

**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 held at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor N.M. Davies: Chairman**

**Councillor A. Davies.**

**Councillor J. I. Davies**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**Councillor D. Rees**

**Councillor A. Rowlands**

**Councillor A. Parsley**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor C. Caldwell**

**Councillor P. Griffiths**

**Councillor A. Weatherall**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**County Councillor S. Copple**

**Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council**

**94/24 APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER TO THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Aled Davies who had been co-opted onto the Council at the November meeting of the Council. Mr Davies duly signed the Acceptance of Office form, agreeing to abide by the Councils Code of Conduct Policy.

**95/24 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

No members of the public were present.

**96/24 PARKING OF VEHICLES YSCEIFIOG VILLAGE**

The Chairman, Councillor N. Davies welcomed to the meeting Mr Sean Kearns representing Ysceifiog Village Hall Committee. Mr Kearns advised that following the erection and then removal of the vehicle parking restriction sign at Bryn Heulog, Ysceifiog, vehicle parking facility within the village had been discussed at the Village Hall, committee meeting.

Given the local topography of the village parking of vehicles during local events at the Village Hall, or St. Mary's Church, without causing obstructions had become difficult.

Mr Kearns further advised that his purpose of attending the Council meeting was to highlight the problem and seek the Council's support in forming a working group consisting of representatives from the Church Hall, St. Mary's Church, and the Fox Inn, to examine the problem and identify any potential alleviation actions to the problem.

The Chairman advised that the Council, would be very willing to work with the working group. However, on the understanding that the Council, had no powers of enforcement or financial resources for such matters. It would also be extremely helpful if before the group started its meetings that a survey be conducted to identify the extent of the problem within the community.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kearns for his attendance.

#### **97/24 SUMMER PLAYScheme 2023/24**

Mr Darren Morris, Sumer Playscheme Manager, Flintshire County Council, had been invited to the meeting to discuss this year's scheme and proposals for next year's scheme. The Charman welcomed Mr Morris to the meeting.

Darren advised that looking at the previous year's attendance records for the scheme the setting had been in decline. For some years. Methods of advertising and the branding of the scheme were being introduced for this year together with loose parts play equipment for creative play development.

Darren further advised that the Authority, was promoting a proposal to encourage Councils to sign up to a three-year playscheme commitment, on a fixed cost basis. Improvement to the recruiting and promotion method for next year's schemes were being enhanced.

The Chairman advised that consideration, would be given as to the Council's future participation in the scheme, and thanked Mr Morris for this attendance.

#### **98/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor N. Davies declared an interest in agenda item No. 8 .A. Planning Application No COU/000958/23.

#### **99/24MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED:**

Proposed by Councillor A. Parsley, and seconded by Councillor A. Rowlands, the minutes of the meeting held the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved as a correct record.

## **100/24 STREETSCENE SERVICES – REPORTED ISSUES**

The Clerk advised that further to minute No 83/23 (A) the manager of the poultry farm at Babell, had advised the Council, that following monitoring of the poultry collection teams no evidence, of littering had been found. However, further monitoring would continue.

Councillor A. Parsley advised that further to minute No. 83/23 (C) the highway verge land slip had not been dealt with. However, the lane from Afonwen, had been cleaned and was much improved.

The Clerk advised that further to Minute No. 83/23 (E) Streetscene Services had provided an additional grit bin and grit piles over the length of Fisheries Hill.

Councillor A. Rowlands reported that further to Minute No. 83/23 (D) the fly tipping had been addressed.

Members reported the following issues :-

- A. Mynydd Llan, Babell. – Road surface in extremely poor condition and in need of surface repairs.
- B. Ffordd Y Graig, Lixwm – Road gullies in need of cleaning.

## **101/24 PROPOSED PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN / CYCLE WAY – FORMER RAILWAY LINE MOLD TO DENBIGH**

Further to Minute No. 74/23 the Clerk reported that positive supportive responses had been received from all the Town and Community Councils. Mold Town Council had advised that it was seeking further information from Flintshire County Council on the status of the Active Travel Plan. Any information received would be shared with the Council.

