

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held 19th February 2024 held at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

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

110/24 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

No members of the public were present.

111/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared in respect of business on meeting agenda.

112/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor A. Parsley, and seconded by Councillor A. Rowlands, the minutes of the meeting held the 15th January 2024 were approved as a correct record.

113/24 STREETSCENE SERVICES – REPORTED ISSUES

The following issues were reported: -

Bryn Sion Hill, Babel – Road surface erosion and potholes.

Babell, Caerwys Crossroads – Finger post road sign damaged.

Mynydd Llan Road Babell, - Road surface potholes.

Ysceifiog to Afonwen Road – Fallen trees onto road safety barrier.

School Lane, Lixwm, - Street light not working.

Ffordd Y Graig, Lixwm, - Road gully needs cleaning.

Ffordd Walwen, Lixwm, - Boundary hedge obstructing the highway.

Councillor S. Coppel reported that following a review by Streetscene Services, the regular attendance to Council meetings by Streetscene Co-ordinators had been suspended.

RESOLVED:

That the above issues be reported to the Highway Authority.

114/24 PROVISION OF TABLE AT AMENITY AREA YSCEIFIOG

The Chairman reported that following the installation of the table the Council had received a complaint that the table had not been installed in the agreed location. The Clerk advised that following a site meeting with the contractor the table had been moved a meter from the proposed location to avoid entrapment and ensure free movement and access to the seat.

Councillor D. Rees reported that he had received support for the location of the table from residents.

The Council, agreed to leave the table in its current location. However, the location would be monitored for six months at the end of which a further review would be undertaken.

It was also agreed that a letter be sent to the resident who had raised concerns to explain the Council's actions.

115/24 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - Notice of vacancy for a Town and Community Council Representative.

Further to minute No. 102/24B The Council had received five nominations for the filling of the vacancy. The Chairman invited nominations: -

First nomination Councillor R. Griffiths, second nomination Councillor R. Davies.

116/24CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A) Invitation to Nominate Representative a to Attend Garden Party at Buckingham Palace 8th and 21st May 2024.**
- B) One Voice Wales - Training Schedule – January – March 2024.**
Councillors A. Davies advised that he would advise the Clerk of his availability. Councillor A. Rowlands advised that she had attended the Chairmans training module and had found it highly informative.
- C) New National Park Proposal.**
The Council has received an invitation to attend information sessions regarding the above proposal. Councillor A. Pasley advised that he had attended the webinar. The discussions had been extremely helpful in understanding the pros and cons of the proposal.

117/24REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

- A) Meeting of West Flintshire Town and Community Council Working Group.**
Held Monday 12th February 2024 at Holywell T C. Offices Bank Place, Holywell.
The Clerk reported that he had attended the meeting.
Andy Dunbobbin, North Wales Police Crime Commissioner, and Andy Roberts Senior Policy Planning Officer, Flintshire County Council, were in attendance.
The concerns relating to the lack of visible policing presence and response in rural communities was reported. Mr Dunbobbin advised that he was aware of this and was in discussion with senior officers on how this might be improved in the future.
- B) COUNTY 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.
- C) FRON HAUL QUARRY LIAISON GROUP**
Councillor J. I. Davies reported that the January liaison group meeting had been cancelled. Given that the quarry had now ceased operations he was unsure if any further meetings would be taking place.

118/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A) FUL/000036/24

Application for demolition of old stone retaining wall and re-construction of a new masonry retaining wall including the provision of a new AEV charging point within the wall. (part retrospective)

Melin Y Wern, Nannerch, CH7 5RH

B) FUL/000037/24

Listed Building Application for demolition of old stone retaining wall and re-construction of a new masonry retaining wall including the provision of a new AEV charging point within the wall. (part retrospective)

Melin Y Wern, Nannerch, CH7 5RH

RESOLVED:

That the Council objects to the above two application as the applicant has not complied to previous planning conditions on this development. That any creation of additional vehicle parking space should have the access approved by the Highway Authority.

C) FUL/000087/24

Extension of an Existing Holiday Park.

Haulfryn Caravan Park, Babell Road, Pantasaph, Holywell, CH8 8PP

RESOLVED:

That the Council notes that the proposed development may be encroaching on land that forms part of the historic former racecourse, registered common land, and may be impeding an existing public right of way. That the proposed vehicle access meets the requirements of the Highway Authority.

119/24 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A) Holywell Leisure Centre.

The Chairman advised that given that the Council had not agreed to fund the Summer Playscheme for 2024. Supporting this application would provide some assistance to members of the community who access the centre for their recreational needs. However, given the Council budget pressures, it was agreed that all applications received would be considered at the October meeting of the Council.

120/24 COUNCIL FORMAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2024

The Council is required to undertake an annual risk assessment of its procedures. The Clerk reported that he had provided the draft Risk Assessment for consideration and approval by the Council.

Councillor D. Rees noted that an area of common land in the ownership of the Council, farmed by a local farmer no rent had been received since 2019.

Councillor J. I. Davies advised that following a meeting with the farmer extensive re-fencing and clearing works had been undertaken on behalf of the Council. In lieu of receiving the rent. It was agreed that Councillor Davies and the Clerk arrange a site meeting with the farmer to review the current position.

RESOLVED:

That the formal risk assessment was approved.

121/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

BACS Transfer) A. Roberts - Clerk's Salary and Est Allowance (February)	£873.73
BACS Transfer) A. Roberts – Microsoft Services Fees (January)	£61.32
BACS Transfer) Mega Electrical NW Ltd. Supply of Christmas Tree lighting	£452.40
1384) Treetops Environmental – Grass cutting	£100.00
1385) Canon U k Ltd – Copy Fees	£39.45
1386) H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE (November)	£253.56

122/24 DURATION OF THE MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed by the Chairman at 9.10 pm.
Date of next meeting: **Monday 18th March 2024** to be held at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm, for 7.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____