

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

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**ZOOM ON**  
**27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021.**  
**Chair: P Vaughan**

**30.PRESENT** Councillors: P Blackwell, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs J Jones, Mrs P Roberts, Rev K Tiltman, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright. Also, PCSO Shiers on audio & one member of the public.

**31.APOLOGIES** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: B Cook. D Metcalfe & Ms J Parrish

**32. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM INSP G GILMORE**

The Clerk reported she had received an email from Inspector Gilmore with his apologies as he is unable to use the Zoom platform, Insp Gilmore is happy to meet members F2F, PCSO Shiers is in attendance this evening on audio.

Councillor D Wright expressed his disappointment that Insp Gilmore could not attend, given the nature of the incident which had occurred recently. Cllr Wright was seeking reassurance from NWP and backing for an enquiry to be launched into how placements are made with Cefn Community.

Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported she was disappointed she is yet to receive a response from housing regarding an email she has submitted.

Councillor P Blackwell stated the mix of residents is now 50/50 with younger and older residents.

Cllr D Wright proposed a letter be sent to head of housing asking for an enquiry, seconded by Cllr P Vaughan. Resolved - Clerk was requested to write to Julie Francis, WCBC and request an enquiry is launched regarding allocation of placements in Cefn community.

Councillor P Blackwell raised the issue of cars driving late in the evenings with load exhausts and asked if it was an offence? PCSO Shiers requested Cllr Blackwell to send a report to her detailing the roads affected and times which will then be passed on to the road traffic team for investigation.

PCSO Shiers was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting.

**33.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None Received

**34.PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS**

None Received

**35.TO APPROVE ANY DELAGTED DECISIONS TAKEN BY CHAIR, VICE CHAIR & CLERK SINCE LAST MEETING**

The Clerk reported following an informal meeting with a representative of Eastmans and the Project Coordinator where discussions took place regarding the possible opening of the old

railway as a footpath a letter was sent to residents of Railway Road to ask for any comments. The Clerk reported only one verbal comment was received and this would be a welcome move.

Councillor P Vaughan reported he was hopeful of partnership working with Eastmans in the near future to open the footpath. A discussion took place regarding the footpath at the rear of the post office which is blocked off by the land owner, the Clerk was requested to write to WCBC for an update

Resolved members accepted delegated action taken.

### **36.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Monthly Council Report**

#### **20th July 2021 Cefn Mawr/Rhosymedre/Newbridge/Plas Madoc**

We would like to start by informing you of our ‘Gripe a Gripe’ neighbourhood initiative which we have recently rolled out across the Eastern district, whereby we will ask the community to feedback on their ‘gripes’ and issues. This will be a great opportunity for the community to meet their local PCSO’s and to have a chat about any issues or concerns. On Tuesday 29th June, PCSO’s Shiers and Lloyd held a Police Surgery outside Tesco in Cefn Mawr. Local shoppers stopped for a chat and took away crime prevention advice that we had on offer. The event was successful, and we look forward to seeing more of the community during our next session.

On 14th July we conducted a Police Surgery in Plas Madoc with the ‘Munch and Brunch’ group to discuss any concerns on the estate. We also had lots of crime prevention advice booklets and a few window/door alarms to give out. We are hoping to hold one every month. You may have seen on our social media platforms, we have launched our ‘North Wales Community Alert’ platform, which is a free messaging service whereby Communities can receive up to date information on local policing activity and crime prevention.

To find out more about the system and to register, please visit:

<https://www.northwalescommunityalert.co.uk/>

**ASB Patrols** – With the School summer closures and warm weather, we are seeing an increased amount of youth presence within our communities. We will continue to target our patrols around hot spot locations and deal with any individuals who cause ASB.

**Crimes** 2 x Burglary residential – Cefn Mawr. • Items stolen from garage – investigation complete, however no suspect(s) identified • Food/drink items taken from dwelling – suspects identified and dealt with accordingly. This is a low-level incident which was classified as ‘burglary’ which we believe is unrelated to the burglary from garage.

