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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 March 2025** in Piercy Hall, Marchwiel.

Present: Cllrs Lloyd S (SL), (Chair); Davies (CD); Francis (CF); Grives (KG); Lydford (KL) via Zoom; Price (WP) & Rathbone (MR) via Zoom.

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, WCBC Cllr. John Pritchard (JP), Mr Daniel Corcoran – Development Project Manager at RWE (DC), Ms. Sarah Flaherty – Community Agent with AVOW (SF) & four Members of the Public.

Not Present: Cllrs William Williams and Vicky Woodhouse.

138.24/25 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr. Nigel Lloyd – unwell & Cllr. Philip Marriott – family commitment.

139.24/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Sharon Lloyd & Cllr William Price declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 145.24/25 Planning Applications 2. Reference: P/2025/0115 – they will leave the meeting when this item is discussed. SJ will provide a form to complete.

SL suggested taking **Agenda items 144.24/25 and 143.24/25** at this point as both had guest speakers attending who should be given priority.

140.24/25 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – 4 members of the public present. There were no points to raise – questions raised under the two presenter items – Community Agent and the Solar Farm have covered.

141.24/25 **MINUTES** – To approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2025 – **Approved by all members present.**

142.24/25 **WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – WCBC Cllr. John Pritchard reported that :-

- Has MCC responded on consultation to revert to 30mph on A525 through Marchwiel ? JP outlined his wish for a 20mph zone to remain in the central area of the village – Red Lion/Church/ Rear of Piercy Hall.
- Notes on two faulty Street Lights – JP will follow up.

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- ASB – road signs spray painted. Marchwiel Hall Lane. Can Highways Dept. review ?
- Village signs MCC still considering the options, maybe do in phases.
- Enquired about fencing around sports pitch. Possibility of funding – Shared Prosperity Fund.
- Currently JP's mailbox is mostly on the Solar Farm proposal. Working together will send a stronger message – all four community councils, Ruabon, Eytton & Erbistock, Sesswick and Marchwiel.

19:50 hrs (approx.) After this item JP and 3 members of the public left the meeting.

143.24/25 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR BUTTERFLY (GLÖYN BYW) SOLAR FARM** – Mr. Daniel Corcoran, Development Project Manager at RWE has been invited to present and to answer any questions on this Development of National Significance (DNS) to be determined by Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW). An overview of the project was outlined. Two public consultation events have taken place. The detailed planning submission is expected towards the end of 2025 with most of 2026 taken up by PEDW who ultimately grant or refuse permission. DC spoke candidly over matters of concern raised by members and residents present. He will take this feedback and incorporate into the planning application – concerns over emphasis on biodiversity rather than real matters of industrial components especially risks associated with battery storage units. SL thanked DC for taking up our invitation and providing the council with a detailed picture of the plans. MCC are very likely to submit comments on the proposals.

144.24/25 **NEWLY APPOINTED COMMUNITY AGENTS FOR MARCHWIEL** – SF introduced herself and thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend this evenings meeting. SF has previously served as Community Agent for Marchwiel when The Rainbow Foundation were the contract holders, that baton has passed to AVOW and SF has recently been appointed to support both Marchwiel and Llangollen Rural alongside her colleague Liz Stokes. SF has good links with The Rainbow Foundation and will hot desk at Piercy Hall. SF is now working on establishing new activities, like a walking group and a Tuesday Afternoon Group Activity based at The Red Lion. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome. MCC and SF will keep close contact and the council wishes for great success going forward.

145.24/25 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 – *To consider the following applications;*
 1. Reference: P/2025/0099: **Marchwiel Hall, Marchwiel:** Change of Use of Certain Rooms within Marchwiel Hall and Ground To be used for Public Functions (Weddings), Marquee Space and Use of Summerhouse as Ancillary Bar. : To view online : [Click here](#) – **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**

SL and WP, after declaring an interest, left the room ahead of the next item.

