

**MARCHWIEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2019 AT MARCHWIEL VILLAGE HALL AT 7:00 PM**

Present:

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

Councillor Mrs Serena Baxter*	Councillor Mr Stephen Jones*
“ Mrs Morag Browning	“ Mr Nigel Lloyd *
“ Mrs Patricia Downes	“ Miss Sally Roberts*
“ Mr Andrew Edwards	VACANCY
“ Mr Russell Jones	

Mrs Victoria Jones – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer * Absent

Invited Guests: North Wales Police*

01 Welcome and Appointment of Chairman

The Clerk welcomed Members and asked for nominations for Chairman. Members nominated Cllr Terry Edwards to be Chair. Cllr Edwards took the Chair and thanked Members for their support. He added that the previous year had been difficult but with the new positive Council Members who are keen and proactive he foresees a great year ahead.

The Clerk notified Members that Cllr Serena Baxter has resigned. She agreed to advertise her vacancy.

Council Members welcomed Christine Jones to the meeting. She introduced herself and asked if she could be co-opted onto the existing vacancy and signed the Declaration of Office and Members Code of Conduct.

02 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Members signed the Acceptance of Office forms for 2019/20

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

03 Code of Conduct

Members signed the Code of Conduct forms.

04 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Members nominated Sharon Lloyd in her absence.

05 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Sharon Lloyd, Nigel Lloyd and Stephen Jones

06 Police Matters – crime report

The Clerk reported that she had not received a report but would forward it once she receives it. She reported that she had been in contact with the replacement PCSO's and that they hope to attend a meeting soon.

07 Confirmation of Minutes

Members approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th March 2019
Minutes of the Meeting held on April 10th 2019 will be approved at the next meeting (June).

08 Appointment of Sub – Committees

Appointment of Marchwiel Community Council's Sub – Committees 2019/2020

RESOLVED – That Members be appointed as the Council's representatives on sub-committees as follows:

Street Lighting Sub – Committee (3)

Terry Edwards, Andrew Edwards and Nigel Lloyd

Burial Ground Sub – Committee (3)

Terry Edwards, Nigel Lloyd, Sharon Lloyd

Marchwiel Nature Reserve Sub – Committee (4)

Sally Roberts, Patricia Downes, Sharon Lloyd and Russell Jones

Marchwiel Web Site

The Clerk Mrs Victoria Jones, Sally Roberts and Stephen Jones

Marchwiel Finance Committee

Terry Edwards, Stephen Jones, Sharon Lloyd, Morag Browning and Patricia Downes

Marchwiel Staffing Committee (3)

Morag Browning, Patricia Downes and Sally Roberts

Marchwiel Event Committee

Sally Roberts, Patricia Downes, Andrew Edwards and Russell Jones

Planning Issues including Wrexham Power (WRAP)

Terry Edwards, Russell Jones and Morag Browning

Community Liaison – Press Releases

The Clerk, Sally Roberts and Russell Jones

09 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies -

RESOLVED – That Members be appointed as the Council's representatives on sub-committees as follows

One Voice Wales: All Members to share the rota and attend once per annum.

Society of Local Council Clerks: The Clerk Mrs V Jones

School Governors: @ Ysgol Deniol Primary School: Mrs Patricia Downes and VACANCY (awaiting School to notify us)

Wrexham Town & Community Council Forum (Quarterly):

ALL Members to share the rota and attend once per annum.

Community Agent: (managed by The Rainbow Centre) All Members

10 Members of the Public present and exempt items²

11 Declarations of Interest¹²

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

12 Finance

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

Income and Expenditure for the Period 10th April 2019 – 15th May 2019

Total income @ 15/05/2019 (2019/20) = £3,499.81

Total expenditure @ 15/05/2019 (2019/20) = £3,110.86

b) **Bank Signatory Mandate:** The Clerk reported that the bank had returned the mandate for Members to re-complete the process.

c) **Internal Audit - update:** The Clerk informed Members of what information was required.

d) **Councillor Opt out forms:** Members were awaiting notification whether they would be taxed

on the Councillor payment.

