

MARCHWIEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2020 AT MARCHWIEL VILLAGE HALL AT 7:00 PM

Present:

Councillor Mr Terry Edwards * – Chair
 Councillor Mrs Sharon Lloyd - Vice Chair

“ Mrs Morag Browning	Councillor Mr Russell Jones
“ Mrs Patricia Downes	“ Mr Stephen Jones*
“ Mr Andrew Edwards	“ Mr Nigel Lloyd
“ Mrs Sally Jakisch	Vacancy x2

Mrs Victoria Jones – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer * Absent

Invited Guests: PCSO Catherine Griffiths Hughes*

147 Welcome

148 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillors T Edwards and S Jones. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Chair was unable to attend so Cllr Lloyd took the chair for the meeting.

149 Police Report

The Clerk read the email she sent to the PCSO on 4th February relaying various concerns of residents sent to the Chairman. They included emergency police attendance by vehicles and helicopter in the village, burglary, theft and general safety concerns. She added that she had not received a response as the PCSO is off duty.
 The Clerk was asked to send an email to Streetscene requesting help with dog fouling and bins but also to get in contact regarding village issues.

150 Declarations of Interest¹

The Clerk reminded Members that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and or prejudicial interest.

151 Confirmation of Minutes

AGREED – That the minutes of the Meeting held on November 2019 and 15th January 2020 be approved with the two amendments below:

1. Amendment in November minutes be approved with the Part II amendment re: Staffing.
2. Amendment in January that Members Resolved to renew WCBC’s SLA for Maintenance inspection of Playgrounds and play areas for 20-21 @ £1,898.00.

152 Matters concerning Staffing (Part 2)ⁱⁱ

The Chairman declared that Members of the Press and Public will be excluded from discussions on this matter as it contains items of a sensitive nature, under the provisions of Part 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960.

At the end of the meeting the Clerk left the meeting and the staffing committee updated Members.

153 Finance

ai) **The Council proposed and seconded the following:**

Income and Expenditure for the Period 15th January 2020 – 12th February 2020

Total income @ 12/02/2020 (19/20) = £ NIL

Total expenditure @ 12/02/2020 (19/20) = £8,754.43

- b. **Scottish Power payments:** The Clerk informed Members of a historic communication several years ago with Scottish Power (SP) regarding outstanding payments that was reported to Members at the time. The Clerk reported that at the time SP could not provide invoice numbers or copies of invoices they stated were outstanding. It wasn't possible to do on their system. The Clerk reported to Members that she had researched back 10 years of finance reports and found the un-presented cheques that would be owed. Cllr Browning reported that anything older than three years doesn't need to be paid as the time limit has expired. **RESOLVED: Members agreed that the Clerk pay the outstanding two cheques of £235.04 + £212.46 = £447.50** and inform SP that the 3 unpaid cheques of £123.88 + £217.97 + £109.13 are outside the 3 year deadline.
- c. **Precept 2020/2021:** The Clerk reported receipt of a letter of confirmation from WCBC of their precept requirement of £32,560.

154 Standing Orders-

Members re-approved the Standing Orders and discussed the procurement policy. They added that when purchasing items we should 'actively acquire' 3 quotes this includes emails but any items or project works costing above £5000 require three quotations.

155 S137 Financial Assistance

Resolved that, in accordance with Council policy, applications for financial assistance from organisations be considered once a year in May.

156 Planning

The Clerk reported receipt of two planning applications:

P/2019/0890 Mill House Marchwiel Two Storey extension to the West of the dwelling, proposed basement level extension to be hidden from ground level view replacement separate outbuilding to match the existing

P/2019/0891 Listed Building Consent For Refurbishment To Existing Dwelling Including Internal Works, Two Storey Extension To The West Of The Dwelling, Proposed Basement Level Extension To Be Hidden From Ground Level View, Replacement Separate Outbuilding To Match the existing and keep original form and size of existing outbuilding, re-instating the original porch to the northern elevation of the dwelling, demolition of garden wall on Northern Elevation (Later Addition). Installation windows to match original style and installation of new external doors with a more complimentary style and material **Mill House Marchwiel Wrexham LL13 0SS**

Members asked the Clerk to contact the Planning Dept representative to request a site meeting and inform them that the building is Grade II listed. It has protected plants and Badger sets. The Cottage was built before the Hall and is Grade I.

