

**CYNGOR CYMUNEDOL
COEDPOETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday February 11th 2014**

Present

Cllr J Hinchliffe – Chair

Cllr S Davies, Cllr L Wright, Cllr B Williams, Cllr G Williams, Cllr C Williams, Cllr P Wilson, Cllr G Jones, Cllr T Wyatt & Cllr G Price (10)

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 to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That two items had been accidentally missed off the Minutes of the previous meeting, probably due to the transition period. • That the obesity/health and fitness issue would therefore be scheduled for statement in March and discussion in April. • That the Community Garden Project would give an introduction tonight and be invited back in March to present their plans and request for funding. • That some local issues affecting the village can be reported direct by Councillors (and members of the public) by ringing Contact Wrexham on 298989, rather than going through the Clerk. • That the Clerk has introduced a regime of contacting the two WCBC Councillors in advance of the meeting to identify the issues they intend to bring up. • That the Clerk's times of availability to the public are displayed on the door and on the website. They will be displayed on the High Street noticeboard. • That Cllr M Dixon (Chair) had requested at the January meeting, written reports from Council representatives on village groups to be provided to the Clerk for distribution with Council meeting papers. These groups were: Plas Pentwyn Management Committee, Happy Days, Friends of Coedpoeth Parish Hall, Ysgol Bryn Tabor, Penygelli School, Coedpoeth Development Committee and Friends of Nant Mill. 	<p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>All</p>
2	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Cllr M Dixon, Cllr T Shaw, Cllr K Childs, Cllr K Woodward</p>	
3.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllr J Hinchliffe (Black Veil Tribal Bellydance Group)</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>January 21st – Full Council Meeting</u> That the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr B Williams, Seconded: Cllr G Williams – Unanimous.</p>	

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	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr B Williams: 7.2 The Council along with the History Society would share the match funding. 2. 8.B.b. FOPH was planning to buy a defibrillator for the Council. 3. The repair to the cemetery paths appeared in the Leader costing £1.30 instead of £1300! 4. 10.4 The Litter Pick was postponed. 5. The Cross Foxes was open and being run by a manager. 6. No update available on the issue of the container destined for the football pitch. 7. 5.1 The Chair clarified that the Clerk would talk to the Head Teacher at Bryn Tabor during financial year 2014/2015. 	HB
5	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Council noted the following which were for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application – P/2014/0031 – First Floor Rear Extension – 7 New Road, Coedpoeth. 2. Analysis of Income – The Chair praised the efforts of the Caretaker, Assistant Caretaker and Cllr S Davies for helping to increase snooker revenues. Cllr Davies commented that having a team in the league was attracting players. Garth ap Thomas of NWN, has been approached to write a feature for the Leader on the history of the snooker hall. 3. New roof on the Old Carnegie Library: the prospect of three clear dry days is required for work to begin. 4. Emergency repairs – the Gas Safety check and plumbing in of the water fountain will be done after the obtaining of two satisfactory quotes. 5. Old Bakery Site – the applicant has appealed the rejection. 6. Williams Report – the Chair thanked Cllr G Jones for bringing this up at the last meeting. The previous Clerk had already made a précis of the large document and this subject will be added to April's agenda. Cllr Jones had attended a meeting in Llandudno and the Chair asked him to prepare a paper for the April meeting. 7. Charging policy – The clerk will do a thorough investigation for the March meeting. 8. Wrestling Extravaganza on Saturday, March 1st – the Chair thanked the Caretaker for his work on this project. The Clerk will investigate the sale of tickets and the plans for security on the door, as well as management of numbers in the hall. 9. Grants available through Crimebeat. 10. The Football Field - Cllr T Wyatt raised this issue and agreed to obtain more information. 11. The Attendance Records. 12. The correspondence regarding Fron Las parking. The Clerk is in communication with WCBC and the complainant. 13. Dog Bins. The Clerk will look into this after Easter. 	<p>HB</p> <p>Cllr GJ</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>Cllr T Wyatt</p> <p>HB</p>

