

**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 held at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

**PRESENT:**

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

**Councillor C. Caldwell**

**Councillor A. Davies.**

**Councillor J. I. Davies**

**Councillor P. Griffiths**

**Councillor A. Parsley**

**Councillor D. Rees**

**Councillor A. Rowlands**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**Councillor A. Weatherall**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**County Councillor S. Copple**

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

**123/24ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

No members of the public were present.

**124/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A. Rowlands declared an interest in agenda item 11A.

**125/24MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

Proposed by Councillor A. Parsley, and seconded by Councillor A. Rowlands, the minutes of the meeting held the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved as a correct record.

## **126/24 STREETSCENE SERVICES – REPORTED ISSUES**

The following issues were reported: -

Members reported that all the village roads were in need of pothole repairs. The B5121 through Brynford, was in places a hazard to motorists. Councillor S. Coppel advised that rural communities were not being prioritised by the Highway Authority when dealing with highway maintenance issues. He suggested that a joint letter's from Brynford, Caerwys, Cilcain, Nannerch, and Ysceifiog Council's should be sent to the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council.

Councillor P. Griffiths advised that the highway yellow parking restriction zone outside Lixwm C.P. School needed re-painting.

Councillor J. I. Davies reported that residents had raised concerns that cars being parked outside the bus shelter at Lixwm, were obstructing school buses during pickup and drop-off times. The Chairman advised that as there are no parking restrictions the Council could only appeal to residents to park with consideration to other road users.

Councillor D. Rees reported the Keep Clear and Give-Way road surface lines had been installed at Ysceifiog. However, he had received a complaint from one resident of it not being in- keeping with the area.

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.

## **127/24 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

The Clerk reported that a training session delivered by St. John's Ambulance Services, has been arranged for 6.00 pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Ysceifiog Village Hall, on how to use the defib unit. Six members had confirmed their attendance. The Chairman advised that following the training session the Council would arrange further open training days for community participation.

## **128/24 TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL- LAUNCH OF CLIMATE CHANGE TOOLKIT**

Flintshire County Council has advised that it has launched a Town and Community Council Climate Tool Kit. Workshops are being held to gain further information on

how Councils can calculate and monitor their carbon emissions, identify ways to reduce them, and engage others throughout the process.

#### **129/24 ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING MODULES**

Councillors A. Davies advised that he had attended the New Members Induction, and Code of Conduct training sessions and had found them highly informative.

#### **130/24 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

##### **A) COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEVE COPPLE**

Councillor S. Copple advised that the County Council business had been focused on the setting of budgets and service implications.

He had been dealing with a long-term backlog of repairs to council properties in Bryn Tirion, Lixwm. He advised that residents had not been able to progress repairs via Housing Officers. Councillor Parsley advised that there may be other residents in council housing who may be experiencing the same communication issues. It was agreed that Councillor Copple would obtain a list of Lixwm council stock for the Council's further consideration. The Chairman thanked Councillor Copple for his report.

##### **B) LIXWM C.P. SCHOOL**

Councillor A. Rowland reported that the school children intake was increasing which may trigger funding for additional staff. School repairs were becoming challenging as the response from the Education Department was lack of resources. Councillor S. Copple agreed to take this matter up with the Director of Education.

Councillor Rowlands further advised that pupils wished to attend a meeting of the Council to understand how and what the Council does. It was agreed that the Children would be invited to attend the May Council meeting.

##### **C) NEW NATIONAL PARK PROPOSAL**

Councillor N. Davies, reported on the consultation online seminar she had attended. The consultation process would be concluded in 2026. Issues of future funding and sustainability had been raised with 75% funding from Welsh Government and 25% from Local Authorities, at a time when public expenditure was under severe pressure.

#### **131/24 COMMUNITY LAND – COED-Y-MYNYDD UCHA**

Further to minute No. 120/24 Councillor J. I. Davies reported that the land owner was currently indisposed. His nephew Mr G. Roberts was currently farming the land and was aware that the Community Council owned an area of land, and rent had not been paid to the Council.. A meeting with Councillor Davies, Mr Roberts, and the Clerk to resolve matter would be arranged.

### **132/24APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **A) YSCEIFIOG VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor A. Rowlands advised that improvements to the kitchen facilities together with new windows was required.

The Chairman advised that as the hall was a community building the Council made annual budget provision for supporting the facility.

#### **RESOLVED :**

Proposed by Councillor A. Parsley and seconded by Councillor C. Caldwell a grant of £2,500.00 was unanimously approved.

### **133/24ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

<b>BACS Transfer)</b> A. Roberts - Clerk's Salary and Est Allowance (February)	£873.73
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> A. Roberts – Microsoft Services Fees (January)	£61.32
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> One Voice Wales – Training Fees	£38.00
<b>BACS Transfer)</b> Audit Wales -2021/22 Audit Fees	£507.00
<b>1387)</b> H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE	£253.56
<b>1388)</b> Berthen Chapel Hire of Meeting Room	£100.00
<b>1389)</b> Canon U k Ltd – Copy Fees	£33.64
<b>1391)</b> A. Roberts - Postage Stamps	£18.75
<b>1392)</b> Ysceifiog Village Hall – Grant	£2,500.00

### **134/24DURATION OF THE MEETING.**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed by the Chairman at 8.35 pm.  
Date of next meeting: **Monday 15th April 2024** to be held at Ysceifiog Village Hall, for 7.30 pm.

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