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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GEORGE EDWARDS
HALL AND ZOOM ON
19th of July 2022
Chair: P Vaughan

29. PRESENT Councillors: Mrs S Benbow-Jones, P Blackwell, Mrs H Brimfield, M Hughes, Mrs J Jones, Mrs K Tiltman, Mr D Metcalfe, Mrs P Roberts, Mrs I Twigg, Mr B Twigg, Mr G Wood, also Sergeant Rhod Ifans, PCSO Rhys Yaxley from North Wales Police

30. APOLOGIES Cllrs - S Roberts, D Shaw, D Wright and Mrs G Wright

31. TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received

32. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None received

33. TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman invited Sergeant Rhod Ifans and PCSO Rhys Yaxley from North Wales Police to report to members about the increase in local ASB incidents.

Sergeant Ifans confirmed to members that there has been an increase in reported incidents to the Police. Tesco, Cefn Mawr has been identified as an ASB hotspot, and after a 'Demand and Reduction' meeting with Tesco and the Problem-Orientated Policing (POP) Team, a number of ways have been identified that could tackle the issues. Gangs of youths are gathering in the area for free Wifi usage, toilets, and shelter. There have also been incidents of shoplifting.

The store Wifi is now turned off during the evening, and the toilets are to be 'key only'. Further to this the inconsistent security presence at the store was addressed with Tesco and they have stated that for the next three months security presence will be increased at the Cefn Mawr store.

Sgt Ifans reported to council that two new constables and one new PCSO have joined his department to oversee the local area. He acknowledged that while the areas PCSOs work very hard to engage with the youths in the community, they are not making as much progress as they would like, this is partly due to the fact that the perpetrators of anti-social behaviour are aware of their limited powers.

The local policing team have been working closely with the youth service, and are looking to expand and innovate youth club sessions during the summer months – this could include rewarding those who attend the clubs with days out, more free food etc. Of late, they are unfortunately having more success going down the tenancy enforcement route with WCBC rather than trying to engage with the children via the Youth Service. Those who are causing

the most ASB incidents have been unperturbed by Police presence. Three tenancy notices were handed out last month as currently, this seems to be the only solution in tackling some of the youth's behaviour.

There has also been a number of convictions in the area over the last two months, and all members of the public are encouraged to report matters to the police without fear of retribution. More user friendly ways of reporting are being looked at, as if ASB is not being reported, the police cannot provide evidence for funding for youth provision.

The local policing team are looking to secure funding with WCBC and NWP for an 'ASB Trailer' to pitch up in local areas are to engage with the community and put them more at ease with reporting their concerns.

With regards to the crime statistics for the Cefn Community, Sgt Ifans agreed that they are too broad and need more in-depth clarification, for example all 'violent offences' reports are in the same category, however these could range very minor incidents to extremely serious ones, resulting in data which could be potentially alarming for residents. This is being addressed with the statistics team.

Cllr S Benbow Jones asked for clarity on filming incidents - is this a breach of Privacy Law? Sgt Ifans stated that if an offence is being committed, such as criminal damage, then it is acceptable to film the perpetrators using a mobile phone, as long as the footage was presented to the Police.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Ifans and PCSO Yaxley for their time and the left the meeting.

Monthly Council Report

13th July 2022

Cefn Mawr/Rhosymedre/Newbridge/Plas Madoc

1 x Burglary residential - Entry was gained to an unoccupied property shed whereby a bike was stolen. The bike has been returned to the owner and there is no forthcoming complaint.

4 x Anti-Social Behaviour

5 x Common assault

8 x Criminal Damage

1 x Hate Related

3 x Theft

1 x Theft from motor vehicle

15 x Domestic incidents

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

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Jessica.Lloyd@northwales.police.uk

Rhys.Yaxley@northwales.police.uk

34. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT

July 2022

- 1 referral from British Red Cross (BRC)
- 2 referrals from Social Services (SS)
- Other – 31 referrals
- 10 family referrals
- 26 self-referrals
- 4 WCBC referrals
- 5 referrals from BCUH
- Cefn – 16 referrals
- Rhosymedre – 27 referrals
- Acrefair – 11 referrals
- Newbridge – 1 referral
- Plas Madoc – 21 referrals
- Other – 3

Good evening.

