



## **CYNGOR CYMUNDOL COEDPOETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of FULL COUNCIL held in The Old Carnegie Library, Park Road, Coedpoeth on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm-9.05pm.

### **PRESENT**

Cllrs: A Wedlake (Chair)(County Cllr), V Jones (Vice), B Brown, G Price, G Kelly, G Williams, Y McCarroll, L Van Ryswyk, M Roberts, S Edwards, P Wilson

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs V Bolton – Clerk

### **40. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs G Cutler, Gr Kelly (arrived late to meeting at 7.45pm)

### **41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr M Roberts declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Agenda Point 8 (i) – Planning application for 17 Berse Road, Coedpoeth

Cllr A Wedlake declared a Personal but not Prejudicial Interest in Agenda Point 8 (ii) – Planning application for Dolwar, Park Road, Coedpoeth

### **42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

20 members of the public present. Cllr Wedlake welcomed them, explained that some but not all may be allowed to speak, because of numbers, asked what main points were – Cemetery, Parish Hall, Potholes, Snooker Hall. Cemetery could be discussed later on agenda. Parish Hall is being discussed at future meeting, Potholes he would report as County Councillor and Snooker Hall closure was just a rumour.

Cllr Wedlake also mentioned that if members of the public were interested, there are vacancies on the Council.

Signed by Chair.....

#### **43. MINUTES**

That Minutes of Full Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be accepted. Cllr Price wanted to point out that he believed there to be an amendment to PM 29. However, Clerk disagreed and said amendment was to earlier point and as neither Cllr Price nor other members could not remember either amendment nor its content, Chair moved to accept minutes as they stood.

#### **RESOLVED:**

Proposer: Cllr GI Kelly      Seconder: Cllr V Jones      Vote: AIF

#### **44. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Cllr Wedlake stated that as newly appointed to the role, that he had nothing yet to share

#### **45. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS – WARD UPDATES**

Cllr Wedlake– informed Council that:

- i) Road accident fatality had raised safety aspects which he would be meeting with Police to discuss
- ii) Local development plan WCBC – thrown out by people who created it. Can't amend only accept or throw out. Politically can't be defended. No plan leaves Greenfield sites open to unscrupulous developers taking advantage. Wrexham only council in Wales without LDP
- iii) Currently 4500 homeless in Wrexham – cost implication
- iv) New Mayor elected in May

#### **46. CLERK'S REPORT**

Information from report being shared during other points on agenda.

#### **47. PLANNING APPLICATION**

- i) P/2023/0163 – Listed building consent for alterations to Boundary Wall, 17 Berse Road, Coedpoeth

Cllr Brown informed Council that application is to make gateway opening in wall bigger.

Unanimously opposed to permissions being granted to make alterations. Proposal that letter stating opposition and reasons to be written to the Planning Department – Cllr Brown to be involved.

Signed by Chair.....

**RESOLVED:**

That strong OBJECTION be registered with WCBC Planning Authority

Proposer: Cllr GI Kelly      Seconder: Cllr S Edwards      Vote: All in favour

- ii) P/2023/0249 – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling – Dolwar, Park Road, Coedpoeth

Council discussed application is for replacing house with more accessible accommodation for disabled resident. No opposition to proposed plans

**RESOLVED:**

That Planning Department be informed that NO OBJECTION is being raised against this application

Proposer: Cllr GI Kelly      Seconder: Cllr S Edwards      Vote: All others in favour

Abstained: Cllr A Wedlake

**48. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Financial statements having been not included in papers should be forwarded to Councillors as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i) Schedule of Payments for March 2023 be accepted with intention of removing transaction for Invoice to ADT as contract will be now cancelled

Proposer: Cllr M Roberts      Seconder: Cllr GI Kelly      Vote: All others in favour  
Abstained: Cllrs G Price, S Edwards

- ii) That Payroll payments be authorised.

Proposer: Cllr M Roberts      Seconder: Cllr GI Kelly      Vote: AIF

**49. PROPERTY WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Wedlake reported to questions from members of the public regarding Parish Hall closure. He informed them that urgent action had to be taken as damage to floor meant that insurance was no longer valid. He mentioned reduced income against staff costs and the need to review the whole budget for the Council's plans.

Clerk gave report on new actions being taken -funding identified.

Members of the public said volunteers were willing to carry out fundraising and work on the Parish Hall Floor. Also, that public wanted to be kept informed.

Signed by Chair.....

Cllr Roberts mentioned that the Council were beginning a period of consultation with the public which would take different forms, and which would allow community involvement.

Cllr Price pointed out that it was not the Council that had closed the Hall, but in fact the Insurers.

Clerk informed all that a meeting for 'Friends of Coedpoeth' action group would be taking place following week and open to all.

## **50. CEMETERY WORKING GROUP**

- i) Findings from working party shared to Council by Clerk and members of working party.
- ii) Recommended
  - a. Short term – to engage contractor Dan Hodgson to begin strimming grass and cutting hedges
  - b. Medium term – to look at work needed on trees and footpaths before winter
  - c. Long term – management of staff and biodiversity within cemetery
- iii) Current arrangements remain unsure with staff on leave
- iv) Recommended to begin Tender process to identify potential company/individual to provide service during staff absence.

Members of the public present at meeting invited to comment. Suggestions to use Community Service to carry out grass cutting. MOP asked about timescale for reopening to new burials. Comments from previous meetings regarding safety of trees repeated.

### **RESOLVED:**

That process begin to accept applications to tender for contract to maintain the cemetery grounds and Dan Hodgson to be engaged on a short term contract.

Proposer: Cllr P Wilson      Seconder: Cllr G Williams      Vote: AIF

## **51. POLICIES** – to approve:

- i) Data Protection Policy
- ii) Social Media Policy
- iii) Lone Worker Policy

**RESOLVED:** That members will read policies and email approval/refusal to Clerk within 3 days

Proposer: Cllr S Edwards      Seconder: Cllr GI Kelly      Vote: AIF

Signed by Chair.....

**52. URGENT MATTERS**

Notice of items that should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4B) of LGA 1972.

- i) That Consultation planning meeting date be set for 3.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 to be held at Old Carnegie Library
- ii) That in any matter that is deemed as Danger or Urgent, or a matter of maintenance within the budget that Clerk should be able to confer with Chair and Vice to reach a quick decision

**RESOLVED:**

Proposer: Cllr GI Kelly      Seconder: Cllr V Jones      Vote: AIF

**53. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Confidential information removed

**55. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

To be held at 7pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at the Old Carnegie Library, Park Road Coedpoeth

**Meeting Ended 9.05pm**

Signed by Chair.....