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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 5th February 2025** in Piercy Hall, Marchwiell.

Present: Cllrs Lloyd S (SL), (Chair); Francis (CF); Grives (KG); Lydford (KL); Marriott (PM) & Rathbone (MR).

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer & one Member of the Public.

127.24/25 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr. Clare Davies – work commitment, Cllr. Nigel Lloyd – work commitment, Cllr. William Price – unwell, Cllr. Will Williams – unwell & Cllr. Vicky Woodhouse – work commitment.

128.24/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None made.

129.24/25 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – 1 member of the public present. Council was addressed on a number of place related matters and these were received by members as valid feedback.

1. Recently observed the service bus having access issues turning off Station Road. into Piercy Avenue. Parked cars on both sides and this leaves little room for the bus to squeeze by. Suggested WCBC Cllr. John Pritchard be contacted as this is likely a known issue.
2. A review of earlier Audit Reports throws up a query on the Asset and Investment Register. Any background information/explanation would be welcomed.
3. Value for money and competitive quotations are key areas the Council needs to be transparent over.

130.24/25 **MINUTES** – To approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 – **Approved by all members present.**

131.24/25 **WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – WCBC Cllr. John Pritchard sent his apologies for this evening as he has another meeting. In his email he also mentioned Community Catalysts as SJ had requested if MCC should respond to a request from Annette Thomas (Wrexham rep.). JP and a WCBC Officer confirmed WCBC have a contract and this CIC not for profit organisation is fine to engage with. **Members agreed to forward the contact to Sarah Flaherty, our newly appointed Community Agent.**

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

– To consider the following applications;

1. Reference: P/2025/0025: **Sunnyside, Eyton**: Single Storey Side and Rear Extension. : To view online : [Click here](#).
– **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**
2. Reference: P/2025/0026: **15 Marcella Crescent, Marchwiel**: Two Storey Side Extension and Removal of Existing Dormers to Extend onto Front and Rear Elevation. : To view online : [Click here](#).
– **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**
3. Reference: P/2025/0024: **Erddig Hall, Erddig**: Advertisement Consent for 3 Interpretation Boards and 2 Wayfaring Maps (Non-Illuminated). : To view online : [Click here](#).
– **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**
4. To consider any planning applications validated since the publication of the agenda.
– **A Notice of Public Consultation for the Butterfly Solar Farm has been received. Two public consultation days are planned – Marchwiel and Ruabon, taking place on 21st and 26th February 2025. Members will attend.**

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PLANNING DECISIONS

– To note the following Planning Decisions;

1. Reference: P/2024/1444: **7 The Ridgeway, Marchwiel**: Two Storey Rear Extension and Single Storey Front Extension : **Granted** : To view online : [Click here](#). **Noted.**
2. Reference: P/2024/1247: **Chetwynd Grove, Bangor Road, Cross Lanes**: Erection Of Agricultural Building : **Granted** : To view online : [Click here](#). **Noted.**
3. To note any planning decisions made since the publication of the agenda
None.

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BURIAL GROUND MATTERS – SJ updated members on progress to restore the Burial Ground after two trees were clown over in Storm Darragh. Members asked for an enquiry on our insurers to see if making a claim might be prudent – SJ has spoken to our brokers and have been provided with contact details of the insurer's claims department. **Members agreed to delegate to the Clerk the appointment of contractor services to make good removal of the tree stumps and associated ground works as well as the wall repair. This will be treated separately and three requests for quotes have been made. Members will be kept informed of actions proposed/taken.**

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LOCUM CLERK REPORT – INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE –

- SJ reports that we have been advised by Katherine Prince of AVOW that Marchwiel will soon have a Community Agent, in fact two – Liz Stokes and Sarah Flaherty. These two will also cover other communities – Llangollen Rural, Erbistock, Esclusham, Sesswick. An email exchange has clarified how AVOW can flex their CA resource to meet peaks in demand. SJ will happily put an announcement on our Facebook and Web Pages.
- Recent efforts by CF, PM, KG & KL to clear up our Nature Reserve, after two storms have recently passed through were appreciated. This took place on 22nd, 23rd & 25th January 2025. SJ also advised of an offer from Tom Roberts, WCBC – Youth Justice Support Worker. A visit to the Nature Reserve every two weeks with a YP for an hour. Light maintenance and general neat & tidy effort – keeping walkways and benches in fine fettle. **Members agreed to pilot, review and make a regular task if all in agreement.**
- SL and SJ attended the Connecting Communities for People and Nature conference in Llandudno. Marchwiel CC were presented with the Town and Community Council Award 2024 for the Tree Planting programme underway – 1000 trees planted and 1000 more to be planted in November 2025. Contact with North Wales Wildlife Trust made and a member of their team is invited to advise how MCC can improve on the annual works program.
- Scribe Accounts has now had all data input for FY 2021/22 completed. A VAT 126 claim for £3,886.80 has been submitted as a result. Input of FY 2022/23 is underway – Q1 input complete.
- An invitation from Wrexham CBC to join the St David's Day Parade on Saturday 1st March 2025 – starting at Llwyn Isaf. SJ will publicise on social media.
- The Crime Statistics report is a nil return for January. High visibility patrols undertaken by PCSO team.
- WCBC Play Area SLA Agreement for 2025/26 received. A 2% annual increase (£48.00). **Members approved.**
- SJ attended the recent meeting of Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – Thursday 30th January 2025. An update to the Planning Portal application is in the pipeline. A demonstration was given of the improvements. Wales Public Ombudsman consultation closes on 31st January 2025 – essentially proposing to revert to an earlier practice of advising a member of a complaint at a very early stage.
- A couple of engagements from One Voice Wales. An invitation to attend the OVW AGM online – Tuesday 11th March 2025. One representative of MCC. Offers ? Area Committee Survey – complete by 28th February 2025.

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PAYMENTS – The following payments were approved:-

Payment Number	Method of Payment	To	For	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	Faster Pymt	AVOW	Salaries Account	2104.51	0.00	2104.51
BACS	Faster Pymt	Scribe Accounts	Subscription - Feb 2025	29.00	5.80	34.80
BACS	Faster Pymt	Leon Hughes	Burial Ground Maintenance	250.00	0.00	250.00
	D/D	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Fee - 1/25	6.00	0.00	6.00
Card	PPCC	Giffgaff	Mobile - SIM Only - 18mth	6.67	1.33	8.00
Card	PPCC	Zoom Video Comms	Feb 2025 Monthly Subs	12.99	2.60	15.59
BACS	Faster Pymt	Wrexham CBC	Play Area SLA - 10/24 to 3/25	1081.00	216.20	1297.20
BACS	Faster Pymt	Rainbow Foundation	Room Hire - 1/25	10.00	0.00	10.00
Card	PPCC	HP	Dec Printing	4.57	0.92	5.49
BACS	Faster Pymt	Vision ICT	Website hosting - 12/24 to 11/25	134.38	26.88	161.26
BACS	Faster Pymt	Scottish Power	Feb 2025 Monthly Invoice	263.63	13.18	276.81
BACS	Faster Pymt	Vision ICT	SSL Certificate - 3/25 to 2/26	50.00	10.00	60.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	Equals Money	Funds Top-up	138.15	0.00	138.15
BACS	Faster Pymt	SG Jones	February Expense Claim	53.10	0.90	54.00

TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA (FULL COUNCIL OR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE) –

- Outstanding from recent meetings: Nature Reserve – make contact with North Wales Wildlife Trust, Village Signs & Burial Ground records to review.
- VE80 and VJ80 research and report back – **Slated for March meeting.**
- Plans for Christmas 2025 – To consider refreshing the “Tree of Wishes” at the Welcome Garden – Lights switch-on event in early December.

The meeting closed at 7:52pm.

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