



# MARCHWIEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY INFORMATION



**JUNE 2021**

**Marchwiel Community Council consists of 11 Members who work to ensure Marchwiel is an inclusive and safe place to live. Presently, most Members choose to be unpaid and volunteer their time to help provide a safe area to live and provide and maintain facilities for you and your families to enjoy. We value equality, sustainability, collaboration and community cohesion.**

**Community Councillor vacancy.** We currently have two vacancies, please email the Clerk if you are interested in joining Members in their work to enhance the village.

Members recently discussed that when they became Councillors some were not aware of all the responsibilities of Marchwiel Community Council. For this reason we have prepared this information to inform the community about some of the work Marchwiel Community Councillors are responsible for:

**PRECEPT:** Each Year the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer prepares a financial report, explaining the expenditure of the previous year and projected costs for the following year. Members then decide how much money they require to pay for the Council's business and projects, this is known as 'The Precept' which is part of your Community Charge Bill.

**Community Council have the following responsibilities to pay for:**

- **Insurance Policy:** for Marchwiel Village
- **Marchwiel Community Council's Burial Ground:** pay for the grounds maintenance including the upkeep of footpaths, fences, repairs, arrange surveys. Provide a noticeboard and pay for the water supply to the Burial Ground.
- **Street Lights:** MCC has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) contract with WCBC to inspect, repair and maintain Marchwiel Community Council's 69 Street Lights that they own. MCC pays Scottish Power for the electricity supplied to these lights. The remainder are owned by WCBC.
- **Play Areas and MUGA site (Multi Use Games Area)** These areas are owned by WCBC but MCC are responsible for their upkeep. MCC has a SLA contract with WCBC to inspect, repair and maintenance of MCC's Play Areas and MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). New equipment choice is restricted by WCBC. They prepare a Tender from their list of procurement companies. The successful bids are sent to MCC who choose which design and pay for from the allocated budget.
- **Audits:** Welsh Government require that we undertake both an Internal and External Audit Annually. They nominate both Auditors we have to report to.
- **Website:** Provide a Website to enable you to access our notifications and documents.
- **S137 Payments (donations):** Welsh Government allows Community Councils to make donations up to a maximum amount of the Tax Code. MCC makes donations to local charities and groups annually. Councils are not allowed to donate to single applicants.

**2020/21 Members made the following donations:**

£750 Marchwiel Church, £1000 Ysgol Deiniol for equipment, £100 Hope House, £100 Nightingale House, £75 Dynamic; £100 Wrexham Foodbank & £100 North Wales Air Ambulance. Finally, Three donations to Wrexham Maelor Hospital: a) £100 Special Care Baby Unit (SCUBU)

b) £100 Shooting Star and c) £150 for the ICU Staff.

- **Village Hall:** Trustees approached the Rainbow Centre to take over the management of the village hall and in 2019 MCC agreed to pay £8000 to part fund the costs of an administrator for 12 months, who would set the village hall up as a profitable business.
- **Millennium Map and Noticeboard situated in The Welcome Gardens:** Provide a thoughtful area for residents to reflect and obtain information. Pay for Eco benches, lighting, repairs and maintenance.
- **Defibrillator:** fitted at the Welcome Map and connected to North Wales Ambulance Service.
- **Community First Responder:** A defibrillator was purchased in collaboration with neighbouring Councils. It is used by a trained first responder who attends whilst awaiting an ambulance.
- **Marchwiell Nature Reserve:** Lease the Nature Reserve Land from Wrexham County Borough Council Annually. Pay for repairs and maintenance and upkeep to Marchwiell's Nature Reserve.
- **Training courses:** Members and the Clerk to attend Training courses and record on a register.

### **The Welsh Government:**

Sets out Rules, Regulations and Procedures that Community Councils need to adhere to. They are monitored of its practices which include: The Code of Conduct; Standing Orders, Financial Regulations; Asset Register; Risk Assessments; Investment Strategy; Minutes & Public Liability Insurance. Employ a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. These are checked and scrutinized by both internal and external Auditors.

### **Meetings:**

Members meet on the third Wednesday of each month, currently virtually by zoom. The minutes are approved at the following meeting and signed by the Chair. The approved minutes are then displayed on the website and on the Noticeboards. 2020/21 has missed meetings due to Covid-19. If residents wish to attend the Community Council Meetings via Zoom. Email the Clerk to ask for the passcode [marchwiell-clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marchwiell-clerk@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Marchwiell Community Council's Welcome Garden and Millennium Map & Noticeboard:**



**Defibrillator:** Due to Covid-19 works to input an electric supply to the Welcome Garden were halted. However, Members are delighted to inform you that the Defibrillator is connected and registered to North Wales Ambulance Service's 'The Circuit'. The Ambulance Service advised that the best place to site the Defibrillator was at the Welcome Garden so that it could be accessed quickly. MCC will be alerted within seconds if the defibrillator is removed. Instructions on how to use the defibrillator are clearly displayed and instructions are given verbally at each stage of use. The Ambulance service will track and retrieve the unit back to Marchwiell if removed and used. Members have also installed power and lights on both sides of the Noticeboard and Map for security reasons and visibility. The three wooden benches have been replaced with ECO benches.

