

**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 held at the Village Hall, Ysceifiog.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor N.M. Davies: Chairman**  
**Councillor A. Davies.**  
**Councillor J. I. Davies**  
**Councillor I. Kendrick**  
**Councillor A. Parsley**  
**Councillor D. Rees**  
**Councillor A. Rowlands**  
**Councillor A. Weatherall**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor C. Caldwell**  
**Councillor P. Griffiths**  
**County Councillor S. Copple**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**135/24 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

No members of the public were present.

**136/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations in respect of the business on the agenda were declared.

**137/24 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

Proposed by Councillor D. Rees, and seconded by Councillor A. Rowlands, the minutes of the meeting held the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved as a correct record.

### **138/24 STREETSCENE SERVICES – REPORTED ISSUES**

The following issues were reported: -

Councillor D. Rees advised that he had reported highway issue to Streetscene Services. However, to date he had only received an acknowledgment of receipt. The Chairman requested that a copy of the information be provided to the Clerk, who would raise the issue with Streetscene Services.

Road name sign at Berthen Road, Lixwm, had been damaged.

Ffordd Walwen, Lixwm – The overgrown hedge previously reported obstructing the pavement had not been attended to.

Broken Finger Post Traffic sign Babell, crossroads had not been repaired.

Councillor J. I. Davies reported that a large pothole needed urgent repairs on the A541 turning left at the bottom of the Wheeler Hill.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the above issues be reported to the Highway Authority.

### **139/24 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

The Chairman reported that six members of the Council had attended a defibrillator training session before the commencement of the Council meeting, provided by St. John's Ambulance Services.

Members reported the training had been very informative and had gained more confidence, should an emergency situation arise in the future.

Councillor A. Rowlands advised that further training could be provided for up to 30 attendees. She would raise this at a future meeting of the Ysceifiog Village hall Committee, with a view of holding an open community training session.

Proposed by Councillor D. Rees and seconded by Councillor I. Kendrick, a £75.00 grant payment to St. John's Ambulance Services, was approved.

### **140/24) APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Clerk reported that as in past years the Council is required to appoint an internal auditor. JDH Business Services had written to the Council offering the services for the 2023/24 financial year audit. The Clerk advised that he had provisionally booked the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for the submission of the year end accounts and Annual Return.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That JDH Business Services be appointed.

#### **141/24 ADOPTION OF CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

Mr Gareth Owen, Standards Committee, Senior Officer, Flintshire County Council, had written to all Town and Community Councils seeking their intentions on either adopting or not the above pledge. Members discussed the document and agreed that the adoption of the Policy would enhance the protection for Members, staff and the general public when undertaking the business of the Council.

The Chairman advised that there would be requirement for Members and Staff, to attend appropriate training, and develop a dignity at work policies.

It was also agreed that the Civility and Respect Pledge would be included on the Appointment to Office forms required to be signed by newly appointed Members.

#### **142/24 TERMINATION NOTICE OF UN-METERED ENERGY SUPPLY - SCOTTISH POWER**

The Council had received notice from Scottish Power, that the energy supply account for street lighting would be terminated at the end of 2024. The Clerk advised that the Council would be required to find another energy provider for un-metered supply.

He had been informed that Flintshire County Council, may allow the Council to join its energy supply contract. However, an administration charge may be applied.

It was agreed that the Clerk would work with other local community councils to obtain a competitive quotation for the supply of green energy.

#### **143.24 COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM CONSULTATION**

The Council had been notified that the above consultation would be open from the 15<sup>th</sup> April and would close on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The purpose of the consultation was to review council tax fees for unoccupied and second homes in the County. It also would undertake a review of Single Person Discount which currently is applied to nearly one in three households.

#### **144/24 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

- A) Councillor A. Rowlands reported that she had spoken with the Headteacher of Lixwm School regarding a visit by school pupils to a Council meeting. This would probably be arranged for the June Council meeting.
- She also advised that Councillor S. Coppel had been in contact with The Headteacher regarding the outstanding repairs to the school building.

## **145/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**A) FUL/000224/24**

Application for variation of Condition 2 Following Grant of Planning Permission  
064104  
Swin Y Bedol, Babell Road, Pantasaph, Holywell, CH8 8PW

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections.

**B) FUL/000261/24**

Extension to Garage  
No.2 Tryfan, The Green, Lixwm, CH8 8ND

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections subject, to the development being in keeping with the existing development and that Highway Visibility, is not impaired at the road junction.

**Members reported the following Issues :-**

- C)** Ddol Quarry, Ysceifiog. Siting of Static Caravan.
- D)** Rear of Llwynni and Groesfford Cottage, Ysceifiog. Siting of Caravan and Glamping Pod.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above matters be reported to the Planning Authority.

## **146/24 COMMUNITY POLICING**

Members reported that anti-social behaviour by youths in cars were causing disturbance to Lixwm, residents. Youths were gathering on the car park near Berthen Chapel, Lixwm late evenings and driving irresponsible through the village.

**RESOLVED :**

That this matter be reported to North Wales Police.

## **147/24**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

<b>BACS Transfer)</b> A. Roberts - Clerk's Salary and Est Allowance (April)	£873.73
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> A. Roberts – Microsoft Services Fees (March)	£61.32
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> One Voice Wales – Annual Membership Fees	£224.00
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> Deeco Lighting Ltd -Street Lighting Repairs	£324.00
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> A. Roberts – Microsoft Annual Subscription Fees	£148.32
<b>1393)</b> Information Commissioner – Registration Fees	£40.00
<b>1394)</b> Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership Fees	£114.50
<b>1395)</b> Viking Direct Ltd – Supply of Stationery	£157.91
<b>1396)</b> H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE	£253.50

## **148/24**DURATION OF THE MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed by the Chairman at 8.40 pm.  
Date of next meeting: **Monday 20th May 2024** to be held at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm,  
for 7.30 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

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