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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
GEORGE EDWARDS HALL AND ZOOM ON

24th of May 2022

Chair: P Vaughan

1. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, P Blackwell, M Hughes, Mrs J Jones, Mrs K Tiltman, Mr D Metcalfe, Mrs P Roberts, Mr D Shaw, Mrs I Twigg, Mr B Twigg, Mr G Wood and four members of the public.

Cllr Mr D Wright, Cllr Mrs G Wright, and one member of the public joined on the Zoom platform.

2. APOLOGIES None received.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

Cllr P Vaughan invited Mr Williams from the Cae Coch to speak if he wished. Mr Williams asked if council had read a report compiled by Cllr D Metcalfe regarding the footpath at Cae Coch. The Clerk advised that members have not been furnished with the report and invited Mr Williams to next month's meeting on the 28th of June after the Chairman and members had read the report.

5. TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

Monthly Council Report

13th May 22

Cefn Mawr/Rhosymedre/Newbridge/Plas Madoc

Crime trend over North Wales:

An emerging series of Vehicle Interference and Catalytic convertor thefts have been identified across Cheshire, North Wales, and West Mercia.

North Wales Police have received reports of Catalytic Converter thefts from vehicles between Thursday 21st April and Sunday 24th April 2022. Vehicles targeted were Japanese makes; HONDAS and TOYOTAS in the areas of Llangollen, Acrefair, Cefn Mawr and Ruabon.

Policing teams are proactively performing targeted patrols and vehicle stops, as well as providing Crime Prevention advice to owners of vehicles of interest.

Following this recent increase in vehicle crime, we are encouraging owners to consider the following prevention steps:

- Parking their vehicle on a drive if possible, ensuring they have good home-security (e.g. lighting, CCTV)
- Parking close to fences/walls, with the exhaust facing the kerb to restrict access
- Buying a clamp that will cover their cars cat converter
- Have their converter marked, it may act as a visible deterrent and would help identify it if stolen

Signs that a catalytic converter theft is being committed:

- A vehicle being raised using a car jack in a car park or residential area
- A loud drilling or cutting sound coming from underneath the vehicle

ASB

Whilst we have suffered a spike in ASB of recent months, we have not received any reports of youth related ASB during the last two weeks. Regular patrols of hot-spot areas are continuing and we have made good progress identifying offenders and taking positive action. During the last month we have dealt with youth related ASB/Crime by means of the following:

- 7 x Yellow Cards have been issued
- 1 x interview has taken place with admission. Individual will be referred to Youth Justice
- 2 x pending interviews and referrals to Youth Justice
- 2 x Community Resolutions are being progressed

In terms of issues taking place at Tesco; they have agreed to switch off the free WIFI from 18:00hrs every evening as youths are gathering to connect to it. Additionally, they still have no full time security; however they have a guard working Thursday – Sunday evenings.

UPDATE - Garages off Cae Gwilym Lane - Following on from reports of youths damaging the garages, Wrexham Council have commenced the clearing of the site. Just the one garage is remaining and new doors are being fitted.

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

Lara.Shiers@northwales.police.uk

Jessica.Lloyd@northwales.police.uk

Rhys.Yaxley@northwales.police.uk

Councillor D Wright expressed his frustration no police presence were present at the meeting, a discussion followed regarding the stats which are not reported. The Clerk was requested to write to the sergeant with members points raised

Three members of the public left the meeting.

6. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT
May 2022

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| ➤ 0 referrals from British Red Cross (BRC) | ➤ 5 family referrals |
| ➤ 0 referrals from Social Services (SS) | ➤ 27 self-referrals |
| ➤ Other – 11 referrals | ➤ 5 WCBC referrals |
| ➤ Cefn – 10 referrals | ➤ 1 referral from BCUHB |
| ➤ Rhosymedre – 5 referrals | |
| ➤ Acrefair – 11 referrals | |
| ➤ Newbridge – 1 referral | |
| ➤ Plas Madoc – 19 referrals | |
| ➤ Other – 3 | |

Good evening.

This month I have received 49 referrals to date. There has been a notable increase with regards to residents looking for things to do as they are starting to think about getting out & about again. Grant funding has been requested with regards to new groups being set up and running from the George Edwards Hall; 1 to upskill residents and 1 to help improve health, wellbeing, and increase levels of happiness and life satisfaction, as per the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

I have met with the Community Agent from Offa and she has visited our community and met with some residents. Annemarie will be looking to bring her residents to our community to mix with others, helping to tackle loneliness and isolation, and in turn we have been invited to take some of our residents over to activities in the Offa community, such as Bellevue Park get togethers.

I met with our new Councillor Stella Matthews on the day of elections and arranged to meet her the following Tuesday, at fish & chip bingo, should she be elected – time and place agreed, including me purchasing her meal. Unfortunately, the meeting did not go ahead, we will reschedule in the new future.