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	14. The Financial Statement.	HB
5	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT (cont'd)</u></p> <p><u>The Council approved the following:</u></p> <p>a) The schedule of Payments 11th February totalling £12,713.12 (excluding VAT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Price, Seconded: Cllr C Williams – Unanimous The Chair informed Councillors that additional signatories for authorisation would soon be required.</p> <p>b) That the Council approve the Clerk purchasing an answer machine to access messages remotely, up to a limit of £50.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr G Jones – Unanimous</p> <p>c) That the Council reappoint the Internal Auditor for a further 3 years ending March 31st 2017.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr L Wright, Seconded: Cllr T Wyatt Cllr P Wilson and Cllr G Price abstained.</p> <p>d) That the Council approve the draft Business Plan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr G Williams, Seconded: Cllr B Williams – Unanimous</p> <p>e) That the Council approve the need to review the Business Plan on a six-monthly basis, first review being September 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr C Williams, Seconded: Cllr S Davies – Unanimous</p> <p>f) That the Council charge NBTS at the standard commercial rate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed: Cllr L Wright, Seconded: Cllr G Jones - Cllr S Davies abstained.</p> <p>g) The Budget – The Clerk would check the figure of £24,800 under Transfer of Services.</p> <p>Electricity prices – the Clerk would formulate a chart for the May meeting to show savings on electricity.</p>	<p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p>

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6	<p><u>COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>The following two Matters were presented by the Chair:</p> <p>a) <u>Post Office and High Street Issues</u></p> <p>The Chair expressed concern about developments relating to the High Street, specifically whether or not the Post Office Network Transformation Project might affect Coedpoeth, and other issues such as empty shops. She encouraged Councillors to strike up a relationship with shops and businesses on the High Street and down on the Adwy, to find out how the Council can be of assistance and to obtain feedback about issues of concern. Councillors put their names to a list of shops and businesses and agreed to liaise with them. Cllr G Jones suggested a leaflet/questionnaire to take round.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members of the Community Garden Project who, along with Cllr G Williams, spoke about their work and their interest in providing plants and flowers for the High Street and other public areas around the village. The members were invited back to the March meeting to present their ideas and request for funding. Cllr G Williams mentioned their Spring Fair on Saturday, April 12th at Plas Pentwyn and also encouraged new volunteers to join the project on a Thursday morning at Plas Pentwyn. On behalf of the Council, the Chair thanked Garden Project members for their interest and endeavours.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>B) Memorial Gates Project</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed Mr Terry Wood of the Golden Lion who, along with Cllr T Wyatt, updated Council on the grants that would be applied for next week. Quotes for the work have been received and there is one more expected. Mr Wood already had funds of £236 and a Promise Auction was suggested. The Heritage Lottery Fund required there to be some educational part to the project and schools would be invited to take part in researching the names on the memorial. Match funding had not been mentioned. The Chair suggested an informal group be formed, of Cllr T Wyatt, Cllr G Price, Mr Wood and the Clerk, to liaise on this project and report back to Council. WCBC Senior Conservation Officer, Anna Irwin, would be included in this group. On behalf of the Council the Chair thanked Mr Wood for all his endeavours.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Cllrs GP, AW, HB</p>
7	<p><u>POLICING MATTERS</u></p> <p>No report.</p>	
8	<p><u>WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Clerk was requested to write to WCBC for a definitive written statement on the demolition of the Meithrin.</p>	<p>HB</p>

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9	<p><u>PRESS/PUBLICITY</u></p> <p>Feature on History of Snooker Hall.</p> <p>The situation regarding Cloch Maelor was unclear. The Chair would investigate.</p> <p>The Clerk would investigate use of Social Media for the Council.</p>	<p>Cllr SD Chair HB</p>
10	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Cllr G Price – asked if any reply had been received from the Chief Executive of WCBC. The Clerk would investigate.</p> <p>Cllr Price also mentioned the dog waste problem around Rock Place and Nant Square and the need for the Dog Warden. Also the need for the PCSOs to help, perhaps under Anti-Social Behaviour legislation.</p> <p>Cllr P Wilson - also reported problems with dog waste on Pentre Fron Road.</p> <p>Cllr B Williams – had given the Clerk a list of blocked soak-aways. Would talk to the Clerk about areas that needed a handrail, and the lack of bus shelters on the Adwy.</p> <p>Queried vehicle access to the Cemetery for stonemasons. The Clerk was dealing with this. The cemetery paths are currently awaiting maintenance.</p> <p>Cllr C Williams – mentioned that some businesses were not displaying their food hygiene certificates and that two establishments in the village had a grade 1 certification. The Clerk would ask Environmental Health for more information.</p> <p>Cllr L Wright – stressed the importance of establishments displaying their food hygiene certificates.</p> <p>Cllr T Wyatt – reiterated the ongoing problem of lack of street lights on Nant Road. The Clerk would investigate this along with other street lighting issues.</p>	<p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p> <p>HB</p>
11	<p><u>FUTURE MEETINGS –</u></p> <p>11th March 2014 (Tuesday).</p>	

MEETING FINISHED – 9.05pm

Helen Belton Clerk to the Council