



Minutes of FULL COUNCIL meeting held in The Old Carnegie Library, Park Road, Coedpoeth on 8th October 2024 at 7.00pm – 9.15pm.

Actions to be highlighted **RED**

PRESENT

Cllrs: A Wedlake (County) - Chair, V Jones – Vice, G Cutler, G Price, L van Ryswyk, Y McCarroll, J Williams, G Williams, GI Kelly,

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs V Bolton – Clerk

APOLOGIES

Cllrs K Childs (County), P Wilson

347. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Wedlake – Agenda Item 12 (i) – payment for paint for PH and Agenda Item 16 (i) – Neighbour to property

348. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Richard Aram – Clywedog Valley Partnership – provided update on asset transfer of Nant Mill from WCBC to CVP and National Lottery Heritage Fund application. Consultation required – shared information and links.

Cllr Wedlake asked to check map/boundary for transfer as he believes play area is included in transfer – RA believes play area and car park not included.

349. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That minutes of Full Council held on 10th September 2024 be accepted with no matters arising.

Proposer: Cllr V Jones

Seconder: Cllr G Kelly

Vote: AIF

350. COUNCILLOR APPLICATION

i) Mrs Sheila Edwards

Cllr G Price proposed to vote on application. 2nd by Cllr G Williams

Signed by Chair.....

Cllr G Kelly raised concern over lack of information provided about applicant at time, also applicant not being present to answer questions regarding role. Cllr Price therefore withdrew proposal.

351. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Chair reported:

Activity mainly around PH.

Also, ICO - Complaint from MOP and Investigation into Internal Review.

Explained process, received during Clerk's annual leave and also Chair. Explained reason for not supplying information initially – vexatious and available during audit. Evidence provided to show holistic view – being vexatious, bad use of public resources, harm to wellbeing of Clerk.

Cllr Price highlighted – harassment, cost (audit) and time. Suggested taking legal advice if no conclusion to vexatious requests.

Thanked Cllrs Jones, McCarroll, van Ryswyk and Cutler for work and support with PH and opening days and particularly to Cllr Jones for cover during Clerk's annual leave

352. COUNCILLORS COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr McCarroll – cleaning and painting in PH, attending open days

Cllr van Ryswyk – cleaning and painting in PH, attending open days

Cllr Kelly – apologies for being unable to attend open days. Working with yr 5 + 6 readers at Penygelli school – also joined the Learning Walk that day

Cllr Cutler – cleaning and painting in PH, also attending open days – very rewarding

Cllr G Williams – reported on Big Park being on BBC News and container being decorated

Cllr Jones – attended Plant Swap, coffee mornings and history event – all arranged by the Community Agent, Tracey Gray. Also Nant Mill Duck Race and Plas Pentwyn Management meeting. Helped with painting in PH and Community Cupboard.

354. PCSO POLICE REPORT

Report supplied. Main point of notice – extra patrols for ASB.

355. WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - COEDPOETH

Cllr A Wedlake reported that:

Apologies from Cllr Krista Childs

Continuation with case in Pentre Fron field – Illegal tipping – Permanent notice now in place + Notice to remove what has already been tipped now in force. Natural

Signed by Chair.....

Resources Wales to carry out separate legal action – most activity stopped. WCBC to seek injunction so prison sentence if ignored.

Bersham footpath No. 26 – working to seek solution

WCBC – budget soon to be set – hoping to keep libraries and other provisions.

Cllr Wedlake ‘broke the whip’ by voting to oppose Labour cutting Winter Fuel Allowance.

Case work slowed down

356. CLERK’S REPORT

Clerk reported that:

Thanks to Dave Williams for all hard work painting in the PH, also Jason Lewis and Cllrs Jones, McCarroll, Cutler and van Ryswyk for help with painting and at open days.

Hall nearing completion but awaiting signing off by contractors – now awaiting Fire / Building Control to sign off. Groups and users very keen to get back in.

Committee meetings – needs more councillor input – no progress being made on community planning. PH needs more support

Audit – contesting fees – sent to Audit Wales – response returned – sent to Law and Ethics department

ICO Complaint from MOP – response sent off

Clerk disappointed by negative view from some councillors, staff and members of the public, regarding hall and progress – councillors need to engage with public more positively. Comments/rumours/gossip make job very hard work. This and other issues causing delays in other important aspects needing attention. Clerk struggling to carry out daily work on top of all extra issues arising – insufficient time to carry out responsibilities of Clerk / Admin / Marketing / Caretaker / Finance Officer / Public Engagement / Burial Authority / Safety / etc.....

Plant Swap, Mental Health Walk, Memories event – set up by CA Tracey – all went ahead during Clerk’s leave

357. PROPOSED MOTION – from Cllr V Jones

- i) Professional dedicated IT support
- ii) Mobile phone

RESOLVED: To authorise **investigation into procuring IT support** for office, staff and councillors

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

RESOLVED: To authorise purchasing of office mobile phone and connection

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

Signed by Chair.....

358. FINANCIAL REPORTS - for September 2024

i)	Invoices for payment-	£19,891.37
ii)	Direct Debits –	£126,356.53
iii)	Payroll Sept 24 -	£6,769.57
iv)	Bank Balances as at 30/09/24	£40,187.00
v)	Income as at 31/07/24	£263,907.00
vi)	Expenditure as at 31/07/24	£301,281.00

RESOLVED: To authorise and approve all financial reports and payments

Proposer: Cllr V Jones Seconder: Cllr Y McCarroll Vote: AIF

Cllr Wedlake also Highlighted invoice for payment to him for paint purchased by him, for use in PH

359. PARISH HALL OPEN DAY

Saturday 19th October 12pm - 2pm

Due to delays to completion and signing off of hall, suggestion to reduce plan, to ask any groups already confirmed to attend, but to reduce time frame to 10am – 12pm.

Tea, Coffee and cakes to be provided.

360. HIRE TERMS AND CONDITIONS – for Bookings

RESOLVED: To approve Draft Terms and Conditions to be put in place with provisional approval and for Clerk to email completed Ts + Cs for approval once available.

Proposer: Cllr G Kelly Seconder: Cllr L van Ryswyk Vote: AIF

361. PARISH HALL UPDATE

Completed within Clerk's Report and other Agenda Points.

362. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) P/2024/1376 – Dolwar – **Enter NO OPINION**
- ii) P/2024/1283 – 4A Heol Caradoc - **Enter NO OPINION**

363. MEETINGS

- i) Finance Meeting – **4.30pm Tuesday 15th October** 2024 – Accountant to attend
- ii) Cemetery Committee – 3.30pm Tuesday 15th October 2024
- iii) Staffing Committee – Clerk to arrange date and distribute invitation
- iv) Community Planning – Clerk to arrange date and distribute invitation

364. COEDPOETH MATTERS

- i) Meeting to be held at **7pm on Wednesday 23rd October.**
- ii) To try to reestablish as a separate entity with more input from other community groups and interested stakeholders.

Signed by Chair.....

365. 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:

- i) Cemetery

RESOLVED: To approve contractor, Dan Hodgson, to continue working for 1 day per week during the months of October to February with the intention of the contracted hours of 1day per week beginning again in mid-February, to allow the hedges to be trimmed prior to the seasonal ban from March onwards to protect nesting birds.

Proposer: Cllr Y McCarroll Seconder: Cllr V Jones Vote: AIF

366. 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

[REDACTED]

NEXT MEETING

Full Council to be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 12th November 2024** at the Old Carnegie Library, Park Road Coedpoeth LL11 3TD

Meeting Ended 9.15pm

Signed by Chair.....