

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
COEDPOETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday 21st January 2014**

Present

Cllr M. Dixon – Chair

Cllr S Davies, Cllr J Hinchliffe, Cllr L Wright, Cllr B Williams, Cllr G Williams, Cllr C Williams, Cllr K Childs, Cllr G Jones, Cllr K Woodward, Cllr T Wyatt, Cllr K Woodward & Cllr G Price (13)

Mr G Ap Thomas (Leader).
Cllr G. Griffiths (Wrexham CBC)

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The light agenda in view of the Christmas holidays. • That he would deal with the presentations in connection with the War Memorial Project first. • Explained that the format of the Clerk’s Report had changed but that the content was the same. • Expressed concern that the planning application for the Old Bakery had been rejected. • Thanked Dave Bamber for his excellent service to the Council over the last four years. • Urged the Council to approve the Annual Risk Assessment as the Council’s Accounts could be qualified if it was not approved in 2013/14 financial year. • Welcomed Helen Belton, as the new Clerk, to the Council. 	
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr P Wilson.</p>	
3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>10th December 2013 – Full Council Meeting</u> That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr S Davies, Seconded: Cllr C. Williams – Unanimous.</p>	

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7 COUNCIL MATTERS

The Council received presentations from the following:

1. Mr T Wood (Landlord at the Golden Lion) re Memorial Gates.

Mr Wood outlined his plans for refurbishing the Memorial Gates and the progress made. Mention was made that the gates are grade 2 listed and that he has discussed the refurbishment with the Senior Conservation Officer from Wrexham CBC and that Wrexham CBC will need to see the detailed specifications. The gates will have to be removed and blasted off site. It was also stated that one quote had been received and that he was actively seeking additional quotes. It was agreed that the Council would assist with the various grant applications and the Chair reminded the Council that it had a 2014/15 budget of £1,500 allocated to War Memorial Project which could be offered up as third party funding and or a contribution. The Clerk reported that Mr Wood had come first in the Christmas Shop Window display and had donated his prize to the War Memorial Project. The Chair thanked Mr Wood for his presentation and assurance that the project would be completed by November 2014.

2. Mrs H Huxley – Plaque to commemorate the history of the Memorial Park.

Mrs Huxley outlined the reasons for the plaque and informed the Council that Mossfords would donate the plaque and inscription. Mention was made that the plaque would have to be bi-lingual and that the Council could provide funding if necessary from the proceeds of the raffle and the kind donation from Mr Wood. A further discussion centred on the location of the plaque and how it would be fixed. It was also pointed out that a letter needs to be written to Wrexham CBC seeking their approval as Coedpoeth Community Council had leased the Memorial Park to Wrexham CBC.

Approved

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8	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p>A. The schedule of Payments (11th December to 21st January 2013 totalling £16,083.30 (excluding VAT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr B Williams – Unanimous</p> <p>B. The Annual Risk Assessment for 2013/14 was accepted subject to the following changes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. That the Council buildings receive an annual gas and electrics check.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. All staff are given first aid training.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr L Wright, Seconded: Cllr K Childs – Unanimous</p> <p>C. The Council opened the three tenders received, in respect of the refurbishment of Cemetery Lodge, and agreed that the Clerk needed time to analyse the tenders and delegated the appointment of the successful contractor to the Chair and Vice Chair after a discussion with the Clerk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous</p> <p>D. Approved the remedial work to the Cemetery paths (tarmac) on the grounds of health and safety.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr B Williams – Unanimous</p> <p>E. Approved the Clerk studying for the Cilca qualification (Certificate in Local Council Administration) and the purchase of an appropriate law book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr K Childs, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous</p>	
9	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Police attended the meeting and provided the crime statistics for December 2013. Members noted that the crime statistics for the last 6 months are showing an improving trend and there have been no issues in the Memorial Park. It was agreed that the Police would now focus their attentions on the Adwy.</p>	
10	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>Cllr K Childs referred to the following:</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meithrin/Tele Cottage would be demolished in March 2014. 2. The Playgroup Scheme – the Clerk confirmed that the Council could not support the Playgroup scheme because of the cost of the Community facilities (play areas, school crossing patrol and grounds maintenance) transferred to the Community Council and that this was discussed at the December 2013 Council Meeting. 3. Wrexham CBC are looking to identify projects in respect of waste management and re-cycling. 4. A litter pick would take place in the Village on 7th February 2014 and that the Council should take advantage of the Keep Wales Tidy initiative in respect of a wild flower garden. 5. That Coedpoeth FC is in the process of putting a container on the football playing fields for ladies subject to approval and planning application. 6. Cllr T Wyatt expressed concern that closing/transferring play areas was ignoring the obesity crisis facing this country and a retrograde step. 	HB
11	<p><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></p> <p>The Council accepted that there no need for a press statement this month in light of the Agenda discussed. Mr G ap Thomas took a picture of the Chair, retiring Clerk and the newly appointed Clerk for an article in the Leader.</p>	
12	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (excludes Street Lighting issues)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr M Dixon – Referred to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The need for all representatives on the various bodies throughout the Village for a written update that would be included in the Clerk’s Report. b. The need to explore the potential for addressing the obesity issues in the Country – agenda item for the February 2014 Council Meeting. 2. Cllr J Hinchliffe – Referred to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Tattoo parlour has moved to bigger premises in the Village. b. The Foxes is now closed. c. The need to sell the local history book in retail outlets throughout the Village. 3. Cllr L Wright – Requested that the grit bin be filled at the bottom of Middle Road where it joins Sandy Lane. 4. Cllr G Jones – That ‘the Williams Report’ should be included on the February 2014 Agenda. 5. Cllr T Shaw – expressed concern that little or no progress had been made in respect of signs on his road and the new bench on the High Street. 	<p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p>

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	<p>6. Cllr G Price – outlined the changes taking place to Plas Pentwyn and the impact of these on the Management and Development Committees. Mention was also made that the garden project in Plas Pentwyn would grow suitable trailing plants for the High Street baskets but would require funds. The Clerk reported that there was a budget available. In addition, Cllr Price explained the rationale behind the boulder placed by the side of the Old Carnegie Library.</p> <p>7. Cllr G Williams – explained that he was researching the potential for a restricted wi-fi hotspot at Plas Pentwyn.</p> <p>8. Cllr K Woodward – explained that he had been contacted by residents in Fron Las seeking Council help to deter cars being parked outside the building at all times of the day.</p>	<p>HB</p> <p>HB</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS –</u></p> <p>11th February 2013 (Tuesday).</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.15pm

Helen Belton Clerk to the Council

Approved