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CEFN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
ZOOM ON
14th DECEMBER 2021
Chair: P Vaughan

89 .PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, D Metcalfe, Mrs P Roberts, Mrs K Tiltman, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright

90 .APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Cook, Ms J Parrish, Mrs J Jones, Mrs P Roberts.

91.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of personal interest were given from Councillors S Benbow-Jones, K Tiltman, B Twigg, G Wright, I Twigg, and P Vaughan in relation to agenda item 8: Grants.

92.PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None Received

93.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk advised that the report was not emailed until today, and confirmed that the stats were as follows – The Clerk will forward on the report to all members.

Monthly Council Report

14th December 2021

Cefn Mawr/Rhosymedre/Newbridge/Plas Madoc

Monthly Police Surgeries

PCSO Lara conducted the last Police Surgery on the 25th October in Cefn Library. We will be communicating dates for the next surgeries in Cefn and Plas Madoc shortly for the coming months.

We are advertising the surgeries via Facebook, the Community Alert system and we also let Community Councillors know ahead of the date. Please feel free to share on your own platforms to encourage members of the community to join us.

ASB

In last month's report, we mentioned the heightened ASB we have been experiencing around the Bonfire/Halloween time in Cefn and Plas Madoc. Since then, reported incidents of ASB have dropped slightly, however we are still experiencing some issues with youths around Tesco in Cefn and Plas Madoc Leisure Centre. We are still actively patrolling such hot spots at night and continue to work with the local businesses to identify the youths on CCTV and will be looking at formal action for repeat offenders. Some of the youths that were

causing issues in Oct/Nov time have already been brought into interview at Llay Police Station and are looking to be charged with some offences.

Burglary

We have received one report of a burglary on Bethania Road, Acrefair at the start of December. 3 men forced entry in the elderly victim's home and stole items from within. The men told the victims that they were the Police, before making off in two cars. The investigation is still ongoing at this time.

Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle / Burglary

We received a report from a person in Plas Madoc that his vehicle along with the keys had been stolen at some point over night. The vehicle was recovered later the same day. Suspects have been identified, arrested, and released on bail. The investigation is still ongoing.

Theft from Motor Vehicle

We have seen a slight increase theft from vehicle offences in the past month. These range from items being stolen from unlocked vehicles in Plas Madoc to number plates being stolen from Rhosymedre. These offences do not appear to be linked.

We have also had reports of persons trying car doors in the Rhuddlan Road area of Acrefair, the same night having reports of vehicles being broken into in Trevor and Acrefair. PCSO Shiers has been conducting extensive leaflet drops in the area with crime prevention advice about vehicle and home security. We are continuing posting crime prevention advice over on our social media and on our community alert system, especially in the lead up to Christmas.

Crimes

Crime stats and data can be found at: <https://www.northwales.police.uk/police-forces/north-wales-police/areas/stats-and-data/stats-and-data/>

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 Wreccsam Wledig/NWP Wrexham Rural Facebook Page and Twitter.

Local PCSO contacts

*****OUR EMAIL ADDRESS' ARE CHANGING FROM 16TH NOV*****

New emails:

Lara.Shiers@northwales.police.uk

Jessica.Lloyd@northwales.police.uk

Rhys.Yaxley@northwales.police.uk

94. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

Community Agent Report December 2021

I haven't yet recorded the number of referrals this month however, I thought I would provide you with a quick update as to what has been happening.

There have been several self-referrals over the past few weeks from older individuals who are substance users. I have liaised with The Elms to discuss this particular substance misuse as it is not an area I am familiar with so wasn't feeling very confident in my support of these individuals. I have arranged to attend The Elm's next team meeting to discuss who I am and what this role entails, therefore enabling a far better working partnership. In addition to this, I am working closely with the Estate Office to support the individuals and help make sure they maintain their tenancy and not become homeless.

I have built close links with the Health Centre at Llangollen, and they are referring directly to me, along with the Homeless Housing Officer at WCBC.

Sadly, there has been an increase in complaints with regards to housing allocations where an OT referral is required. I have escalated the complaints as far as I can, but each department are saying different things that contradict each other. Once complaint involved a breach of Data Protection. Upon tracking down where the breach originated from the manager of that department was ill-mannered towards me, even though it was due to her. So, I have approached Councillor Benbow-Jones to raise my concerns with WCBC as both departments are blaming each other and we need to establish what the correct procedure is regarding this so we can prevent further upset to, and complaints from, our residents.

As per last year, I shall be undertaking voluntary work within our community over the festive period and will take my Christmas leave in January. If you know of anyone that would benefit from a Christmas meal, or me popping by to say hello then please just drop me a line.

All that remains to be said is I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in 2022!

95. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. In relation to the Christmas Fair on the 26th of November 2021, the Clerk stated that this event was a huge success. Thanks were extended to all councillors who came on the evening and braved the weather to help out. The School Choir singing carols at the front of the hall was a big hit, and we had great feedback on the newly installed lights, especially the one on the front of the hall.

2. The Clerk gave a reminder that the date for the next litter pick is Wednesday the 12th of January, as agreed previously, the location is to be Newbridge and the Clerk will forward members the details of the meeting point in the new year.
3. Due to the Omnicron variant of Covid, the Clerk advised members that the Youth club is now only operating detached work no sessions at the GE Hall.
4. The bench at the memorial garden has been removed due to suspected attempt of theft. It is in storage until it can be re-laid in concrete, which will be weather dependent.
5. The Clerk stated that although Council normally decides on the precept in December, she did not receive the tax base for the community until Friday. The Clerk confirmed that she has notified WCBC that we will be confirming on 25th January, and not the 21st January as WCBC have stipulated.
6. An update in relation to windows and doors for the hall. A final survey has taken place by Snowdonia windows who have missed items from the original quote. The Clerk has stated that she is hoping this will not affect the price. In addition to this, it is a condition of the grant that a bat survey be carried out before the roof is replaced, at a cost of £445. The Clerk confirmed that this was queried as the roof is flat but was advised that it is still a requirement. The survey will be carried out during the daytime in third week of January. If evidence is found that there is roosting potential a further survey will be required in the summer months (peak season).
7. The Clerk stated that she has been approached by the proprietor of The Party Shop who has enquired into renting a room we have for storage – it is the room that the Foodbank have now vacated. They would also be interested in using the hall for organising parties and enquired about the rates. The Clerk asked council if there were any objections and suggested a hire fee of £10 per week, to be invoiced every 6 months. A discussion followed, hiring costs to stay as they are as it was agreed that the current charges barely cover the costs of opening the hall, staffing, heating, and lighting. The Clerk confirmed that the equipment will be insured by the proprietor. Members agreed that the request to store equipment was granted. Proposed by Councillor I Twigg, seconded by Councillor S Benbow-Jones, all in favour.
8. The Clerk thanked council for all their support this year and wished them a Merry Christmas.

96. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23rd of November 2021 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 23rd November 2021 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***
- (b) Minutes of the Finance Meeting on 23rd of November 2021 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Remote finance Meeting held on 23rd of November 2021 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

97. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022 Council resolved to award the following grants for financial year 2021/22:

GRANTS 2021/2022					
NAME	Date	Paid £	Chq no/bacs	INV NUMBER	s137
Wales Air Ambulance	14.12.21	500.00	106445	21/165	Y
Calon FM	14.12.21	100.00	106446	21/166	Y
Mencap Cymru	14.12.21				Y
Hope House	14.12.21	500.00	106447	21/167	Y
Urdd Eisteddfod	14.12.21	100.00	106448	21/168	Y
Nightingale House	14.12.21	1,000.00	106449	21/169	Y
Vic Studios	14.12.21	100.00			Y
Cefn Mawr Historical Society	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/153	Y
CRNCA	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/154	Y
Friends of Ruabon	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/155	Y
St John's Church	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/156	Y
Rhosymedre Methodist Church	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/157	Y
Hampden Bowling Club	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/158	Y
Ysgol Acrefair	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/159	Y
Ysgol Rhosymedre	14.12.21				Y
Ysgol Min Y Ddol	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/160	Y
Ysgol Cefn Mawr	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/161	Y
Friends of Llys Y Craig	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/162	Y
Cefn OAP Welfare	14.12.21	200.00	Bacs	21/163	Y

Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones wished to thank Friend of Ruabon for their efforts during December with the Santa float, it was very much appreciated by all.

98. TO APPROVE DECEMBER SALARY PAYMENT

The Clerk reported the December salary payment is usually paid a week early in December which would be Tuesday 21st December 2021. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Tiltman, seconded by Cllr B Twigg - ***RESOLVED that December salary payments are to be made on Tuesday 21st December 2021.***

99. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 14th DECEMBER 2021
EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 8)

T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, N Hughes-Lloyd, MC Hartshorne 5168.13

Invoice No

21/127	BACS	Razzle Dazzle Pace Painting - invoice for Christmas fair	50.00
21/128	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for Nov/Dec (LGA 1972 sect 112)	161.59
21/129	BACS	The Party Shop - payment for window competition	50.00
21/130	106332	Renew Aesthetics - payment for window competition	30.00
21/131	106333	Francis Roberts - payment for window competition	20.00
21/132	106334	BT - Invoice for office	299.51

