



'Your very Local Council'

Locum Clerk to the Council/RFO: Shaun Jones
Chairman: Cllr Mrs. Sharon Lloyd

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 6:30 pm on **Wednesday 10th April 2024** in Member's Home, Marchwiell.

Present: Cllrs Davies (CD), (Vice-Chair); Francis (CF); Grives (KG); Lloyd N (NL); Lydford (KL) & Price (WP);

Not Present: Cllrs Cawsey & Edwards.

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

44.23/24 **COUNCILLOR VACANCIES TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION** – Two applications (in writing) have been submitted – Mr Cim Francis and Ms. Katherine Grives. **It was resolved to co-opt both applicants** – to represent Deiniol and Piercy wards respectively. Each co-optee signed a Declaration of Office and immediately took their seat.

45.23/24 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Lloyd S., Woodhouse & Williams.

46.23/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None made.

47.23/24 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – No members of the public present.

48.23/24 **MINUTES** – The draft minutes for the Council Meeting held Wednesday 13th March 2024 are now put to the Council as an accurate record of proceedings. **Approved by all members present.**

49.23/24 **WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – No report received from WCBC Cllr. John Pritchard.

50.23/24 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

– *To consider the following applications;*

1. Reference: P/2024/0160: **Sunnybank, Eyton**: Single storey front, side and rear extensions. : To view online : [Click here.](#)

– **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**

Signed:..... Date:.....

2. To consider any planning applications validated since the publication of the agenda
 Reference P/2024/0219: **Erddig Hall Erddig**; Listed Building Consent for Internal Alterations – **Awaiting upload of documents.**
 Reference P/2024/0054: **Grove Cottage Wrexham Road Marchwiell**: Amended – **Decision – No further Observations or Comments to be submitted.**

51.23/24

PLANNING DECISIONS

– To note the following Planning Decisions;

1. No Planning Decisions to report
2. To note any planning decisions made since the publication of the agenda
 P/2023/0752 Land North Of Maelor Works, Access Roads To Maelor Gasworks, Cross Lanes, Wrexham, LL13 0UW - installation of buried high voltage cable: **GRANTED**
 – **Noted**

52.23/24

LOCUM CLERK REPORT – INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE

- SP Energy Networks issue an updated Certificate showing Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) of 6,506.7 kWh down from 18,009.6 kWh. dated 10th April 2024. A request to re-work billing back to October 2020 has been made.
- A Condition Report on the Street Light columns is being reviewed. There will be a specific agenda item next month.
- Police Report tabled. April 2024 update. February crime statistics show an up tick – 15 instances.
- Letter dated 2nd April 2024 from WCBC Electoral Dept concerning the member vacancy in Deiniol Ward – may now co-opt as no request to fill by election.
- Contact via website – 2/4/24 A resident requests information on 2024/25 precept figures for Marchwiell CC and if any monies were earmarked to support The Village Hall. A detailed reply has been sent with assurance that MCC are not financially supporting The Village Hall.

53.23/24

REVIEW A SOFTWARE LICENCE OFFER – To review an offer from Scribe Accounting that would provide the Responsible Financial Officer with an industry standard accounting software package. The final offer will be received tomorrow but is expected to be approx. £23 per month. Set-up fee (one off) is also negotiable. **Agreed to delegate to the Clerk to gain the keenest offer.**

54.23/24

PAYMENTS – Leon Hughes Grounds Maintenance £375.00, Wrexham CBC Ground Rent £10.00 + Play Area SLA £1,218.00 x 2 + Street Light SLA £1,830.22, Vision ICT SSL Setup £150.00, SG Jones Expenses £26.39 & Rainbow Foundation Room Hire £30.00 **were approved.** In addition a payment on account of £5,000.00 to SP Energy for Unmetered Electricity Supply – Street Lighting **was agreed.**

55.23/24

TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA (FULL COUNCIL OR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE) – Nothing tabled but feel free to submit to SJ before the date noted at the foot of this agenda.

Signed:..... Date:.....

56.23/24

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

– **Members resolved** to exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, so as to discuss the following confidential matters;

57.23/24

STAFFING MATTERS – SJ provided an update on communications with the legal advice team who are representing the Council. Members agreed with the clear desire to bring matters to a close so all parties can move on. A clear period of 10 days was prescribed and because of legal advice appointment being set for 16th April 2024 Council have made it clear this must go ahead. No additional expense, over and above what has already been approved, is allowed. It is hoped that then all council property and settlement of monies owed can be finalised.

58.23/24

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT – The **drafted contract was approved** and the Chairman and Locum Clerk can complete and sign off.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....