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CEFN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
ZOOM ON
22nd FEBRUARY 2022
Chair: P Vaughan

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

119. APOLOGIES Non Received

120. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors P Vaughan & Mrs J Jones declared a personal & prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item 10: Historical Society – both committee members

121. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None Received

122. TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

Monthly Council Report

13th February 2022

Cefn Mawr/Rhosymedre/Newbridge/Plas Madoc

'North Wales Talking' Survey

During the last two weeks, Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been visiting local residents to complete short surveys about what it is like to live in their area and what issues matter most to them and their community.

North Wales Talking is a major initiative being launched by North Wales Police. This is a key priority of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams, aiming to understand the crime and disorder concerns of our local communities across North Wales. By using this feedback, it will help us understand areas of improvements and to prioritise policing activity along with partner agencies.

The surveys were very well received and it was great to talk to many residents and listen to their feedback!

PACT – Wrexham Inclusion F.C



PCSO Jessica has worked with PACT to arrange funding for a day of football related activities at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre, in partnership with The Land and Wrexham Inclusion FC. The event is taking place on Monday 21st February at the following times:



- 7 – 12 year olds 9.30am – 12.30pm
- 13 – 16 year olds 1.15pm – 4.15pm

Quiz, Design your own Football Kit, Football drills skills and challenges, Champions League group stage and knock out, Certificates and present for all participants.

7-12 Years old 9.30am -12.30pm
13-16 Years old 1.15pm - 4.15 pm
Plas Madoc Leisure Centre
FREE OF CHARGE
Snacks and Refreshments
Provided

The event is free of charge and snacks and refreshments will be provided.

To book onto the half term camps speak to staff at the football session, or staff from the land. Alternatively - message LandPlasmadoc on facebook via messenger



Monthly Police Surgeries

We shall inform you of the upcoming dates/locations shortly. Additionally, we will be publishing the events on social media platforms and via the NWP Community Alert.

ASB

Unfortunately ASB continues to be reported to us, and as I reported last month, we are still making good progress in identifying the youths and dealing with them accordingly. Statistically, we have seen a 39% decrease in reports since last month.

Thefts

1 x theft of motor vehicle in Plas Madoc. Vehicle has been located by Officers and CCTV is being reviewed. Investigation is currently on-going.

1 x theft of motor vehicle number plate. Investigation is currently on-going.

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.

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

Lara.Shiers@northwales.police.uk

Jessica.Lloyd@northwales.police.uk

Rhys.Yaxley@northwales.police.uk

The Clerk reported to members the speed gun has been handed over to PCSO Shiers, Regular speed checks will be done at hot spots, a breakdown of when the device is deployed will be provided alongside the monthly report, if members have any areas of speeding concern, please email direct to the PCSO or to the Clerk.

Councillor Mrs I Twigg reported she was disappointed the length of time it took to receive a reply from the PCSO's following recent ASB activity at the Hampden Bowling Club ground. Cllr P Blackwell raised his concern regarding the nonattendance of NWP, stating he believes officers/PCSO's are attending other CC's via the zoom platform. A discussion followed, the Clerk was requested to right to the Insp and enquire what the procedure is if a PCSO is on rest day/holiday, who monitors the email/phone line? Also, to confirm if officers are able to join a zoom/online meeting.

123. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT **COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT FEBRUARY 2022**

- 3 referrals from British Red Cross (BRC)
- 1 referral from Social Services (SS)
- 2 family/friend referrals
- **Cefn** – 28 referrals
- **Rhosymedre** – 5 referrals
- **Acrefair** – 3 referrals
- **Newbridge** – 0 referrals
- **Plas Madoc** – 1 referrals
- Out of area -**
- 4 self-referrals
- 3 WCBC referrals
- 1 referral CC
- Other - 23

There have been 37 new referrals over this period. There has been a noticeable increase in people coming out of hospital and looking for things to do within the community however, most are still extremely anxious, so I am in the process of building up their confidence and taking small steps to encourage them to further engage. There are on-going referrals from individuals who are looking to move/downsize their properties, along with benefit queries. There has also been a noticeable increase in referrals around fuel and/or food poverty. I am currently working with Phil from St. John's to obtain grant funding to hold a 'Fridge' at the Church where our residents will be able to come and access more fresh foods. There have been a number of changes put in place to assist with fuel poverty and I am reaching out to all our residents to make sure that they are accessing what they are able to.

I have attended several meetings over the past month and have arranged a drop-in session with the Community Catalyst in March to discuss setting up on a self-employed basis to look after the elderly or disabled. I have also attended a CPD course and have a few more arranged over the forthcoming weeks to help keep me up to date and enable me to continue providing best practice for all.

124. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. CRNCA – thanks to CRNCA who have donated a table tennis table which has been placed in the youth club, great study table – Youth Club hopefully back on site after February half term
2. Our Picturesque Landscape – Reminder meeting on Cefn Bank Monday 28th February, part of opening the view to the valley. Cllrs Mrs I Twigg & Mrs K Tiltman tendered their apologies.
3. Following on min ref 115.11 re: Bowers Road building works, met with land owner, he advised the containers would not be visible from highway, fence to be erected. Advised landowner to contact WCBC Planning, updated this week by land owner the containers will now be removed from site at the earliest opportunity.
4. As reported last month - Bat survey been done, received report, strongly advised for ecologist to be present at the start of the works. Though the chance is low, bats may be present within features identified, and disturbing them (if present) without a licensed person present would likely constitute an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act. The cost of this is £460, Cllr Mrs I Twigg proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs G Wright to comply with the recommendation, all members in favour. Clerk to instruct ecologist.
5. Cemetery path been completed, excellent job, cemetery is more accessible for all.
6. Following on from last month where I reported I had applied for the Wrexham Play Sufficiency Innovation Grant 2021-22, pleased to report we have been successful and been awarded £2k which will pay the costs of repairs to the wet pour at Gwynant play park.
7. Project co-ordinator is currently preparing a consultation/survey regarding future projects to be delivered within the next month more details to follow. Cllr D Wright

requested the survey be in paper format as not all residents have access to the internet. Also, Meeting scheduled for Thursday with PV, DW, myself, Sara Green, football clubs and heads of schools to discuss findings of feasibility study, committee meeting will be in April.

8. One 90th Birthday this month and a platinum Anniversary the chairman delivered flowers to Mrs Parlour and flowers & Chocolates to Mr & Mrs Smith – received great feedback from our social media posts
9. The Clerk stated due to time constraints with the elections and current workload, she would be grateful to allow more preparation time in readiness for the May meeting if the April meeting could be brought forward to Tuesday 12th April. – Resolved all members agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the April meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th April
10. City of Culture bid, pleased to report successful in obtaining £1K towards the football tournament, Clerk asked Cllr D Wright to report on progress of arrangements. Cllr Wright reported the tournament will be held on Thursday 28th April at Druids FC Years 5/6 pupils will take part from the four primary schools and an offer has been made to Garth/Pentre and Fron School. Pledges of donations have also been received from local business. Clerk and Cllr Wright met Chairman from Cefn Druids last week, he has very kindly agreed to provide lunch FOC and possibly sponsor the t-shirts. Hopefully, arrangements can be finalized within the next few weeks, another report to be given in March.

125. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 25th January 2022 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 25th January 2022 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

126. CLLR D METCALFE TO REPORT ON CEFN ROCK FESTIVAL AT THE EBENEZER CHAPEL

Councillor D Metcalfe reported he has been discussing the idea of holding a music event outside the Ebenezer Chapel and to tie in with the event a monthly street market to be held on a Sunday at Well Street/Crane Street, local businesses/traders would be asked which would hopefully draw more people into Cefn and increase trade for the local businesses. Cllr D Metcalfe asked for help from the Community Council particularly with organising road blocks. The Clerk reported from her past experience of organising community events with road closures the procedure to follow is to get the relevant road closure permission from WCBC, as, bus services, emergency services have to be notified of any potential disruption to the highway, you will need relevant signage i.e Amberon, Quantum Traffic Management, Liability insurances and risk assessments. The Clerk gave an example of when police were not present at a remembrance service and two members of staff had attempted to stop traffic, to no avail. Having a dozen traffic marshals with hi-vis jackets trying to manage the traffic is a difficult task.

Cllr D Wright reported of past experience and advised Cllr Metcalfe to make enquiries with WCBC highways of the procedure, stated he fully supported the idea and wished him every success with the event. Cllr Mrs S Benbow-Jones reiterated it is crucial and fundamental to follow the correct procedure with the local authority. Cllr D Metcalfe stated he understood and welcomed the constructive advice and was pleased to have a positive reception from

members. The Clerk was requested to send Cllr Metcalfe a blueprint of the procedure she follows. Members were unanimous that Cefn CC cannot apply for any road closure on behalf of any other group due to insurance purposes and were fully supportive of the event and offered the GE Hall if needed.

127. CLLR D WRIGHT TO DISCUSS & AGREE IN PRINCIPAL THE PURCHASE OF A ROAD SAFETY SIGN FOR QUEEN STREET

Councillor D Wright reported after the recent resurfacing works on Queen Street the ‘dragon’s teeth’ have not been painted back onto the road, as was. He has asked for this to be actioned by WCBC as soon as possible along with the roundels which are also missing. After speaking with residents in the area it was noted the resident’s group of Queen Street/Hill Street are under the impression that Welsh Government are to introduce a blanket 20mph zones in every community.