This month has been extremely busy and I have received 79 referrals to date. I am working closely with BCUHB and the Primary Care Team based in Ty Derbyn. A large proportion of our community are under either primary or secondary care and this team have commented on how wonderful our service is that we provide to individuals. This was lovely to hear as it doesn't hurt to be reminded what a difference I'm able to make to the people I support. The majority of our referrals have mental ill health, and this is a root cause to other problems they are experiencing. Amongst the older generation, this is not something which is ordinarily discussed however, being in a position to casually discuss this topic does mean that everyone I meet confides in me. I met a lady a few weeks ago who required assistance with a matter, who always looked down and was quiet. Whilst at this appointment we got talking and within the first hour I had established that she lived with depression. After just that one appointment there has been a noticeable improvement to this lady. She is now seen smiling and is talking and laughing with others. She has thanked me and said she hasn't felt this happy in several years and had forgotten what it was like to laugh. I know I may say this a lot however, I love my job and I am honoured to be a welcomed part of this community.

There has been an influx of referrals who are looking to access to grant funding for larger household items such as sofas and beds etc, and I feel that this is because there's a lot of concern over the increase in the cost of living. Whilst I am signposting to events that are being held to offer advice regarding benefits and forthcoming grants, our residents seem to prefer the 1-2-1 that I am able to provide, along with the person-centred approach. There is also the added benefit of knowing my community and residents so, for the most, that relationship is already established.

Finally, I continue to work closely with the local police in helping to combat the drug problem within our community.

35. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. The Community Consultation survey is now online, please could members complete this and encourage local people to do the same, paper copies will be out shortly.
2. The work to retarmac part of the drive at Trefynant Cemetery is now complete. The Clerk suggests Council place money in the precept to undertake phase two of the work next year (2023)
3. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Mugs have now been distributed to the four local schools, many thanks to the Councillors who presented them on behalf of Cefn Community Council.
4. A reminder that the litter pick is tomorrow, the 20th of July, meeting in the Carpark opposite the Eagles Pub.
5. Repairs to the road at Newbridge is due to start in Autumn of this year and will take approximately 50 weeks to complete.
6. WCBC have taken enforcement action against a property on Hill Street, the retrospective application for a decking area has been refused.

7. Wrexham.com made an FOI request for the City of Culture bid destination of grants, Cefn Community Council were the only community council in the borough that made an application.
8. New windows and doors are currently being fitted at the Hall. Further to an enquiry by a local business owner, WCBC have clarified that there are no restrictions under Article 4 (Conservation) as this does not apply to public buildings. The Clerk has welcomed the planning officer and conservation officer to view the ongoing work when a time is convenient for them.
9. The Clerk wished members a pleasant summer break.

36. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 28th of June 2022 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 28th of June 2022 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***
- (b) To confirm the minutes of the Staffing meeting (held in part 2) on the 6th of July ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Staffing Meeting (held In Part 2) on the 6th of July 2022 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

37. TO CONFIRM POWERS BE DELEGATED TO CLERK, CHAIR & VICE CHAIR TO DEAL WITH URGENT ISSUES DURING AUGUST RECESS, AND TO AUTHORISE ALL INVOICES FOR PAYMENT AND SALARIES

All in favour that the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman be delegated these powers during August recess.

38. TO RE-AFFIRM IPRW ALLOWANCES

The Independent Remuneration Panel of Wales. The Clerk reported that over the last 3 years members of Cefn Community Council have voted to forgo their yearly entitlement allowance. The Clerk requested that members advise on their position for 2022–2023.

Cllr Sonia Benbow Jones proposed that for the period 2022-2023 members do not take the allowance, this was seconded by Cllr I Twigg. All in favour. The Clerk asked members to sign a form to confirm their renunciation of allowances.

39. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 19th JULY 2022 EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 3)
T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, N Hughes-Lloyd, MC Hartshorne 5122.62

Invoice No

22/046	BACS	Slick Stickers - Invoice for CCTV signs	176.00
22/047	BACS	Oolong Sports - Invoice for MUGA consultancy fees	450.00
22/048	BACS	Cefn Mawr Driveways Ltd - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	6600.00
22/049	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for Trefynant maintenance	1160.00
22/050	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - invoice for Play area maintenance	750.00
22/051	BACS	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	85.00
22/052	BACS	WCBC - Invoice for Youth Service SLA	5748.57
22/053	106500	JDH Business Services - Invoice for 2021/22 Audit	507.60
22/054	106501	PHS Group - invoice for hand driers	322.66

22/055	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for July (LGA 1972 sect 112)	232.66
22/056	106503	Snowdonia Windows - Invoice for GE Hall	25769.76
22/057	106505	Wybone - Invoice for dog waste bags	272.95

Invoices Received During June/July 22

HMRC Tax & NI (17.06.22)	1260.60
Clwyd Pension Fund (17.06.22)	936.58
CSA Payment	217.93
HSBC (27.06.21)	10.50
WCBC NNDR	602.00
	<u>£50225.43</u>

Income

Burial

WJ & R Thomas (rec0194)	200.00
Marcher Stone (rec 0196)	110.00
Roberts Funeral Directors (Rec 0200)	205.00

GE Hall

G Langford (rec 0202)	137.50
Slimming World (0201)	337.48
Dance Zone (rec 0199)	255.75

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.06.22	8.70
	<u>£1254.43</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

40. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

Correspondence Received During June/July 2022:

1		Royal British Legion - letter of thanks for contribution – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
2		WCBC - Acknowledgement re: EV charging points – <i>Clerk read an email which stated that Cefn Bank will be added to list of Electric changing point sites when funding is secured to expand the network</i>
3		Ken Skates MS – Newsletter – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
4		AVOW - AGM Friday 23/09/22 - <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
5		Simon Baynes MP – Newsletter - <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
6		BCUHB - response re: GP Face to face appointments – <i>Clerk read an email from a representative of BCUHB, which stated that face to face appointments are not being led by policy and down to each individual practice, Resolved.</i>
7		ROSPA - Play safety reports for Plas Kynaston - <i>The Clerk stated that the report has been completed, with three medium risks identified, the rest are low risk. Clerk to instruct staff to complete repairs. Resolved.</i>
8		KWT - Local place for Nature applications – <i>Clerk stated to members that if they have any proposals for the nature packages, to advise staff and they will make the enquires. Resolved.</i>
9		Ms A Jones - email re: request for allotments in the community - <i>A discussion followed to identify a suitable site. The Clerk to make enquiries with WCBC with regards to the field on Bro Gwilym.</i>

10		OVW - Sustainable Steps Wales - Action Grants – <i>Clerk to forward email to Cllr Metcalfe, Resolved to be noted.</i>
11		AVOW - email re: Press release – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
12		WCBC - Carbon Literacy courses – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
13		Welsh Government - Email re: Stakeholder toolkit - <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
14		Welsh Government - Email re: A fairer Council Tax Consultation - <i>Clerk to email link to members. Resolved</i>

41. TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications Received During June / July 2022

None received.

42. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

42.1 Cllr P Roberts reported that the gutters in Newbridge require cleaning.

42.2 Cllr D Metcalfe reported to members that he attended the Carbon Neutral course and it was very informative.

42.3 Cllr Wood advised that there is a lot of anti-social driving on Rock Road Rhosymedre and required that Cefn Community Council's speed gun be deployed on that stretch of road. The Clerk to speak with police to action this.

Following Item of Business : Exclusion of Press & Public

CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) act 1960, which applies to Community Councils, it was RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the undermentioned item of business, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

43. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STAFFING MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2022

Resolved, all members in favour to agree and accept recommendations within the staffing minutes.

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