13 Matters concerning Extraordinary Audit(part2)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.

Nothing new to report.

14 S137 Payments

Precept Payment Schedule & Taxbase 2019/2020 (Taxbase = 590)

The Clerk reported to Members that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2018-19 is £7.86. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2018-19 will be £7.86 per elector.

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2018-19 will be £7.86 per elector. Maximum total allowed = £4,605.9618/19

Precept Resolved a maximum of £3,000 which is under the maximum allowed.

Resolved that, in accordance with Council policy, applications for financial assistance from organisations be considered once a year in May. Members RESOLVED the following organisations be paid the amount stated below:-

St Marcella Marchwiell Church £250; Nightingale House £100; Hope House £100; Llangollen Eisteddfod £100; Dynamic £75; Rainbow Centre Penley £150; Vic Studios Ltd £50; Home Start £50; Family Friends £50; Wales Air Ambulance £100; Cherish Wreccsam SCBU (Wrexham Special Care Baby Unit) £100; WRVS £50 = **Total £1,175** The Chairman's Fund £300.

Members also resolved to contribute to the Marchwiell Pensioners Party £200; Armistice Day and Christmas celebrations when they are requested.

15 Planning Applications and receipt of Granted/ Refused if applicable.

P/2019/0345 (additional from P/2019/278) – Application for works to trees subject to tree preservation order No. WMBC 157, 1995: 1 No Oak – Re-Balance crown and dis-weight comprised canopy towards house (21 Scotts Close) and reduce towards house by 2M (History of tearout/failure) Land at Maelor View Marchwiell. Members made No Objections.

16 County Councillors Report

County Councillor John Pritchard has yet again failed to send his report to either the Clerk or Chairman.

17 Ideas for future events and use of Village Hall.

Members discussed the Management of the Village Hall and its issues. New Volunteers are required to help manage the building and use it. The profile needs to be raised and improve footfall and events.

18 Community Agent

The Clerk agreed to make contact the Rainbow Centre to provide the list of dates of the Council meetings to allow a Community Agent to attend when convenient and update.
19 Defibrillator – First Responder
In addition to the £500 previously donated towards a defibrillator for the First Responder to carry when called to an emergency. Members decided they would like to purchase their own unit on a stand and place it at the bottom of Station Road near the rockery. Members discussed at length where to place their own defibrillator.
Members RESOLVED to purchase their own defibrillator to be positioned in Marchwiel. They agreed an estimated price of no more than £4000 for the defibrillator, the case and fixing into situe. The Clerk agreed to obtain information of different systems and obtain quotes.
20 Burial Ground
Leon has varnished the Welcome Map and attended to the garden.
21 Street Lighting
Clerk reported emailing Allan Richardson from Snapfast again asking if he could begin the process of applying for funding for the 69 led lamps from his company and give the process of the procedure.
22 Nature Reserve
Clerk agreed to arrange a site meeting with North Wales Wildlife Trust.
23 Website
The Clerk reported she had not had chance to update the website.
24 Welcome Garden
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Russell Jones reported the Essential magazine had printed the Marchwiel Community Council news page but omitted the photo. He thanked Cllr Baxter for sharing her sample layout and the Clerk for completing the information and sending. • Cllr Edwards reported that Leon Hughes has varnished the Noticeboard. • The two benches need replacing. A decision was had regarding wooden or eco friendly seats. Members asked the Clerk to obtain prices of the Eco seats. She reported that the wooden are £125.
25 Events Calendar –
Nothing discussed regarding the Calendar
26 Correspondence
Correspondence was noted by Members:
27 Members Urgent Announcements’ and requests for future meeting items
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50pm.
28 Date of Next Meeting – June 19th 2019

PRESIDING CHAIRMAN - COUNCILLOR MR TERENCE EDWARDS

Signed as a correct record _____ this 10th July 2019