Cllr Wright reported he has made enquiries regarding costs for an interactive ‘happy/sad’ speed sign at an approx. cost of £2K to be placed at an appropriate location on Queen Street to assist with the reduction of speeding vehicles using this route. Cllr Wright was mindful of the work and progress the resident’s group have done thus far and does not want to hamper or spoil any progress they have made, suggesting the Clerk contact the group and ask their approval to erect a sign if they wish. Cllr D Wright proposed to purchase, seconded by Cllr P Vaughan, vote followed, all members in favour to purchase and cover costs for installation. Members were asked to visit the location for their suggestions of a suitable location, defer and place on the agenda in March to confirm exact location and clarification from the Clerk if the residents group wish to accept Cefn Community Councils offer.

128. TO RENEW LICENCE FOR CEFN MAWR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cllr D Wright took over the Chair, the Clerk reported the current licence for Cefn Mawr Historical Society is due to expire after a five-year agreement, a discussion followed. Cllr Mrs I Twigg proposed to extend the licence for a five-year period from 22.02.22 seconded by Cllr Mrs K Tiltman, vote followed – all in favour. Resolved to renew the licence for five years, clerk to action.

129. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 22nd FEBRUARY 2022
EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 10) 5098.57
T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, N Hughes-Lloyd, MC Hartshorne

Invoice No

21/178	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for Wet pour repair at Gwynant	2436.00
21/179	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for office IT	94.50
21/180	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for SSL Certificate	80.00
21/181	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for inspection of play areas as per SLA	1798.20
21/182	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for Jan (LGA 1972 sect 112) Cemetery supplies)	298.62
21/183	106453	PHS Group - invoice for GE Hall hand driers	320.16
21/184	106454	Viking Direct - invoice for office supplies	268.28
21/185	106455	SLCC - Invoice for membership fee	234.00
21/186	BACS	Comm Agent - Expenses for fuel	238.41
21/187	BACS	Cheshire Wildlife Trust - Invoice for bat survey	534.00

21/188	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for play provision as per SLA	2062.00
21/189	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for cemetery maintenance	930.00
21/190	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for Play Area maintenance	854.00
21/191	106456	Flintshire CC - Invoice for added years	237.96
21/192	106457	Offa CC - LGA 1972 sec 137 donations towards RWF memorial min ref 43 23.02.21	200.00
21/193	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for Jan (LGA 1972 sect 112) speed gun	477.88
21/194	106458	Jones Lighting - invoice for repairs	125.93
21/195	106459	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	375.15
21/196	106460	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	205.92
21/197	106461	Scottish Power - Invoice for GE Hall	1015.54

Invoices Received During Jan/Feb 22

HMRC Tax & NI (17.01.22)	1222.13
Clwyd Pension Fund (17.01.22)	785.23
CSA Payment	260.14
HSBC (27.12.21)	10.51
	<u>£20163.13</u>

Income

HMRC	2026.00
Lightsource (rec 0164)	3017.15

Burial

Francis Roberts (rec 0165)	2220.00
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GE Hall

Slimming World (Rec 0161)	519.75
G Langford (rec 0162)	110.00
Slimming World (rec 0166)	357.72
Dance Zone (Rec 0163)	286.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.01	2.22
	<u>£8538.84</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

130. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

Correspondence Received During January/February 2022:

1	WCBC - Email re: Community Agent Funding - <i>The Clerk reported she had attended a meeting earlier in the day with the commissioning officer, verbally been informed the funding for 2022-23 is in place, currently drawing up a renewed contract. Members were briefed about the piloting of hubs in different communities. – resolved for information given to be noted</i>
2	OPL - Quarterly report Sept-Dec 2021 – <i>The Clerk reminded members of the litter pick planned for Monday 28th February, Report sent to Cllr D Metcalfe.</i>
3	WCBC - Email Re Wrexham Town & CC Forum - LED conversion statement – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>

4	OVW - Email re: raising awareness - Community & Town Councillors – Resolved to send link to all
5	Jo Danson - Email re: link to a short film to promote digital trail https://vimeo.com/664753423/b84cecad3e - Resolved to be noted
6	Welsh Government - Survey re: Community Food Strategy – Resolved for Clerk to complete
7	WCBC - email re: Have your say on our proposed cycling and walking routes – Survey – Resolved to send link to Cllrs DM, PV, JJ & IT
8	We Discover Wrexham - Mind the gap 10-week programme for 16-19 year olds – Resolved to be noted
9	Royal British Legion - Plan a tree for the Jubilee - Queens Green Canopy project – Resolved to be noted
10	Welsh Water - Email re: consultation on draft water resources management plan 2024 – Resolved to send to all members
11	Clwyd Pension Fund - Employee contribution bandings for 2022/23 – Resolved to be noted
12	WCBC - Email re: UK City of Culture Bid - promotional factsheet - Resolved to be noted
13	OVW - Email re: Consultation on how to measure the inclusion of migrants in Wales – Resolved to be noted
14	OVW - Email re: Welsh Government Apprenticeship Scheme opening on 28th March 2022 - Resolved to be noted
15	WCBC - Email re: Be a councillor information – Information sent to all Cllrs
16	Rhosymedre Church, CRNCA, Nightingale House, Hope House, Urdd, Wales Air Ambulance - letter of thanks for donation - Resolved to be noted
17	Audit Wales - Fee Scheme 2022-23 - Resolved to be noted
18	The Pension Regulator - letter re: Re-enrolment – The Clerk read the contents of the letter, Resolved to be noted