### **Street Lighting:**

Last year MCC upgraded all of their 69 lights with LED lamps and five lamp posts which had been condemned. MCC was successful in securing a Government Loan to fund the initial outlay of costs.



### **Marchwiell's Burial Ground**

Members are currently obtaining quotes to repaint the gates and fence at the front of Station Road, which will involve the gates being removed temporarily. The Burial Ground requires a survey to mark out the new area and top sections for the Cremated Remains plots. In addition to the maintenance of the MCC owned burial ground, MCC donate annually to the church towards the maintenance of the Church's Grave Yard.

**Please note that dogs and bikes are Not Allowed in the Burial Ground. Kindly please do not ride your bike or walk your dogs in there.**

### **Pre-school Play Area**

Members budgeted £15,000 last year to update the pre-school play area equipment and safety surfaces. A site meeting was held recently and as the land belongs to Wrexham County Borough Council they will tender on our behalf for new equipment. This has been earmarked as urgent. We are awaiting the quotations to arrive so that works can be completed by summer or wait until September.

### **Nature Reserve:**

Work has recently been carried out to cut back the vegetation in collaboration with the North Wales Wildlife trust. 2021 project work will include:

- Poles to be placed in the Marsh to encourage Kingfishers to visit.
- New signage naming species of birds and plants.
- Minor repairs to boardwalks
- Funding to be secured to extend the boardwalk to make a viewing platform with a bench, where you can view from different levels to watch birds and wildlife without disturbing them as you will be hidden behind a screen.



MCC has been in discussions with Ysgol Deiniol's Head teacher to upgrade the School's Nature Garden. Work would include, clearing the pond to allow pond dipping, provide new seating for the children and install a CCTV nesting box or feeding table for pupils to watch the birds and wildlife from their classroom. An electricity supply requires connection for this. It is an exciting time to be involved, MCC welcome anyone with an interest in joining this group in any aspect as a volunteer, please contact the Clerk.

**Please note that Dogs and Bikes are Not Allowed in the nature reserve. Kindly please Do Not ride your bike or walk your dogs in there.**

### **COVID-19:**

The last 12 months have been difficult times for all of us. Members wish to thank the volunteers who are assisting residents who need help with shopping and collecting medication from the chemist. If you wish to help Marchwiell residents please ring The Rainbow Centre (01948-830730) or e-mail the Clerk at [marchwiell-clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marchwiell-clerk@hotmail.co.uk) and your contact details will be added to their list.

### **Assistance for you:**

If you are a resident who needs some assistance, please contact Marchwiell's Community Nurse she is based at the Rainbow Centre Penley ring 01948 – 830730 for assistance.

### **Village Concerns:**

#### **Dog Fouling and litter:**

This is a problem within the village. Please act responsibly and pick up your dog's waste and your own litter. WCBC's Enforcement Officers will continue to monitor the village.

### **Drugs:**

Surveillance is ongoing particularly at the bottom of Station Road and the Police request your help. If you notice any suspicious activity, you can report it to the police or any of us and we will report it for you.

### **Community Groups:**

Members continue to support all village groups in any way we can.

### **Remembrance Service:**

Despite the strict Covid-19 Regulations a lovely service was held last year. We hope MCC can joint host with the Church again this year.

### **Retirement:**

After 30 years of supporting the community, Cllr Terry Edwards has decided to retire as Chairman and Councillor of Marchwiell Community Council. He has dedicated his time and knowledge of Marchwiell to all residents and groups who reached out to him. He was passionate about Marchwiell as a village in particular by its appearance spending much of his time in contact with WCBC Officers to help resolve issues in the village. He was an asset to Marchwiell Community Council and will be greatly missed by everyone. MCC send their best wishes for a long and happy retirement to Terry and Carol and thank them both for their continued support.

If you wish to receive notifications and newsletters from Marchwiell Community Council please email [marchwiell-clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marchwiell-clerk@hotmail.co.uk) to subscribe to our mailing list. Please do not send any personal details.

Thank you

*Sally Sharon Nigel Andy Russ Cím Christine Will Clare and Victoria*

### **Marchwiell Community Councillors and Clerk**



### **Useful Phone no's:**

**Marchwiell Community Council:** 07871634941

**Rainbow Centre Community Nurse:** 01948 – 830730

**Wrexham Foodbank:** 07538547971

**Wrexham County Borough Council's Streetscene 01978-298989:** (street lights, bins and highway issues)

**Wrexham County Borough Council's Switchboard:** 01978-292000

**Police:** Emergency 999 Non Emergency 101

**Community Police Support:** PCSO C2961 Dean Sawyer email [Dean.sawyer@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Dean.sawyer@nthwales.pnn.police.uk)

**Police Crime Stoppers:** 0800 555 111

**Wrexham Maelor Hospital:** 01978-291100

**Marchwiell County Councillor:** John Pritchard 01978 358153 or Mobile: 07746857511

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