3 x Criminal Damage – Cefn Mawr and Rhosymedre. • Damage to property window – investigation complete, however no suspect(s) identified • Damage to property door - investigation complete, however no suspect(s) identified • Damage to car tyre – currently under investigation

2 x Interference with motor vehicle – Suspect arrested however no further action due to lack of evidence.

2 x Theft in Plas Madoc • Theft of garden ornaments – no further action taken as victim did not want to make a statement. • Theft of washing machine and appliances – the investigation is still ongoing.

We have been running an Op during this month to try and raise awareness of opportunistic theft offences in houses and cars, to try and identify those who have left doors and windows open with valuable items on display. We have been notifying the owners of this and

conducting leaflet drops in the area. We will continue to do this and raise awareness of these offences.

Criminal damage in Plas Madoc

- Damage to a window in Tegid – victim does not support Police action or want to take the investigation further.
- Damage to plant pots in Maple Drive – suspect arrested and charged with criminal damage.
- Damage to back door in Bran – no suspect identified.
- Damage to window in Bran – no suspect identified.

On Sunday 11th July, officers dealt with the tragic incident whereby a local male from Rhosymedre sadly died. A male from Wrexham town has subsequently been charged with murder and appeared before Mold Magistrates Court on July 15th. We offer our condolences to the victim's family at this exceptionally difficult time.

We are also aware that the incident has been subject to widespread social media speculation, as such, many young people may have been affected by this. School Liaison Officers and the Neighbourhood Policing Team are working closely with colleagues at Wrexham Council to offer the appropriate support and reassurance to the local community. This was an isolated incident and there are no concerns for the wider community.

### **What can you do to help?**

In order to progress matters and take positive action with regards to drug dealing / ASB / Other crime trends etc we need community intelligence to support our targeted patrols, stop searches and warrants. We are grateful for the information we receive so far and continue to develop any matters. Intelligence can also be reported to us anonymously through Crimestoppers.

### **Questions**

If you have any concerns regarding crime figures or incidents in your ward please let us know and we will provide an update ahead of the Council meeting. Please continue to send monthly reminders regarding the Online Meeting and we will endeavour to attend when possible.

### **Walk around**

We would be happy to meet with you to have a walk around the area whenever you are available. We will continue to post on social media in relation to events and reports on what we have been up to. Please follow us on HGC Wrecsam Wledig/NWP Wrexham Rural Facebook Page and Twitter.

### **Local PCSO contacts**

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[Rhys.Yaxley@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Rhys.Yaxley@nthwales.pnn.police.uk)

### **37. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT**

No report

### **38. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT**

1. Community agent return to work from Monday from a period of sick leave
2. Administration officer is now working her contracted hours, she is off on holiday this week. Mrs Lloyd left her employment last Thursday so I'm sure we wish her well in her retirement.

3. Cefn CC now have a facebook & Twitter page, several of our tweets have been on Wrexham.com
4. Carried out fourth litter pick last week, thanks to those who came along – not much litter at all, 18<sup>th</sup> August @ 10am next one at the bottom of Cefn, could meet in the muga car park
5. I'm thrilled to announce the three remaining defib units that we waited to install for over seventeen months have now been installed, these are on WCBC owned buildings at Llys Y Craig, Ty Mawr, Plas Madoc Estates Office along with GE Hall, Hinds Shop, Eagles Acrefair. This will be advertised on all our platforms along with a map showing where each unit is.

### **39. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

(a) Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

### **40. TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO ENABLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST.**

The Clerk reported there are committee meetings that require scheduling over the August recess, Resolved to suspend standing orders to enable this to be actioned.

The Clerk asked for approval of delegated powers to be given to the Chair, Vice and Clerk during the august recess for urgent matters and payment of invoices and salaries. Resolved for Clerk, Chair & Vice Chair to deal with urgent matters and authorise all invoice for payment including salaries

### **41. TO RECEIVE QUOTATION FOR SET UP FEES TO ENABLE HYBRID MEETINGS**

The Clerk proceeded to show members the quotation which detailed two options, a discussion followed. Given the number of councillors and the requirements needed to fulfil the legislation implemented by Welsh Government, Local Government & Elections Wales Act 2021 to enable participation Councillor D Wright proposed Council purchase option 2 seconded by Councillor P Vaughan, all in favour.

