



**Minutes** of FULL COUNCIL held in The Old Carnegie Library, Park Road, Coedpoeth on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm – 8.50pm.

Actions to be highlighted **RED**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs: A Wedlake (County) - Chair, V Jones, GI Kelly, G Cutler, M Roberts

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs V Bolton – Clerk

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs G Williams, P Wilson, L van Ryswyk, Y McCarroll, G Price

**113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr M Roberts declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda point 9 i) Planning application.

**114. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

5 members of the public present. Cllr Wedlake welcomed them, asked if anyone wanted to ask questions regarding agenda points and that questions could be asked when items raised on agenda. Question regarding one-way signs on Bryn Tabor.

**115. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That although Cllr M Roberts raised questions regarding the financial reports, Chair reminded him that the questions had already been answered to the satisfaction of Council on several previous occasions and so were not to be discussed

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again. Minutes of Full Council held on 1st August 2023 be accepted with no matters arising.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones      Second: Cllr G Cutler      Vote: Cllr A Wedlake

Abstained: Cllr M Roberts and GI Kelly (as she had not been present)

### **116. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Busy August – not as anticipated. Progress been made on the Parish Hall.

Also, progress been made on the restructuring of personnel resources within the Council, however, there has been a people consequence.

MOP asked about room hire increases being doubled. Cllr Wedlake reassured that prices had only been increased by approx. 10% however some groups had previously not been charged the correct or full amounts. Clerk added that arrangements had been made to support some of the smaller groups who might struggle with price increase.

### **117. COUNCILLORS COMMUNICATIONS**

- i) Cllr V Jones shared that he attended, Big Park Project and Coedpoeth Matters meetings and meeting with Architect and Clerk regarding PH
- ii) Cllr G Cutler had attended Coedpoeth Matters and has spent time getting to know the village, has visited the Playscheme and has volunteered for the working groups to arrange Remembrance Day and Christmas events.
- iii) Cllr GI Kelly reported concerns about the main car park where builders are using an area for their equipment. Also, would like to look again at the takeover of the car park and public toilets.
- iv) Cllr M Roberts reported having arranged a litter pick on his road, supported the clearing of pavements and footpaths, attending a Governors meeting at Bryn Tabor and liaising with the Internal Auditors and Audit Wales regarding Council financial information.

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

Cllr Wedlake– informed Council that:

- i) 2 weeks of refuse collection strikes. Tips are open and some black bins have been emptied.
- ii) All but 1 of the roadside hedges causing concern have been dealt with
- iii) He and Cllr Childs are looking to arrange using Environmental Pot for housing dept to make some improvements in next month.

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- iv) He Attended the antisocial behaviour football event which PCSO Steve Howsam arranged for girls which was well attended and as a County Councillor he sponsored the refreshments.
- v) One-way signs by MUGA have been reported.

### **119. CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk shared report with Councillors including additional point which highlights the need to review current staffing levels and urgent need to make decision regarding Admin/Caretakers role.

Community Agent post has been filled by Holly Lloyd who has commenced employment 2 weeks ago and has already made great progress making contact with other CAs, local PCSO, WCBC colleagues, has provided support to some clients and arranged for advice and awareness events for Dementia and Citizens Advice Bureau.

Clerk also requested that any **Councillors who have not already done so, provide a current photograph** to be placed on the website.

Also, Councillors made a proposal regarding Clerks Report vii) Variation in premises license – Red Lion Inn

**RESOLVED** that:

**Clerk report objections to WCBC** regarding Public Nuisance and Public Safety until license is consistent with other pubs in the area.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones                      Seconder: Cllr G Cutler                      Vote: AIF

### **120. PLANNING APPLICATION**

Cllr M Roberts left the room

- i) P/2023/0163 Rhos Berse Road

**RESOLVED** that:

**Clerk report to WCBC** that Council removes objections to original planning application after further supporting information has been reported.

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

- ii) P/2023/0506 The Barn, Higher Berse, Higher Berse Road

**No decision** can be reached as Council do not have sufficient knowledge of area and property included in planning application.

- iii) Cllr Wedlake would like it minuted that regarding retrospective application for Lower Nant Road, which was approved by WCBC, he and other County Councillors

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registered objections at the Planning Committee meeting recently. Also, that although the Right of Way map used during the application was admitted being incorrect, a redraft of the map was not requested by the WCBC Rights of Way Officer.

## **121. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**RESOLVED** that:

i) All reports for 30th August 2023 be accepted -

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|----|---------------|-------|------------|
| 1. | Invoices      | Total | £3,961.48  |
| 2. | Direct Debits | Total | £5,612.23  |
| 3. | Payroll       | Total | £31,491.08 |

**Cllr M Roberts returned to the room**

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| 4. | Bank Balances  | Current | £40,604.85  |
|    |  | Deposit | £3,118.46   |
|    |  | Reserve | £75,693.36  |
| 5. | Income - 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr- 30th August                  | Total   | £175,109.00 |
| 6. | Expenditure - 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr- 30 <sup>th</sup> August | Total   | £136,727.00 |

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr GI Kelly

Vote: AOIF

Abstained: Cllr M Roberts

## **122. LOGO**

**RESOLVED** that:

**Council replaces current logo** with new one designed and produced by Clerk to be more usable and meeting accessibility requirements.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr M Roberts

Vote: AIF

**123. POLICIES** - to approve:

**RESOLVED** that:

- i) Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy is approved and adopted.
- ii) Whistleblowing and Confidential Reporting Policy is approved and adopted.
- iii) Environment and Sustainability Policy is approved and adopted.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr GI Kelly

Vote: AIF

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#### **124. URGENT MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) and Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 A public and press be excluded during the following items:

- i) MEGA LIGHTS – Quote for replacement of light removed in Dec 2022 for water leak - £3942 incl VAT

**RESOLVED** that:

Notwithstanding increase in quote due to increase in prices from Scottish Power, that **Clerk arranges for replacement of lamp** as soon as possible.

Proposer: Cllr A Wedlake

Seconder: Cllr GI Kelly

Vote: AIF

#### **125. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) and Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 A public and press be excluded during the following items:

- i) Staffing Update

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr G Cutler

Vote: AIF

- i) Cllr Wedlake presented update from Staffing Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED** that:

Council accept and approve paper.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr G Cutler

Vote: AOIF

Abstained: Cllr M Roberts

#### **NEXT MEETING**

To be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at the Old Carnegie Library, Park Road Coedpoeth LL11 3TD

**Meeting Ended 8.50pm**

Signed by Chair.....