

COEDPOETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of FULL COUNCIL held in Old Carnegie Library, Park Road, Coedpoeth on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.00pm-9.00pm

PRESENT

Cllrs: B Brown – Chairman, Y Mc Carrol, S Scheurleer, P Wilson, S Edwards, Gr Kelly, L Van Ryswyk, V Jones, Gl Kelly, A Wedlake, G Price.

Also present: Member of Public

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N Acott – Temporary Locum Clerk, Cllr K Childs – Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC)

APOLOGIES

None received

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chairman welcomed Mr Nigel Acott. Temporary Locum Clerk to the meeting. He also thanked Councillors for their efforts during the unusually busy summer recess.

2. PAST SERVICE RECOGNITION

Chairman informed Council that both Helen Belton, Locum Clerk and her colleague Andrea Evans, Accountant/bookeeper had tendered their resignations after many years of service.

RESOLVED That Miss H Belton and A Evans be thanked for past services.

3. MINUTES 15.08.2022

RESOLVED That minutes of Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 15th August 2022 be approved.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None raised. Chairman reported that matter of Councillor Co-Option and speeding traffic would be considered later in tonight's proceedings.

6. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - WARD UPDATES

Cllr A Wedlake – Cost of living crisis - concern about a lack of action by WCBC, An officer has been appointed to look into crisis (B Parry Jones) and local actions that can be taken but he is frustrated by slow progress.

- Coedpoeth car park issues previously raised by community have been reported to WCBC officers and he is currently awaiting a response.

Cllr K Childs - Cost of living crisis – shares concerns. Recently attended a 'yellow and blue' information day road show event dealing with this issue and will make enquires if roadshow can come to Coedpoeth.

- Groundworks Trust are offering residents help by supplying information and details of fuel saving and energy efficiency programmes.

- WCBC in partnership with phone companies are offering free short term pre-paid sim cards for qualifying local residents.

- WCBC are arranging skips to assist their tenants with community clean up days.

- WCBC has organised a garden competition for their tenants which has been very well supported with an excellent response from Coedpoeth community.

- Nant Mill - meeting to be held between WCBC/Groundworks/Community Council (Chairman) to discuss future plans for this important community asset. Cllr S Edwards also reported that on Monday 26th September 2022 between 11am-1pm BBC Wales will be filming Weatherman Walking at Nant Mill and this would be opportunity to showcase community support.

Cllr B Brown – Cost of living crisis - Chairman felt Council should consider utilizing Old Library building as a 'warm room' space over winter months as building is heated but not always fully occupied. In addition, local food companies could be approached

for donations of food and/or preparation of basic hot food for distribution if required. Funding from a previous hardship grant could also be used, subject to consent of grant provider, to assist with this activity. The Council's appointed Community Agent will be approached regarding this idea and a report brought back for consideration.

- Speeding Traffic - Chairman updated Council on the speeding traffic issue that affected many local residents, North Wales Police, and County Highways Authority. He reported that in a recent one-week survey undertaken by NWP Go Safe' they had found a total of 4,138 vehicle movements with over 85% above the speed limit and concerns that situation was getting worse. Local speed reduction campaigner Tom Lawson, and Chairman are trying to arrange a meeting with NWP and County Highway officials to determine location of proposed speed awareness camera's and also ANPR camera. Both County Councillors were supportive of actions being taken to address this problem.

7. BIG PARK PROJECT - PEN Y GELLI PM

Cllr S Scheurleer reported that Wrexham County Borough Council were preparing a community asset transfer of the football/playing fields site which would involve both local football club and community council taking over responsibility for site. However, progress seemed very slow with no structured timetable for meetings and/or project timeline. Funding for project has not yet been finalised but grant funding from Football Association for Wales has been identified and would be available subject to conditions.

It was understood that Coedpoeth Community Council may be required to act as a facilitator for the community asset transfer, and if so a detailed report on financial/legal/lease arrangements// and future service implications would be required.

RESOLVED That a Council Sub-Committee be appointed to oversee further discussions, plans and report back as necessary.

(Cllrs Stan Scheurleer/Cllr Graham Kelly/Lia Van Ryswyk be appointed. Chairman and Vice Chair ex officio members)

8. PENY GELLI PARK - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PM

Council had received a quotation via Wrexham County Borough Council (site owners) for painting of four items of play equipment in sum of one thousand pounds.

Councillors referred to work undertaken by Playable Spaces, a local voluntary group who had recently undertaken similar work at another playground in the community.

RESOLVED That Playable Spaces group be contacted to see if they would be willing to undertake painting at Pen y Gelli Park subject to WCBC approval.

Financial/Legal Implications: To be determined. Site owned by WCBC

9. CO-OPTION - COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Details of four applications for Co-Option to fill three remaining vacant seats had been circulated with agenda. Council discussed legalities of Co-Option process and timetable of recent events.

RESOLVED That Electoral Services Officer, Wrexham County Borough Council be requested to advise upon legal requirements about filling of vacant seats.

10. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS 05.09.2022

Details of payments had been circulated with agenda and a supplementary list to circulated at meeting.

RESOLVED

- 1) That Monthly Payment Schedule to 5th September 2022 be approved
- 2) That monthly bank transfer to payroll account be cancelled.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Confidential information removed

Chairman _____