21/133	106335	Flintshire CC - Invoice for added years	237.96
21/134	106336	Canda Copying - invoice for office copier	251.10
21/135	106337	EDF Energy - invoice for unmetered supply	665.33
21/136	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for trade refuse charges Trefynant cemetery	692.50
21/137	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for trade refuse charges George Edwards Hall	275.00
21/138	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for youth club donation/grant	500.00
21/139	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for office IT	94.50
21/140	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for cemetery maintenance	663.00
21/141	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for Play Area maintenance	954.00
21/142	BACS	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	275.00
21/143	106338	JDH Business Services - invoice for DPA services 2021/22	845.88

Invoices Received During Nov/Dec 21

HMRC Tax & NI (18.11.21)	1298.14
Clwyd Pension Fund (18.11.21)	806.00
CSA Payment	251.67
HSBC (27.11.21)	24.81
WCBC NNDR	602.00
	<u>£14216.12</u>

Income

WCBC Precept payment	51329.00
Cllr S Benbow-Jones (window comp)	20.00
Cllr K Tiltman (window Comp)	20.00
Cllr P Vaughan (window comp)	40.00
Hampden Bowling Club (window Comp)	20.00

GE Hall

Cefn Labour Grp (rec 0148)	10.00
Dance Zone (Rec 0150)	357.50
Slimming World (rec0152)	148.50
Geoff Langford (Rec 0153)	110.00
Dance Zone (Rec 0150)	357.50

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.11	1.81
	<u>£52424.31</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

100. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

Correspondence Received During November/December 2021:

1	Cefn Albion FC - Email was received from the Club Chairman to introduce himself and apologise to council regarding the recent miscommunication, he stated any future matters concerning Cefn Community Council will be directed to the Clerk in the first instance. It was reported an offer was made by the chairman to erect the lamppost poppies in the community next year. <i>Resolved for contents to be noted</i>
2	Welsh Government – The clerk has received a Letter re: Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2022-23 £8.82 per elector. <i>Clerk outlined the contents of the letter. Resolved to be noted.</i>

3	WCBC - Letter re: funding for Youth Work provision in 2022-23 <i>The clerk read the contents of the letter, Resolved, Cefn Community Council continue to pay for the provision at a cost of £11497</i>
4	Resident – email. A complaint was received regarding WCBC road closures in the community. The resident was concerned that three routes from the community to Llangollen are now closed. <i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter - resolved to be noted.</i>
5	Email received from Kate Thompson regarding the trees on Cefn Bank. Only two trees will now be removed, this will enhance the view. It was asked if Cefn Community Council would pay for a stone wall to be rebuilt, <i>resolved to agree to fund up to the value of £2000. Clerk to obtain a quote from a stone mason. A discussion followed regarding a property on Hill Street who have removed part of the hedgerow and replaced with fence panels. Clerk to make enquiries with planning department.</i>
6	Amanda Lowndes, WCBC -email re: Additional community governor vacancy, Ysgol Min y Ddol expression of interest from Mr G Vaughan. <i>Resolved and agreed for Cefn Community Council to support the nomination of Mr Vaughan.</i>
7	Colonel Nick Lock – Email Re: WW11 booklets, Col Lock who wrote the foreword for the WW2 Booklet, had written to say congratulations to all those involved a fantastic, produced book. <i>Resolved - contents be noted and Councillor Mrs Benbow Jones will take two copies to the guildhall, for the armed forces Champion and support officer.</i>

101.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During November/December

P/2021/0982 Installation of 2 pods for holiday let with parking to each Side of pod
Zenith Point, Pen Y Bryn Penycae
In relation to application P/2021/0982 no objections/observations were made

102.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS.

102.1 Councillor I Twigg stated that some dog mess bag dispensers in the community were empty. The Clerk advised that these have now been filled as of yesterday.

102.2 Councillor D Metcalfe reported he had received complaints regarding the local bus services and the route the buses take through the villages, which are segregating older people from accessing all parts of our community. A discussion followed, hopefully when the roadworks is complete it will alleviate some of the problems. Cllr B Twigg and D Metcalfe suggested a minibus service could operate in the interim. Clerk will write to local taxi company.

102.3 Councillor S Benbow Jones advised that there is a light out at Meredith Close in Acrefair, which has been out for almost a year. Clerk to chase up WCBC. Cllr D Wright reported a light on Rose Hill is off – Clerk to report to Jones Lighting.

102.4 Councillor D Wright proposed and requested the Clerk to investigate the possibility of bespoke personalised stationary. The Clerk confirmed that this has been investigated before but is awaiting a logo to be designed. The clerk advised that she will chase up the logo design and obtain quotes.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance declared the meeting closed.