

**CYNGOR CYMUNED**  
**CEFN**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2020.**

**Chair: Councillor P Vaughan**

**146.PRESENT** Councillors: P Blackwell, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, B Cook, D Metcalfe, Rev K Tiltman, D Wright & Mrs G Wright also, one member of the public.

**147.APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: M Hughes, Mrs J Jones, Ms J Parrish, Mrs P Roberts, Mrs I Twigg & B Twigg

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the remote meeting of Cefn Community Council and reminded members the protocol which will be in place during the meeting.

The Clerk read an extract from the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 to members regarding the legislation of attendance at meetings (The “six month rule”) – Information Noted

**148.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None Received

**149. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS**

None Received

**150.TO RECEIVE & RATIFY DELEGATED DECISIONS MADE FROM LAST MEETING TO PRESENT DATE**

Councillor D Wright reported to members he was extremely concerned regarding the road closure at Rhosymedre and the implications this will have on increase of traffic through Queen Street. Cllr Wright reported a statement signed by the Chairman, himself, Cllrs Mrs S Benbow-Jones & P Blackwell will be released regarding the impending road closure at Park Road, Rhosymedre due to the new housing development. Essential works to drain the rainwater from the estate regrettably will cause significant traffic disruption for up to nine weeks. Works will be carried out in two phases, phase one will be Ruabon side of the Plough junction. Phase two will be the junction itself on the Newbridge side. There will also be disruption to the bus service. Cllr Wright has been liaising with WCBC officers and made a request for a temporary traffic light system at the junctions of Dolydd Road and Hill Street as delivery vehicles to and from Tesco will need to come via Queen Street. This has been rejected by WCBC, although they have indicated the area will be closely monitored. Cllrs D Wright and Mrs G Wright will deliver the letters to residents in the next few days.

**151. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported the following stats on behalf of NWP In the past month (17/05 – 17/06)

**1 Criminal Damage** on Chapel Street, Rhosymedre;

The resident reporting that their electric meter had been damaged. Suspect was not identified.

**3 Dangerous Dog** incidents in Cefn Mawr;

In each incident, all dogs were off their leads and all victims sustained minor injuries. One incident was in Ty Mawr Country Park.

**1 Theft of a Pedacycle** in Cefn Mawr;

A push bike was taken from outside the Holy bush Pub. Suspect not identified and not believed to have been local.

**14 incidents of anti-social behaviour;**

These are ranging from neighbourhood disputes to breaches of lockdown in public spaces like Ty Mawr Country Park and The Rock. The Neighbourhood Policing Team are continuing to conduct regular patrols in the ASB ‘hotspots’ to prevent this behaviour from occurring.

There were **1 road related, 1 public order and 1 wildlife incident** relating to the land issues on Bowers Road, Acrefair. The neighbourhood policing team will continue to monitor the situation whilst this is being investigated by the Rural Crime Team and the Council.

A quad bike and other items were stolen from Hamner on 26/05/20, and were recovered from a house on Heol Abon, Cefn Mawr. The resident of that address was arrested and released under investigation whilst enquires are ongoing.

Trends in the overall area:

We are seeing a slight increase in burglaries of residential properties in the Wrexham Rural area, this is likely due to the easing of restrictions and the fact many people are going back to work. Over the past couple of weeks, burglaries have occurred in Chirk and Legacy near Rhos. We are asking residents to stay alert and report anything suspicious in their areas to 101.

With many people staying at home, we have also seen an increase in the number of cold callers in the area, with one resident in Acrefair falling victim to rogue traders. We are asking the community to not conduct business on their doorstep and to look out for their neighbours or those who may be particularly vulnerable to rogue trader scams. In recent weeks, the Neighbourhood Policing Team has been working closely with Trading Standards to conduct numerous operations around the Wrexham Rural area, to stop and check much of the work that is being undertaken on properties and by whom.

It was reported a drug raid had taken place within the last 24 hours in Chapel Street, Rhosymedre.

1. Attending regular Zoom meetings with SLCC – good way of keeping up to date with the any new changes to legislation and any changes regarding coronavirus

2. Staff working their contractual scheduled hours. – safe environment & socially distancing at all times
3. Community Agent now back to approx. 16hrs per week – funding from Cadwyn Clwyd has been used. Clerk expressed her thanks to Councillors Mrs G Wright for volunteering in the community, collecting and delivering prescriptions, to Cllr D Wright for being her chaperone. Also, thanks to Cllr Mrs S Benbow-Jones for her fortnightly updates in the Comm News and her updates on Social media platforms. Councillor Mrs G Wright reported she and Derek had done over eighty pick up and deliveries.
4. Continue to send any updates from other agencies i.e NWP/AVOW
5. Garden Competition – regular judge is unable to attend this year – discussed with Chairman regrettably we will have to cancel this year’s competition will place notice in Community News asking residents to send in pictures of their gardens.

