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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

12th of April 2022

Chair: P Vaughan

154. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, P Blackwell, M Hughes, Mrs J Jones, Mrs K Tiltman, Mr D Metcalfe, Mrs J Parrish, Mrs P Roberts, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright, and one member of the public.

Mrs P Roberts and Mr D Metcalfe joined on the Zoom platform.

155. APOLOGIES None received.

156.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received

157.PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

1. The Chairman welcomed Mr Roberts to the meeting and invited him to address members. Mr Roberts wished to thank council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Cefn Albion FC and proceeded to brief members on the current position with regards to the football club, which is currently playing their matches out of the area. The clerk and chairman thanked Mr Roberts for the briefing. The Clerk read the response on behalf of the council and stated that Cefn Community Council is committed to working with Cefn Albion and other stakeholders within the community to redevelop the MUGA and provide the facilities that allow the club to be based at their home village.

2. The Chairman declared that he has been in discussion with Councillor Mr D Wright and the Clerk, and as this is the last meeting before the election, an open letter should be sent to residents, not only to publicly thank the current sitting council, plus staff past and present, but also to outline the achievements of the work of the council between the period of 2017-2022. This is to be in leaflet format and delivered to the residents by staff, not members, as the leaflet will be of an informative nature, and not political.

158.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

None received due to the council meeting being held earlier than originally scheduled. The Clerk has requested information on ASBs in the area, but none has been received. Councillor Mrs Sonia Benbow Jones confirmed that she has had several incidents reported to her of ASB outside Tesco, She reported that she has been in touch with Tesco as youths are throwing stones at cars on Oxford Road and harassing customers outside the store. In addition to this, the new meadow at Ty Mawr has been vandalised. Councillor Mrs Benbow Jones has asked Tesco to increase security, but they have responded to say that they have had their budget cut. As an alternative, Cllr Benbow Jones has requested that the store manager write to head office to

obtain permission to turn off the wifi as it may attract young people. Cllr Derek Wright advised that this is a police matter and requested that the clerk to write to NWP to increase patrols in the area.

159. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT

April 2022

- 0 referrals from British Red Cross (BRC)
- 1 referral from Social Services (SS)
- Other – 5 referrals
- 6 family referrals
- 21 self-referrals
- 3 WCBC referrals
- 5 referrals from BCUHB

- **Cefn** – 9 referrals
- **Rhosymedre** – 2 referrals
- **Acrefair** – 3 referrals
- **Newbridge** – 0 referrals
- **Plas Madoc** – 17 referrals
- **Other** – 10

Good evening.

So far this month I have received 43 referrals! I have received several referrals from 2 Community Councillors this month, and 1 referral in particular contacted Sonia Benbow - Jones who isn't even their local councillor. This gentleman was feeling suicidal but reached out as a last attempt to find someone that could help him. This referral was 1 of 3 brothers however, 1 brother took his own life in 1996 and the other in 2015. I met with him for 90 minutes initially once I had convinced him to let me into his property. We maintained contact over the weekend and met up again on the Monday. In the space of less than 2 weeks this guy has turned his life around! He volunteers at the CRNCA, he has signed up to the local gym and is looking to run classes there as he is a Thai Boxer, he attends the Men's Shed and has become a mentor for 2 gentlemen who attend, he has made several friends, and now has confidence to get out and about and openly discuss his mental health in the hope that it helps others. I have referred him to Business Wales and they are helping him to look for funding to set up his own business.

The Uplift Your Life course at St. John's Church, Rhosymedre is coming to an end on 8th April and we are looking to secure funding to enable to course to continue and allow working in partnership with other agencies, therefore further improving the lives of our residents.

Many thanks,
Marie-Claire

160. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. Letter was read to members from Mrs J Parrish to advise of her resignation from council. Clerk and members thanked Jane for her dedication to the council and wished her well in her future endeavours.
2. The Clerk was pleased to report that a date has been set for the Community In Bloom competition, which will be Thursday the 7th July 2022. This is to be judged by Paul Moss and students from Derwen College. The Clerk asked members to spread the news to the local community, and entry forms are available from the office. The summer planting for the community planters will take place on the 19th and 20th of May, again with help and assistance from Derwen college.
3. The Clerk read the report from the Project Coordinator to members, so far a £38,000.00 Grant has been awarded to the Green Spaces Project with the North Wales Wildlife Trust. £34,854.00 grant from the WCVA Landfill disposables tax scheme for repairs to the roof at George Edwards Hall, which is now completed, and new windows and doors which will be installed in a few weeks.
4. The Clerk confirmed that payments to Scottish power have changed to direct debit, this is because the rate was more favourable than receiving a quarterly invoice. In previous years this was done by cheque, Clerk to set up direct debit mandate payment for Scottish Power tariff, and Salix re-payments. The first Salix payment of £7144 will be in April then every six months to April 2027. All members agreed to pay using direct debit.
5. The Clerk was pleased to inform members that the boxing tournament held at George Edwards Hall on the 2nd of April by the Maelor Boxing Club was well attended and very positive comments were received.
6. The clerk expressed sincere thanks to all members for their continued support throughout this last term of office. Special thanks went to Chairman Phil Vaughan and Vice chair Derek Wright for their guidance and full support in some challenging times over the last five years. The Clerk stated that she was extremely proud of the achievements the current council has made and looks forward to the next five years.