157 Clerks Report

Vacancy: The Clerk reported that notices were in both noticeboards for the two Member vacancies. She explained that anyone interested would follow the instructions on the notices and send their letters of intent to Wrexham County Borough Council's Electoral Officer.

Newsletter: The Clerk read the Village newsletter she had compiled. She agreed to forward it to Essentially Yours and put in the Noticeboards. She hoped to have it on display at the Village Hall Open event.

158 County Councillor Report

County Councillor John Pritchard has yet again not sent his monthly report to the Community Council. Cllr Russell Jones(RJ) asked why he does not send his report? The Clerk reported that a letter was sent to him on February 13th 2019 requesting he send his report to the Chairman each month. RJ added that in his opinion the residents of Marchwiel are being let down by not

being informed of Wrexham Council matters. Members stated that County Cllr Pritchard is only in his position by Marchwiel residents voting for him to be their elected paid Member and they felt that he should be supporting his electors. RJ asked Members if he could contact the Leader of the Council on Members behalf to notify them of this. Members agreed with Cllr Jones's comments and were happy for him to contact Wrexham County Borough Council.

159 Burial Ground

Members complained of dog mess in the Burial Ground and on the pavements in various locations in the village. Cllr Russell Jones agreed to look for No Dogs Allowed signs. The Clerk agreed to report it to WCBC Streetscene and request the Environmental Officers visit the village.

160 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported receiving confirmation that the bid for Salyx Welsh Gov Funding loan of £9,866 has been successful. Members agreed that she sign the agreement.

The Clerk reported speaking to a resident regarding street lights out. When she rang to report she was told she needed the postcode. We could only report WCBC's lights and not our own. She explained that WCBC are paid to maintain their lights. She was told by WCBC call centre to report in a different way. The Clerk to enquire further into why this happened?

161 Nature Reserve

The Clerk reported that Henry Cook was the replacement she had tried to make contact with from Wales Wildlife Trust.

She would purchase the padlock to fit onto the Five Ford's gate who had previously agreed Members could have their own padlock and 'Daisy Chain' it though their chain to gain access to the Nature Reserve. The Clerk agreed to meet with them at the gate once she had it.

162 Welcome Garden and Defibrillator

Leon reported making the seats that were flat pack and waiting for the metal plate to be made to make secure.

The Clerk informed Members that she had reported that the two sets of Solar Christmas tree lights had been deliberately vandalised by cutting both sets of wires. CCTV coverage is being perused.

The Chairman is to meet with WCBC's Streetscene regarding Electricity supply advice.

163 Website

The Clerk reported meeting with Cllr Jakisch to discuss council work and has since sent the code to her to log onto the website to update and amend. The Clerk reported removing Cllr Brownings email address as requested. Cllr Jakisch reported that it was a pity we had recently sent the £150 yearly fee as the site is not the prettiest or easiest to use. She added that there are now sites you can use for free. Moving forward bear this in mind for next year but updating the website has begun.

164 Marchwiel Village Hall

Members discussed the meeting held with the Rainbow Centre held on Wednesday 29th January. The question was raised of what happens when the three Trustees finish? Can new Members join Members asked the Clerk to make further enquiries with the Rainbow Centre and arrange a meeting with the current trustees to discuss the process. They agreed at the meeting to pay £8000 in 4 payments for one year towards the salaries of two people to carry out the work involved in taking over the management of Marchwiel's village hall.

165 Newsletter

The Clerk read to Members the Newsletter she had prepared for the Essential magazine. Members thanked the Clerk.

166 Events Calendara) Easter event

b) VE Day – Members suggested a street party for the children. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Rev'd Sue Huyton asking if the community can think of ways to celebrate. The Head teacher Mr Baugh reported to the Clerk that they were intending to host a street party at school for Ysgol Deiniol's pupils. Members agreed they would like to do something. Cllr Downes offered to look into the cost of items and will be attending a Governors meeting.

167 Correspondence**Email correspondence was noted by Members:**

WCBC : Dog Fouling Consultation

Welsh Government: Consultations email

168 Members Urgent Announcements' and requests for future meeting items

The Clerk reported emailing Members the dates of the meetings for the year.

There being no further business the Clerk left the building at 9:15pm and Members stayed to discuss Item Ref: 152.

PRESIDING CHAIRMAN - COUNCILLOR MRS SHARON LLOYD

Signed as a correct record _____ this 11th March 2020
