asked the Clerk to write to Wrexham CBC in respect of the one way system on Tabor Hill and the need for a new sign. It was also agreed that the Clerk would ask North Wales Police to monitor the situation. 2. Cllr P Wilson – Asked the Clerk to write to Wrexham CBC in respect of the condition of the bridge on Pentre Fron Road. 3. Cllr T Wyatt – Reported that the Golden Lion would fund the cleaning of the War Memorial for this year’s Remembrance Service. 4. Cllr S Davies – Requested that the Council give serious consideration to appointing a Youth Member of the Council. Requested from the Clerk that the Snooker Facilities should be included in the next edition of Cloch Maelor. In addition, Cllr S Davies reported that two posters of wrestling bouts in the Parish Hall have been donated to the Council and it was agreed to frame them. 	DVB DVB DVB

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	<p>5. Cllr J Hinchliffe – Thanked Members for attending the Ceilidh and the Litter Pick last weekend and reported that the Friends received £350 from the Welsh Church Acts Fund which meant that the Council only contributed £150 after the donation from the Friends of the Parish Hall. It was agreed that both she and Cllr T Shaw would present ? with a bouquet to celebrate her 95th birthday. It was agreed that the Clerk would advertise the fact that the Community Council recognised 95th birthdays in the Village by presenting a bouquet and or bottle of wine.</p> <p>6. Cllr G Williams – Was disappointed that so few Members had attended the Ceilidh and the Litter Pick.</p>	
14	<u>FUTURE MEETINGS –</u> Tuesday 12 th November 2013 (Tuesday).	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.35pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council

Approved