### **42. Monthly Accounts**

#### **ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021** **EXPENDITURE**

Wages/Sal from (month 3)	\	
T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, B Lloyd, MC Hartshorne		4044.58

#### **Invoice No**

21/028	106281	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	254.23
21/029	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for play area Rhosymedre	148.97
21/030	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for half yearly inspection & maintenance of play areas	1798.20
21/031	BACS	Hallam Heating - invoice for GE Hall repairs & new water heater	824.35
21/032	BACS	ACS Technology - invoice for office IT	72.50

21/033	BACS	ACS Technology - invoice for additional computer & laptop	1940.00
21/034	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for June 21/July (LGA 1972 sect 112)	92.06
21/035	106282	Jones Lighting - Invoice for supply & install LED lanterns	48648.96
21/036	106283	EDF Energy - invoice for unmetered supply	2070.71
21/037	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for play area maintenance	724.00
21/038	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	1106.00
21/039	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for muga field	360.00
21/040	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for trade refuse charges GE Hall	275.00
21/041	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for trade refuse charges Trefynant Cemetery	692.50
21/042	106284	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	170.00
21/043	106285	Derwen College - invoice for summer plants and labour	955.87
21/044	106286	Jones Lighting- invoice for supply & install LED lanterns	36834.84
21/045	106287	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	0.58
21/046	106288	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	21.44
21/047	106289	PHS Group Ltd - Invoice for GE Hall	320.16
21/048	106290	JNE Security Ltd - Invoice for target hardening equipment	1199.64
21/049	106291	WCBC - invoice for licence for three defibs	297.00
21/050	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for June 21/July (LGA 1972 sect 112)	47.89

#### **Invoices Received During June/July 21**

HMRC Tax & NI (17.06.21)	1141.17
Clwyd Pension Fund (17.06.21)	693.58
HSBC Charges (27.06.21)	16.40
WCBC NNDR	602.00
	<b><u>£105352.63</u></b>

#### **Income**

Welsh Government (LED)	85738.90
WCBC (CA bonus payment)	735.00
Vodafone (Rec 0112)	1250.00
Tesco Stores (Rec 0019)	6250.00
SP Manweb (Rec 0120)	137.22

#### **Burial**

Stephen Price (rec 0113)	110.00
Francis Roberts (rec 0117)	865.00
Jamie Harris (Rec 0118)	230.00

#### **GE Hall**

Dance Zone (rec 0114)	236.50
WCBC elections (Rec 0115)	267.90
Dance Zone (rec 0116)	319.50
Slimming World (Rec 0121)	405.00
G Langford (Rec 0122)	198.00