Councillor S. Coppel advised that he had contacted Hannah Blythyn A. M. requesting that this proposal be included within the proposed New National Park for North East Wales.

## **102/24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

### **A) INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES**

The Council has received the annual report for 2023/2024. The recommendations in the report set out changes to the way Members Allowances will be recorded and reported in future years.

**B) STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Notice of vacancy for a Town and Community Council Representative.

**C) CEMEX PANT Y PWLL DWR QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notice has been received that a meeting will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 commencing at 11.00am.  
Councillor J. I. Davies advised that he had not received any notice of the meeting.  
The Clerk advised that he would bring this to the attention of the Quarry administrator.

**D) FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION on DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - SPG**

The Council has received notice of the above consultation from the Planning Authority. The consultation relates to Draft Supplementary Guidance, following the adoption of the Local Development Plan.

- New Housing in the Open Countryside
- Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings
- Conversion of Rural Buildings

The Planning Authority, link to the documentation has been provided to members of the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above information be received.

**103/24SUMMER PLAYScheme REPORT 2024**

The Chairman invited comments regarding this year's proposed provision. Members expressed their disappointment over the attendance of the 2023 scheme. Under the current delivery model, it did not appear to be appealing to the children within the community and was not providing value for money.

Given the current budget pressures It was agreed that the Council would not participate in this year's scheme. However, it would explore other avenues of supporting children's facilities within the community.

#### **104/24 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS COUNCILLOR STEVE COPPLE**

Councillor S. Copple provided members with a written report of the activities conducted during the last month. Heavily featured within the report, was the ongoing discussions regarding the County Council budget requirements and setting for the fiscal year 2024/25.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Copple for his report.

#### **105/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **A) COU/000958/23**

Conversion of Outbuilding to Holiday Accommodation.

Garneddwen Fawr, Lixwm, CH8 8JS

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council made no objections subject to the following conditions:-

- A. The development remains as part of curtilage of the existing property.
- B. The development will not be used for residential use, accept for the purpose of holiday accommodation.
- C. That the holiday letting be a maximum of eleven months per calendar year.

#### **106/24 ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING SCHEDULE JANUARY/MARCH 2024**

Councillor A. Rowlands advised that she would be attending the Charing Skills Module, to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

Councillor A. Davies advised that he would attend the Induction, and Code of Conduct Modules, and would advise the Clerk of his availability.

#### **107/24 SETTING OF BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25**

The Chairman reported, that following draft budget meetings with the Clerk, a draft budget and precept options report had been provided for Members consideration.

The Clerk advised that due to increasing energy and running costs together with diminishing reserves held by the Council, budgetary provision had been reduced or deferred for the next fiscal year.

Members agreed that any precept increase needed to be kept as low as possible.

##### **RESOLVED:**

- That the draft budget for 2024/25 was approved.
- That the precept for 2024/25 be set at £35,382 making a band D property charge for 2024/25 fiscal year £51.26.
- That the Clerk's salary for 2024/25 be set at £12,494.
- That the Clerk's Establishment Allowance for 2024/25 be set at £1,000.

## **108/24**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**RESOLVED:** That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

<b>BACS Transfer)</b> A. Roberts - Clerk's Salary and Est Allowance (January)	£873.73
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> A. Roberts – Microsoft Services Fees (November)	£61.32
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<b>BACS Transfer)</b> Audit Wales – 2023 Audit fees	£200.00
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> Mike Turner – Supply of Christmas Tree	£280.00
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> Green Lion Ltd – Web Hosting Fees	£220.62
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> A. Roberts – Clerk's Back pay award 2023/24	£454.00
<b>1380)</b> Canon U k Ltd – Copy Fees	£33.64
<b>1381)</b> P. Jones Computers Ltd I. T. Support fees	£90.00
<b>1382)</b> H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE (November)	£253.56
<b>1383)</b> Scottish Power Ltd – Energy Fees	£587.51

## **109/24**DURATION OF THE MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed by the Chairman at 9.35 pm.  
Date of next meeting: **Monday 19th February 2024** to be held at Ysceifiog Village Hall, for 7.30 pm.

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_