I am undertaking training this month on compassion, burnout and wellbeing. There will definitely be something to learn from this that I can share.

Many thanks, Marie-Claire

7. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. The Clerk passed a form around the room and advised members to tick their preferred mode for receiving their paperwork, either digitally or by post.
2. Members were reminded that Garden competition is on Thursday the 7th of July and requested that members encourage people to take part. The summer flowers have been planted thanks to Derwen College and the lamp post planters will be put up tomorrow around the community.
3. Councillors and volunteers attended Cefn Bank today along with Our Picturesque Landscapes to sand down and repaint the bench at Cefn Bank. The new bench will be in situ soon and the stone wall is being rebuilt.
4. A resident has been in touch as he would like to erect an 800w wind turbine on the back of his property, he would like to ask members thoughts before he approached WCBC if he requires full planning permission. Cllr Mrs I Twigg proposed that Cefn Community Council should write a letter in support of the application should he need it. Seconded by Councillor Mrs K Tiltman, All agreed.
5. The Clerk advised that she will be on sick leave from next week and hopes to be back at the office in three weeks' time. Until then she will be working from home.

8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) Minutes of the Development Committee Meeting held on 6th April 2022 – **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Development Committee Meeting held on the 6th of April 2022 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.**
- (b) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 12th of April 2022 – **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 12th of April 2022 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.**
- (c) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 17th of May 2022 – **RESOLVED that the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on the 17th of May 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity,**

9. TO CONFIRM THE CO-OPTION PROCEDURE ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS

The Clerk stated that the cut off point for expressions of interest has been brought forward due to the legislation that co-option needs to be done within 35 working days of the election, therefore she would like to call a meeting on the 14th of June 2022. All those who have expressed interest will be sent a letter listing the criteria they are required to follow and asks them to complete a short resume about themselves. This will then be circulated to all members before the meeting on Tuesday the 14th of June, face to face only. The prospective candidates will be invited in the meeting to address the council for 2-3 minutes in support of their application.

10. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 24th MAY 2022 **EXPENDITURE**

Wages/Sal from (month 1)

T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, N Hughes-Lloyd, MC Hartshorne 5364.92

Invoice No

21/230	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for cemetery maintenance	400.00
21/231	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for Play Area maintenance	774.00
21/232	BACS	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	635.00
21/234	BACS	MC Hartshorne- Expenses for Jan-March	374.97
22/001	BACS	ORP surveillance - Invoice for CCTV at rear of GE Hall	1933.20
22/002	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for April (LGA 1972 sect 112)	129.62
22/003	106481	PPL PRS - Invoice for music licence	241.23
22/004	106482	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	367.88
22/005	106483	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	161.44
22/006	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for Office IT	94.50
22/007	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for April (LGA 1972 sect 112)	177.23
22/008	BACS	WTE Printers - Invoice for Leaflets (paid from Chairs purse)	370.00
22/009	BACS	Northalls - Invoice for bench at Cefn Bank (reimbursed from OPL)	660.00
22/010	BACS	Macron Wrexham - Invoice for T-shirts (paid from grant)	853.53
22/011	106484	Flintshire County Council - Invoice for added years	237.96
22/012	106485	PHS Group - Invoice for GE Hall	320.16
22/013	106486	Viking Direct - Invoice for office & GE Hall	318.74

22/014	106487	Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for GE Hall	166.44
22/015	106488	Jones Lighting - Invoice for repairs	482.95
22/016	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for cemetery maintenance	1260.00
22/017	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for Play Area maintenance	760.00
22/018	BACS	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	325.00
22/019	106489	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	66.73
22/020	106490	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	266.18

Invoices Received During April/May 22

HMRC Tax & NI (18.04.22)	1381.16
Clwyd Pension Fund (18.04.22)	765.32
CSA Payment	217.93
HSBC (27.04.21)	13.67
WCBC NNDR	600.75
Scottish Power DD (inv 21/236)	215.84
	<u>£19936.35</u>

Income

HMRC Vat repay	3267.04
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Burial

Mossford Memorials (rec0184)	110.00
Francis Roberts (rec0185)	860.00
Thomas Funeral Directors (rec0188)	960.00
Roberts Funeral Directors (rec0190)	580.00

GE Hall

Dance Zone (rec 0182)	330.00
Dance Zone (rec 0186)	264.00
S Mainwaring (rec0187)	11.00
Slimming World (rec 0189)	382.26

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.04.22	8.48
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£6772.78

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

Correspondence Received During April / May 2022:

1		Silviculture - Email re: CC contact regarding woodland creation – <i>The Clerk read an email with regards to creation of new woodlands within local communities. Clerk to write to suggest a meeting with members. Cllrs Kate Tiltman, P Vaughan and D Metcalfe, expressed an interest</i>
2		Cefn Albion FC - Request for financial assistance – <i>The Clerk read an email from Cefn Albion Chairman requesting financial assistance for the upcoming season. Resolved – All members agreed to the request and resolved to award £1000</i>
3		Ysgol Min Y Ddol, Pentre, Rhosymedre, Acrefair, Cefn & Ruabon - letter of thanks re: Football Tournament – <i>The Clerk read letters of thanks from local school children for the football tournament – A brief report followed from Cllr D Wright, members congratulated Cllr D Wright, for his efforts. Resolved to be noted.</i>
4		Cllr D Metcalfe - Email re: Cae Coch Report – <i>Resolved to be circulated to all members, to be discussed in June</i>
5		OVW - Email re: Welsh public sector Asbestos Management – <i>Resolved to be noted.</i>
6		WCBC - Community Agent Contract – <i>The Clerk informed members that the Community Agent contract has been signed and agreed with WCBC. Resolved to Noted.</i>
7		OVW - Email re: Nature Hub – <i>Resolved to be noted.</i>
8		Wrexham Foodbank - Email re: Invitation to a gathering 30/06/22 or 02/07/22 – <i>The Clerk read the email to members requesting representatives to attend. Resolved that Cllr P Vaughan and Cllr Mrs P Roberts attend on behalf of members.</i>
9		WCBC - email re: Appointment of CC rep on the standards committee – <i>Clerk read an email from WCBC to members. Resolved that Cllr Sonia Benbow Jones be put forward to represent Cefn Community Council. As proposed by Cllr I Twigg, seconded by Cllr G Wright. All in favour.</i>
10		Cefn Mawr Historical Society - letter of thanks for donation from Chairman – <i>Resolved to be noted.</i>
11		Simon Baynes MP - Letter welcoming all returning & new members of the CC – <i>Resolved to be noted.</i>
12		WCBC - email re: Community Council membership and return of election expenses - <i>The Clerk asked members for permission to publish their contact details on the Community Council website, and to remind them that their expenses forms need to be returned ASAP.</i>

12. TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During April / May 2022

P/2022/0360 Erection of Annexe Accommodation
Bryn Adda, Pen y Bryn, Penycae
In relation to application no P/2022/0360 no observations/objections were raised

P/2022/0365 Construction of new access to create off street parking
112 Cae Gwilym Lane Cefn Mawr
In relation to application no P/2022/0365 no observations/objections were raised

P/2022/0468 Erection of dwelling on land adjacent to 1 Min Ffordd
Bethania Road
In relation to application P/2022/0468 members have requested an extension for more information to be obtained, ward members to write to the clerk with any observations/objections.

P/2022/0470 Creation of off-road parking on land opposite 25 Bodlyn, Plas Madoc.

In relation to application no P/2022/0470 no observations/objections were raised

P/2022/0471 Creation of off-road parking on land opposite 16 Bodlyn, Plas Madoc.

In relation to application no P/2022/0471 no observations/objections were raised

13.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

184.1 Cllr G Wood reported asbestos being removed from Llys Y Graig flats without appropriate safety procedures in place. Clerk to write a letter of concern to WCBC.

184.2 Cllr I Twigg would like to clarify if council are allowed to place poppies on the lampposts on Llangollen Road. The Clerk confirmed that this was possible going forward, as an offer of erection had been made by RPM Property Business.

A question was also asked on the progress of the hearing loop and the Clerk confirmed that installation as due to commence this week.

184.3 Cllr S Benbow Jones stated that the residents of High Street have requested that speed bumps be place in the region of the RAFA Club. The Clerk stated that since speed bumps were removed from the area by WCBC it is highly unlikely they will be put back since speed has been reduced to 20mph. Cllr SBJ requested that the PCSOs deploy the speed gun in the area.

184.4 Cllr D Wright stated that he has written a letter to Arriva to reroute a part of the Wrexham - Oswestry bus route. He will update members when he has a reply.

184.5 Cllr D Wright drew members attention to item 23 on the previous minutes from page 11 where Councillor D Metcalfe stated that he is the second largest employer in Cefn. Cllr D Wright confirmed that he has gathered information with regards to local employers and their staffing numbers. His findings are as follows-

LOCAL EMPLOYER	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
Crane medical Centre	10
Caritas Surgery	13
Cefn Taxi Service	Figures Supplied
Chemist	5 Plus locum chemists
Rhosymedre School	41
Cefn School	31
Cefn Community Council	5
Magnolia House	22
ATT Offices	7
Henry Williams	56
Little Kitchen	3
Tesco	120
Ty Mawr	4 Plus Volunteers
Tesco	120

184.6 Cllr J Jones reported that the bin on Cefn Bank has not been relocated yet. The Clerk confirmed that she will chase this up.

184.7 Cllr P Roberts reported that the fridge and freezer which were fly tipped in Newbridge have been removed.

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