#### **Interest**

*Resolved that the listed payments be approved*

#### **43. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING**

1	Jo Danson - email re: North East Wales Trails (i beacons) now live through QR code – <b><i>Resolved to be noted</i></b>
2	AVOW - Email memorial donations for late chairman of AVOW John Leece-Jones – <b><i>Resolved to be noted</i></b>
3	Denbighshire Gov - notice of consultation on a draft supplementary planning guidance note for Dark Skies - <b><i>Resolved to be noted</i></b>
4	Welsh Government - Email re: consultation on qualifications of Clerks in Wales regulations - <b><i>Resolved to be noted</i></b>
5	Caia Park CC - Email re: supporting climate change (Clwyd Pension Fund) - <b><i>Resolved to be noted</i></b>
6	Mr Williams - Email re: feedback on Streetlights in Alwen – <b><i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter to members, a discussion followed to wait until the spring until more feedback is received after the darker nights and to compare to the LED lanterns installed by WCBC</i></b> <b><i>Resolved to be noted</i></b>
7	OVW - Email re: Electoral Reform Newsletter June 2021 - <b><i>Resolved to be noted</i></b>
8	WCBC - letter re: premises licence of Delph Bar & Restaurant – <b><i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter to members, sale of alcohol Sunday to Thursday 11.00 to 2300hrs, Friday &amp; Saturday 11.00 to 12.30am, live &amp; recorded music until 12.30am, late night refreshments Friday &amp; Saturday until 12.30am, patrons must vacate the premises by 01.00am. Cllr D Wright wished to thank the owners of the bar for their cooperation and listening to the views of the community. A discussion took place regarding piped music, it was noted a licence would be required for special events. Overall members were pleased with the outcome and wished the owners every success.</i></b>
9	Simon Baynes MP - Letter of thanks to councillors for conducting litter picks in the community – <b><i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter to members, Resolved to be noted</i></b>
10	Mr B Griffiths - copy of letter sent to NWP and WCBC regarding traffic management in community – <b><i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter, a discussion followed, the clerk was requested to write to Mr Griffiths with councils support and accept the invitation to attend a future meeting when it is called.</i></b>
11	Jones Lighting - quote for heritage column at rear of GE Hall £1716.30 – <b><i>The Clerk was requested to obtain further quotes</i></b>
12	Wrexham Sounds - Email re: Vic studios has changed its name to Wrexham Sounds & relocation to Rhosrobin – <b><i>Resolved to ne noted</i></b>
13	A Richards, Cefn School - email re: Governor Vacancy – <b><i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter to members, following a discussion Cllr Mrs I Twigg was nominated to represent Cefn CC, all members in favour. Mrs I Twigg accepted the nomination. No further nominations, Resolved for the Clerk to notify Mrs Richards of Councils decision.</i></b>
14	OVW - Email re: Operation London Bridge - <b><i>Resolved to ne noted</i></b>

*The Clerk reported she is continuing to forward via email all correspondence received from Ken Skates, AVOW and WCBC when it is first received.*

#### **44.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Planning Received During June/July 2021**

P/2021/0588 change of use from social club to bar restaurant and provision of children's play area, partly in retrospect.  
Acrefair Sports & Social Club, Bethania Road.  
*(Received copy of objection from local resident, nothing from ward members)*

***In relation to application no P/2021/0588 no observations/objections were raised***

P/2021/0597 Work to trees covered by TPO WBC TPO No277  
Acrefair Sports & social Club, Bethania Road.

***In relation to application no P/2021/0597 no observations/objections were raised***

P/2021/0651 Change of use of public open land to Residential curtilage (garden extension)  
Land adj 48-51 Idwal, 29-32 Glaslyn  
33-37 Glaslyn 31-34 Gwynant & 31-50 Bodlyn

***In relation to application no P/2021/0651 no observations/objections were raised***

P/2021/0672 Erection of log cabin/workshop/garden store  
Penrallt, Russell Street, Cefn Mawr

***In relation to application no P/2021/0672 no observations/objections were raised***

### **45.REPORTS**

45.1 Councillor Mrs G Wright reported last year there was a rat infestation at the rear of Chapel Street, Rhosymedre caused by people leaving food out for cats/birds. Over forty rats were caught. Unfortunately, the same thing is occurring again. Cllr Mrs G Wright requested Cefn Community Council write to Network Rail with their concerns and ask for their assistance. All in favour, resolved for the Clerk to write to Network Rail.

45.2 Councillor B Twigg reported he is concerned and unhappy regarding the misinformation being circulated by one member into the public domain. The Clerk reported it is up to the ombudsman to investigate and establish if a breach of the code has been made. The Chair reported he will respond to an outstanding email and reiterate points given previously.

45.3 Councillor Mrs I Twigg expressed her concerns regarding the land slip at Newbridge, and the road closure which potentially could be closed for up to two years, leaving people in the community and surrounding areas stranded. The Clerk was requested to write to Simon Baynes MP with councils concerns.

45.4 Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported she had received complaints regarding rats on Crane Street, she had passed on the concerns to the relevant department at WCBC. The rat catcher has visited the area, letters have been sent to nearby residents to advise them not to leave food out etc.

45.5 Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported she has received numerous complaints regarding speeding vehicles on Bethania Road, she has passed this on to Insp Gilmore.

The Chairman thanked members and public for their attendance, wished all a pleasant summer recess and declared the meeting closed.