

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
COEDPOETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of Council Meeting

Tuesday 12th November 2013

Present

Cllr J Hinchliffe – Chair

Cllr S Davies, Cllr L Wright, Cllr G Williams, Cllr K Childs, Cllr G Jones, Cllr C Williams, Cllr T Shaw,
Cllr P Wilson, Cllr B Williams, Cllr T Wyatt & Cllr G R Price (12)

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. The busy agenda. 2. There are three Part 2 items which will be dealt with at the end of the meeting after the press and public have left the room. 3. Thanked those Members that attended the Remembrance Day Service and reported that over 100 residents availed themselves of refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service. 4. Thanked those Members who attended the Wrexham road-show re Community Facilities. 5. That the Council was addressing an issue in respect of the recently installed mirrors. 	
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr M Dixon & Cllr K Woodward (2). Mr G ap Thomas (Leader).</p>	
3.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllr J Hinchliffe re Balcony Room windows.</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>8th October 2013 – Council Meeting That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record. Proposed: Cllr P Wilson, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous.</p>	

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5	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Council noted the following which were for information:</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 31st October 2013 which suggested a small deficit of £300 for the 2013/14 financial year. F. Analysis of Lettings Income as at 31st October 2013. G. The delay in the LED lighting conversion in the Parish Hall. H. The excellent turnout for the Remembrance Day Service in Coedpoeth. I. That grave digging arrangements would be reviewed. J. That Wrexham CBC had carried out an asset survey of the Parish Hall and Old Carnegie Library and that everything was found to be in order. K. That the Pool Room had been hired to Teams 4 You. L. The letter to local businesses and the responses to date. M. Various communications with Wrexham CBC. N. The progress being made on identifying the location of a sign on the High Street advertising the Parish Hall/Snooker Hall. O. The progress made on identifying the location for a bench on High Street. 	<p>DVB DVB DVB</p>
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 Budget for 2014/15 – Members accepted that the 2014/15 budget could not be approved until December 2013, at the latest, as further information had been requested from Wrexham CBC. B. Youth Representatives on Council – Cllr T Wyatt and Cllr S Davies were asked to look into ways where young people could make a contribution to council policy and future initiatives. C. The progress being made on the recruitment of the New Clerk to the Council. 	<p>DVB TW SD</p>

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7.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council deferred the following:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Annual Risk Assessment (ARA) – Members agreed to defer the ARA until the December 2013 Meeting to allow for additional comments from the Caretaker and Cllr G Jones.</p>	DVB
8.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. The schedule of Payments (9th October to 11th November 2013 totalling £17,784.46 (excluding VAT).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Proposed: Cllr B Williams, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Unanimous</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">B. In connection with Community Facilities (transfer of services from Wrexham CBC):</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">1. <u>Ground Maintenance</u> - The Council would approach the Bowling Club to fund the additional payment requested by Wrexham CBC.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Proposed: Cllr T Shaw, Seconded: Cllr T Wyatt – Unanimous</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">2. <u>Public Conveniences</u> - The Council would not take over or fund the Public Conveniences.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr T Shaw – Cllr S Davies objected.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">It was agreed that a discussion on alternative public convenience arrangements, in the Village, would be deferred until the date of closure was known.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Proposed: Cllr G Jones, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Cllr G Price, Cllr K Childs & Cllr S Davies either abstained or objected.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">3. <u>School Crossing Patrols</u> – The Council would defer a decision on taking over or funding School Crossing Patrols until the outcome of the risk assessment was known and the legal situation clarified.</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr G Jones – Unanimous</p>	DVB DVB DVB DVB

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	<p>4. Play Areas – The Council would defer a decision on taking over or funding play areas until more accurate information was received in respect of financial costs and detailed maintenance schedules (daily, weekly, monthly and annually).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr T Wyatt, Seconded: Cllr G Jones – Unanimous</p> <p>C. The installation of two white upvc windows, with openers, in the Balcony Room in order to allow for better air circulation for users of the facilities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr B Williams, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Cllr J Hinchliffe abstained.</p> <p>D. A joint meeting with the Coedpoeth Historical Society with a view to commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War through, for example, an exhibition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr L Wright, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous</p>	DVB
9.	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Police attended the meeting and provided the crime statistics for October 2013. Members discussed the various categories of crime and were informed that there was no regular pattern involved and that crime levels were falling compared with the previous year.</p> <p>The Clerk received an update from North Wales Police in respect of the quarterly priorities set by the Council, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding and development of Neighbourhood Watch Groups – North Wales Police was awaiting a decision on the funding aspect. • Closer scrutiny of the Memorial Park in relation to ASB and under-age drinking – the number of incidents has reduced. 	
10.	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>Cllr K Childs reported that the demolition of the Meithrin/Tele-Cottage would now be completed by January 2014.</p>	
11.	<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

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12	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (excludes Street Lighting issues)</u></p> <p><u>Cllr P Wilson</u> – requested the cost of a new Street Light on Pentre Fron Road (near the bridge). <u>Cllr S Davies</u> – raised concerns at the delays by Wrexham CBC in completing the road re-surfacing on the Adwy. <u>Cllr G Jones</u> – expressed concern at the congestion issues caused by lorries delivering goods to the Coop. <u>Cllr T Wyatt</u> – looked forward to receiving the report from the Car Parking Sub Group. <u>Cllr T Shaw</u> – stated that a number of give way signs in the Village needed lights replacing. <u>Cllr B Williams</u> – presented the Council with a complimentary book of the history of Coedpoeth. <u>Cllr K Childs</u> – expressed concern at the spelling mistakes on the Council’s web site.</p>	DVB DVB
14	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS –</u></p> <p>Tuesday 19th November 2013 (Tuesday) – Special Council Meeting Tuesday 10th December 2013 (Tuesday) – Full Council Meeting</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.35pm

Dave Bamber CPFA Clerk to the Council

Approved