



Minutes of FULL COUNCIL meeting held in The Old Carnegie Library, Park Road, Coedpoeth on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.00pm – 9.20pm.

Actions to be highlighted **RED**

PRESENT

Cllrs: A Wedlake (County) - Chair, V Jones – Vice, G Cutler, G Williams, GI Kelly, P Wilson, G Price, K Wynne, S Bradley

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs V Bolton – Clerk

APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Roberts, L van Ryswyk, Y McCarroll

175. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

176. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor applicant present.

177. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That minutes of Full Council held on 7th November 2023 be accepted with no matters arising.

Proposer: Cllr G Williams Seconder: Cllr V Jones Vote: AOIF

Abstained: Cllrs G Price, P Wilson (not been present), GI Kelly (partial attendance)

Signed by Chair.....

178. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr Wedlake reported that it had been a good month for the community.

- Remembrance Day – lots of members of the public despite weather – thanked councillors involved for support with refreshments afterwards
- Attended Lights switch on and carolling on Sat 2nd – approx. 60 members of public – sang at residential home and several other spots around village before retiring to the pub
- Supporting with funding applications
- Community Agents contract – reported on issues around data protection and monitoring
- Requested public record that in relation to correspondence from Cllr M Roberts, contrary to the implication stated in Cllr Roberts email, Chair has **not** asked Cllr Roberts to not attend council meetings. That Cllr Roberts has made the decision against advice from Chair, who has explicitly informed Cllr Roberts that he **should** attend meetings

179. COUNCILLORS COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr G Cutler – attended Remembrance Day event, supplying cakes and much enjoyed. Also attended craft sessions with CA Holly and felt it was very inclusive.

Cllr G Williams - attended Remembrance Day and congratulated all involved with supplying cakes and organisation. Attended several Coedpoeth FC meetings who have a new manager. Also, Illuminated Tractor Run – requests **send letter of thanks to organisers**

Cllr K Wynne – Attended tractor run also – very festive and lots of people. Also, Penygelli Christmas Fair which the PTA arranged. Met with Curate Emma Dale to look to how she can support church activities.

Cllr S Bradley – Attended tractor run.

Cllr P Wilson – no activity

Cllr G Price – no activity

Cllr G Kelly – currently very busy with other commitments in community. Met with Emma Dale to discuss a Winter Coat Rail in village – to be housed in Old Library. **Clerk to advertise on SM**

Cllr V Jones – attended Remembrance Day and Big Park Project meeting. Also Plas Pentwyn Management meeting. Supported Clerk with cover during Caretakers holiday leave – locking/unlocking 3 evenings as well as daytime support.

180. COUNCIL MEMBER APPLICANTS

- i) Kim Davies – present
- ii) Gary Slegg – withdrawn application

RESOLVED: After attaining a majority vote from all councillors present, for applicant with a show of hands, that Kim Davies becomes Council member by co-option.

Signed by Chair.....

Clerk to inform Electoral Services WCBC.

Kim Davies: Proposer: Cllr G Price Second: Cllr V Jones

Vote: 9 members

181. POLICE REPORT

Provided by PCSO Lydia Edwards:

- Burglary – Caller reporting back door may have been tampered with but no lines of enquiries – Undetected.
- Criminal Damage – Damage to front door suspected youth related – Enquiries ongoing.
- Dangerous Dog – Dog has killed pet cat – Owner to be issued ABC contract as part of LEAD initiative.
- Drug driving – Driver stopped and arrested for drug driving after testing positive on drug swipe.
- Fraud – Victim has been scammed whilst buying a mobility scooter – Enquiries ongoing.
- Shoplifting – Enquiries ongoing.
- Theft of catalytic converter – Undetected.
- Interference of motor vehicle – Undetected.

182. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - COEDPOETH

Cllr A Wedlake reported that:

- Not much new to report
- Little response from Environment Department regarding the Nant paths – will chase up
- Ongoing housing issues
- Local Development Plan – developers taken WCBC to court and judged to instruct to adopt plan

183. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk reported that:

- i) Cemetery funding – unsuccessful application due to oversubscription
- ii) Audit – still waiting on responses for last 4 yrs – delayed due to auditors receiving additional questions from public/councillors
- iii) Penygelli Fields lease – letter sent to WCBC in agreement to transfer of lease
- iv) Christmas Get Together – Thursday 14th December 5-7pm
- v) Christmas lunch – not discussed
- vi) Parish Hall applications – sent for £50k – Solar panels etc – submitted for £125k – hall refurbishment
- vii) Community Garden Application – may be put on hold.

Signed by Chair.....

184. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) P/2023/0766 – Talwrn Road - No opinion due to insufficient attention
- ii) P/2023/0727 – Heol Celyn – **No objections to report**

185. MEETINGS

RESOLVED: To return Full Council meetings to 2nd Tuesday in the month

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

186. CEMETERY FEES

RESOLVED: To authorise new fees list with intention to reassess ashes vaults lease/permanent fees.

Proposer: Cllr G Cutler Seconder: Cllr P Wilson Vote: AOIF
Abstained: Cllr G Price

187. FINANCIAL REPORTS

i)	Invoices for payment-	£7,549.05
ii)	Direct Debits –	£7,309.59
iii)	Payroll October 23 -	£16,030.08
iv)	Bank Balances as at 31/10/23	£73,116.26
v)	Income as at 30/11/23	£256,934.00
vi)	Expenditure as at 31/10/23	£194,111.00

RESOLVED: To authorise all financial reports and payments

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

188. BUDGET AND PRECEPT

RESOLVED: To add a budget line to include minimum £5000 per annum rent for Caretakers accommodation.

To set Precept at 4% increase from last year bringing the figure between the 1st and 2nd version of proposed budget. Allowing reserves to be increased slightly more.

To approve proposed budget for 2024-25.

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

189. URGENT MATTERS

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

None

190. 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) Councillor Correspondence

Proposer: Cllr G Williams

Seconder: Cllr V Jones

Vote: AIF

Confidential information has been removed.

NEXT MEETING

Full Council to be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 9th January 2024** at the Old Carnegie Library, Park Road Coedpoeth LL11 3TD

Meeting Ended 9.20pm

Signed by Chair.....