131.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During January/February 2022

- P/2022/0074 Two storey side extension to side and rear
13 Maes Madoc, Acrefair
In relation to application number P/2022/0074 no observations/objections were raised
- P/2022/0103 Operation of two taxis
The Delph, Bethania Road, Acrefair
In relation to application number P/2022/0103 no observations/objections were raised
- P/2022/0117 Roof conversion works including dormer roof construction,
Glazed screen and balcony to provide additional
accommodation
Quarry Rise, Tan Y Craig, Cefn Mawr
In relation to application number P/2022/0117 no observations/objections were raised
- P/2022/0127 First floor side and rear extension
Farmfield Cottage, Bowers Road, Acrefair
In relation to application number P/2022/0127 no observations/objections were raised
- P/2022/0164 Erection of decking (in retrospect)
19-20 Hill Street, Cefn Mawr
In relation to application number P/2022/0164 The Clerk reported the application had been received yesterday, a discussion followed the Clerk was requested to write to WCBC

stating council had no objection to the decking, but strongly opposed to the removal of the hedgerow. Members requested a condition be imposed that the hedgerow is reinstated with mature hedge not saplings and planted on a like for like basis, the property is in the buffer zone for the WHS.

132.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS.

132.1 Councillor Mrs J Jones reported Llangollen Road need attention due to the potholes, Clerk will pass on the complaint. Cllr Mrs I Twigg, asked for Lancaster Terrace to be added as there are large surface defects at that location. Clerk will action.

Cllr Mrs G Wright tendered her apologies and left the meeting

132.2 Councillor P Blackwell reported two youth shelters situated at play parks in Plas Madoc seem to be attracting an increase in ASB behaviour, one had recently been set on fire. He has been contacted by several residents voicing their concern. Cllr Blackwell asked what the procedure was to remove the shelters and asked for the Clerk to make enquiries and to receive costs for removal. Cllr Blackwell will ask for letters of support from residents for the removal of the items. Resolved for the clerk to contact WCBC and to ask for a report from NWP to provide evidence. Place on the agenda for March to discuss further.

132.3 Cllr D Wright reported following the recent road closure in Rhosymedre where local members had not been notified of the works, he had made enquiries with WCBC as to why he had not been notified. It was stated that it is not protocol at present to inform local members of road closures by WCBC, which Cllr D Wright strongly disagreed with, if re-elected in May this matter will be brought to the attention of democratic services in WCBC Cllr Mrs S Benbow-Jones and Cllr P Blacked agreed to take the matter forward with Cllr Wright in May if all re-elected.

132.4 Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported on the recent road closure of the A5 due to bad weather conditions, which caused absolute chaos to Llangollen Road, Acrefair, Trevor & Llangollen. Councillor D Wright reported an article on Wrexham.com stated WCBC had submitted the correct paperwork to Welsh Government for an assessment to be carried out at the B5605, Newbridge.

132.5 Councillor D Metcalfe reported he is looking into the possibility to open the Ebenezer Chapel as a climate mitigation centre which he stated has received positive feedback from residents from the community. He asked for support from the Community Council, members stated they were unsure of what support Cllr Metcalfe is requesting as he was vague with any details. Cllr D Metcalfe advised members he could send them a link to read a sixty page document he had produced, members re-iterated the document was relating to climate change, members asked what benefit having the mitigation centre would bring by being housed at the Ebenezer Chapel, what was Cllr Metcalfe's role. Cllr D Metcalfe reported he would welcome visitors to the centre, along with a couple of volunteers, mainly on the weekends and help people widen their knowledge on climate change. Cllr P Vaughan noted the comments from Cllr Metcalfe and proceeded to the next item.

132.6 Councillor P Vaughan reported he had been contacted by an irate resident from Cae Coch regarding the installation of bollards on Footpath 24. The bollards have been installed by WCBC, which Cefn CC supported the application made on behalf of TOCRA to stop motor vehicles using the footpath. The Clerk reported she had received a telephone call

regarding the same issue, and confirmed she had advised the resident to contact WCBC if they had disputes in relation to their deeds to their property.

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