161.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 22nd March 2022 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 22nd of March 2022 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

162. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS REPORT

The Clerk reported she had not received any formal notifications from the Returning Officer listing those Candidates that have been returned unopposed, and any other matters related to the Council elections on 5th May 2022. The information she has, was retrieved from the WCBC website. The information states that candidates have been returned unopposed for community council and that there are two new members from May. Currently there will be one vacancy for Cefn ward and one vacancy for Acrefair and Penybryn for co-option. The Clerk confirmed that she has now advertised these positions and asked prospective candidates to submit their

expression of interest to herself at Cefn Community Council, stating Name, Address, and contact details. All potential candidates will be invited for interview. The Clerk asked members to decide on a closing date for the interviews to take place. Cllr Derek Wright proposed the date of the 28th of June 2022, with a view to holding interviews prior to the July meeting. Seconded by Councillor S Benbow Jones. Clerk to organise the interviews.

163.TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE REMOVAL OF THE SHELTERS AT GWYNANT PLAY PARK IN PLAS MADOC. – DEFERRED FROM FEBRUARY

Councillor Mr P Blackwell stated that he has not been able to pursue this and will resume after elections.

164. LETTER FROM AVOW

Cllr Derek Wright read a letter from AVOW stating that Cllrs Mr P Vaughan and Mrs J Jones have won a certificate of volunteering from AVOW for their valued service to local communities in Wrexham County Borough. Admin assistant to organise how the councillors are to receive the certificates.

165. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE REMEDIAL WORKS TO TREFYNANT CEMETARY DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS.

The Clerk reported that due to health and safety concerns at Trefynant cemetery, and a letter received from the maintenance contractor, she has met with local company Cefn Mawr Driveways who have provided a quotation to undertake the remedial works. The Clerk explained the work to be undertaken includes filling in the potholes, removing and re-laying the tarmac from the entrance down to the cabin, and edging the roadway, this will prevent any trip hazards. Clerk showed members two options for the edging stones, members agreed to grey stone. The Clerk explained that, as the total price for the work was under £6,000 there is no requirement to obtain the standard three quotes. Also, as a good will gesture the quotation provided was reduced by £3K as the contractors are residents of the community and advised they wish to help the community. Councillor Mrs Sonia Benbow Jones proposed to accept the quotation of £5500, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Jones. Vote followed all members in favour.

166.TO CONFIRM MEETING DATES FOR MAY 2022

The Clerk stated to members that the AGM needs to take place within 14 days of the election and proposed the date of the 17th May. A full council meeting will then take place on the 24th of May. Clerk and assistant are to organise induction packs for each councillor, and these are to be collected and signed for when ready.

167.TO DISCUSS AND AGREE REMOTE ACCESS TO NWP FOR CCTV

The Clerk stated that North Wales Police have requested remote access to the CCTV system at the council offices. The Clerk agreed that it would be beneficial for NWP to obtain 24-hour access to the system as currently this is only possible during office opening hours.

The CCTV installation company have advised that this is possible at a cost of £300. The Clerk confirmed that she has written to North Wales Police to advise them of this should they wish to absorb this cost themselves but has had no response so far.

168. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 12th APRIL 2022
EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 12)

T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, N Hughes-Lloyd, MC Hartshorne 5498.27

Invoice No

21/216	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for monthly IT	94.50
21/217	BACS	Marks Electrical - Invoice for GE Hall	310.00
21/218	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for contribution for youth services as per SLA	2824.85
21/219	BACS	Cheshire Wildlife Trust - Invoice ofr supervision works (bat Survey)	300.00
21/220	106480	SC Smith Roofing - Invoice for GE Hall	13980.00
21/221	106475	SC Smith Roofing - Invoice for GE Hall (Extra works)	1500.00
21/222	106476	JDH Business - Invoice for interim Audit	507.60
21/223	106477	Hafren Dyfrdwy - Invoice for GE Hall	199.08
21/224	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for March (LGA 1972 sect 112)	123.86
21/225	BACS	Hallam Heating - Invoice for GE Hall	206.26
21/226	106478	Scottish Power - Invoice for GE Hall	389.29
21/227	106479	Hafren Dyfrdwy - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	78.08
21/228	BACS	Ernie's Carpets - Invoice for GE Hall	1195.00
21/229	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for March (LGA 1972 sect 112)	34.14

Invoices Received During Feb/March 22

HMRC Tax & NI (16.03.22)	1184.27
Clwyd Pension Fund (16.03.22)	765.32
CSA Payment	260.14
HSBC (27.03.21)	11.84
	<u>£29462.50</u>

Income

Vodafone (Rec 0178)	1250.00
Tesco Stores (Rec 0179)	6250.00
WCBC Precept	51592.00

Burial

GE Hall

Slimming World (Rec 0180)	337.48
G Langford (rec 0181)	137.50

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.03.22	6.93
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£59573.91

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

169. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

Correspondence Received During March/April 2022:

1		Audit Wales Office -The Clerk read an email to members regarding the Audit notice 2021-22. <i>Resolved to be noted.</i>
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2		Clywd Pension Fund – <i>The Clerk read an email with regards to Year end compliance. Resolved to be noted</i>
3		OVW - Email re: Smarter working, a remote strategy for Wales. <i>Resolved to be noted.</i>
4		Community Health Council - News Release March 2022. <i>The clerk read the email to members. Clerk to send members a copy of the report.</i>
5		Future commissioner for Wales - Manifesto for the future. <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
6		PPL PRS - Email to renew music licence for George Edwards Hall for the forthcoming 12 months. <i>Resolved. Clerk to action.</i>
7		The Clerk read an email from E A Technology in regard to a WCBC pilot project for smart local energy system. <i>Resolved to be noted. Clerk to send link to members.</i>
8		WCBC - Email re: Financial returns for Community Agent. <i>The Clerk read the contents of the email and reported an slight underspend and suggested that the money be used to hold an event at the hall. Resolved to be noted.</i>
9		WCBC - Email re: UK City of Culture Bid. <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
10		WCBC - Email re: declaration letter & appointment of town and community council representative on the standards committee. <i>Resolved to be noted, Clerk to discuss with members after the elections have taken place.</i>
11		Cllr M Singh - Email re: Filming in Cefn Mawr. <i>The Clerk read the contents to members, Resolved to be noted.</i>
12		Denbighshire CC – update re: LDP Plan 2018-2033. <i>Resolved to be noted.</i>
13		WCBC – email re: Off street parking order 2022. <i>The Clerk confirmed that the only change is all disabled charges have been removed from all council operated car parks. Resolved to be noted.</i>

170.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During March/April 2022

P/2022/0310

Retention of external shelter
Queens Hotel, Queen Street, Cefn Mawr

In relation to application number P/2022/0310 no observations/objections were raised

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| 1. Item 1-Roger Lee Planning Ltd – Email re: outline application for the development of up to 33 dwellings at Bethania Road, Acrefair |
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The Clerk confirmed that an email has been received from Roger Lee Planning Ltd with regards to a prospective 33 dwelling estate to be erected on Bethania Road, Acrefair. WCBC have advised a consultation needs to be done with the local community before progressing to planning permission. Cllr Paul Blackwell advised that he has concerns as the site is the location of a phenol dump. Cllr Derek Wright stated in his opinion that the site is not of sufficient size to build 33 homes, councillors agreed. The Clerk was requested to write with Councils objections expressing concerns on the proposed number of dwellings, to the scale of the site, and impact on neighbouring properties.

171.REPORTS FROM MEMBERS.

171.1 Cllr P Blackwell stated that the WCBC litter bin at Peris still has not been reinstated after being damaged by a contractor last year. Clerk to contact WCBC for an update.

171.2 Cllr Ben Twigg has requested that the Clerk write to WCBC to enquire if an electric car charging point can be installed in the carpark at Cefn bank

171.3 Chair Mr P Vaughan has advised members that he attended a City of Culture Bid meeting on behalf of the Cefn Community Council. He reported that each community has

been appointed an ambassador, through which residents can ask questions and funnel ideas. Councillor P Vaughan stated that he has been tasked with filling this role for the Cefn Community.

171.4 Councillor Mr M Hughes advised that there is an exhibition on at Ty Pawb which features local terracotta and brickworks companies.

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