***Councillor D Metcalfe entered the meeting***

6. Bowling Green – No guidance issued as yet – Access through the park is still closed so would make it difficult to open as the track to the green isn’t the best to navigate.  
***Resolved to keep the facility closed until guidance is received and it is safe to reopen.***
7. Lights at Abernant – The cable was broken underground – now on repaired and back on.
8. Lighting column on Plas Kynaston Lane – unadopted Road – not on inventory list or WCBC – requires new LED fitment. Column is leaning, has been checked out by Scottish power, structurally sound – Cost of new fitment £289 + VAT – ***Resolved to adopt light and repair***
9. Bowers Road – grazing on Dodd’s Farm. – Following a site meeting held two weeks ago, the Clerk was requested to seek permission from WCBC to install barriers on the footpath to prevent access. ***The Clerk reported she had received a response from WCBC as follows: WCBC will not grant permission for the installation of a barrier, in addition the Council do not have the authority do stop or prevent access to private land.***
10. WW11 project – posters have been devised and gone out residents in the community for their memories – great feedback so far – Cllr D Wright reported he has received positive feedback and has enjoyed listening to some of the stories whilst collecting the forms. Cllr Mrs G Wright reported due to having surplus WW1 booklets left these have been given to residents who have completed the forms.
11. The Clerk reported car parks to the Country Parks in the borough have re-opened from today, although the toilet facilities and visitor centers will remain closed.

**152.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- (a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity. – Councillor D Metcalfe reported he had not received any minutes***

## **153. Monthly Accounts**

### **ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2020** **EXPENDITURE**

Wages/Sal from (month 2)  
T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, B Lloyd, MC Hartshorne 5227.22

#### **Invoice No**

20/017	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for GE Hall	72.50
20/018	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for May 2020 (LGA 1972 sect 112)	44.98
20/019	106156	BT - Invoice for Office	417.96
20/020	106157	Flintshire CC - Invoice for Added years	232.80
20/021	106158	JDH Business Services - Invoice for 19/20 Audit	996.00
20/022	106159	Scottish Power - Invoice for GE Hall	261.42
20/023	106160	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	3601.51
20/024	106161	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	275.00
20/025	BACS	Peter Green - Invoice for Cemetery	1117.00
20/026	BACS	Peter Green - Invoice for Play area	714.00
20/027	106162	Canda Copying - Invoice for office	206.48
20/028	106163	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	764.76
20/029	106164	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	232.96
20/030	106165	Jones Lighting - Invoice for repairs	1102.06
20/031	106166	Derwen College - Invoice for summer plants	585.00
20/032	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for June 2020 (LGA 1972 sect 112)	89.19

#### **Invoices Received During May/June 2020**

HMRC Tax & NI (19.05.20) 1142.64  
Clwyd Pension Fund (19.05.20) 292.27  
HSBC Charges (27.05.20) 14.90  
WCBC NNDR 602.00  
**£17992.65**

#### **Income**

WCBC CA Grant (29.05.20) 595.00  
Vodafone (05.06.20) 1250.00

#### **Burial**

Dignity Funeral (Rec 0067) 275.00  
Francis Roberts (Rec 0068) 1030.00  
Mossford Memorials (Rec 0069) 60.00

#### **GE Hall**

#### **Interest**

Business Money Manager 13.06.20 20.55  
**£3230.55**

**Resolved that the listed payments be approved**

**154. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING DEEMED URGENT**

1	Splash Community Trust - Letter re: letter of support requested & financial assistance – <b><i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter to members. Members resolved a letter of support be sent from Cefn CC towards their bid for further funding to renovate the changing room area. A decision towards awarding a grant to the centre from Cefn CC was deferred until more members were in attendance to enable an overall majority. The Clerk will defer until September meeting when it is hoped physical meeting can resume.</i></b>
2	WCBC - Email re: Consultation for future electrol arrangements for County Borough of Wrexham – <b><i>The Clerk read the contents of the email to members – Resolved to be noted</i></b>

**155. Reports**

155.1 Cllr D Wright for the benefit of Cllr Metcalfe as he was late to the meeting reiterated what was reported earlier regarding the road closure at Park Road, Rhosymedre.

155.2 Cllr D Wright reported on the planning application for the old Air Products site. The developer has approached WCBC requesting to remove the section 106 requirements and reduce the affordable housing requirements. Following a discussion, council strongly object to the developer’s request as the children likely to reside at the development would need local school provision which at present would not suffice, the Section 106 monies could provide funding towards a new school.

155.3 Cllr D Wright reported enforcement notices from WCBC have been served by NWP on Monday at Bowers Road, due to illegal works and destruction of wildlife. Works will now be stopped until the courts can hear the case. Councillor P Blackwell wished to thank Cllr Wright for his tireless work over the last few weeks.

155.4 Cllr P Blackwell wished to thank the chairman and assistant for planting flowers at Abernant.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.