2. Reference: P/2025/0115: **Penyllan Farm, Wrexham Road, Marchwiel** Erection of Replacement Agricultural Building. : To view online : [Click here](#). – **Decision – Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**

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3. Reference P/2023/0439: Section 78 Appeal at: **Land Opposite Eyton School, Eyton** This notice has just been received since publication of the agenda. **This application was reviewed in mid-2023 by the members and no comments were made – Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**

146.24/25

PLANNING DECISIONS

– To note the following Planning Decisions;

1. Reference: P/2024/1396: **The Barn, Cock Bank Farm, Cock Bank Lane, Marchwiel: Erection of Detached Garage. : Granted** :To view online : [Click here.](#) – **Noted.**
2. To note any planning decisions made since the publication of the agenda – **None.**

147.24/25

FINANCE MATTERS – The Locum Clerk informed members by displaying the Scribe Accounting System summary page that it has been populated to month 11 of 2024/25. Explanations of how the VAT has now been successfully reclaimed for the three previous financial years. It is noted that £1,513.09 of VAT is ineligible for reclaim as the invoices are more than 4 years old. At the time of engagement, Feb 2024, SJ was faced with no up to date financial information so it is regrettable that we have discovered this time limit now. The date of the last claim was April 2019. Also the Bank Reconciliations report, to be presented monthly going forward, shows, with the supporting bank statements that the books are correct. All reports have been published online too. SJ displayed the Net Position by Cost Centre and Code report to explain the spend against budget to date. There is a small overall surplus of £3,656.89 but it may well disappear when the March data is added. In summary, the book keeping for 2022/23 and 2023/24 is complete and both Internal and External Audit will now review. VAT reclaim for 21/22, 22/23 & 23/24 complete and monies received. The Bank Reconciliation reports for 2024/25 are published and sign off on 28th Feb 2025 report agreed. A line by line review of Net Position report completed. **SL put on record how happy all members are that our finances have been brought on track.**

148.24/25

LOCUM CLERK REPORT – INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE –

- SJ reports One Voice Wales have written to advise that the AGM planned for 11th March 2025 will be postponed because a quorum will not be reached, more details to follow on new arrangements. 1/3 of Council Membership is needed.
- Planning Aid Wales and One Voice Wales have a joint event planned for 27th March. MR has expressed interest in attending. Course fee is £50. **Members approved this expense.**
- Police Report 3rd March 2025 received. 1 ASB incident reported. In addition the PCSO asks members to state 3 priorities for the next quarter. It was agreed to reply with Visibility, Speeding and Parking.
- Community Review Pre-Questionnaire received from WCBC Electoral Team. Agreed responses to the 5 questions and SJ will complete and return.
- Community Council Street Lighting – Service Level Maintenance Agreement 2025-26, it was noted the cost per light is lowered to £30.79. **Members agreed to renew.**

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- SJ and SL to confer on an extra ordinary meeting later in the month, to cover off Financial Matters, appoint Internal Auditor, Bank Reconciliation reports and Annual Risk Assessment to review.

149.24/25

PAYMENTS – The following payments were approved:-

Payment Number	Method of Payment	To	For	Net	VAT	Gross
BACS	Faster Pymt	AVOW	Salaries Account	1832.74	0.00	1832.74
BACS	Faster Pymt	Scribe Accounts	Subscription - March 2025	29.00	5.80	34.80
BACS	Faster Pymt	Leon Hughes	Burial Ground Maintenance	200.00	0.00	200.00
	D/D	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Fee - 2/25	6.00	0.00	6.00
Card	PPCC	Giffgaff	Mobile - SIM Only - 18mth	6.67	1.33	8.00
Card	PPCC	Zoom Video Comms	Mar 2025 Monthly Subs	12.99	2.60	15.59
BACS	Faster Pymt	Scottish Power	March 2025 Monthly Invoice	237.89	11.89	249.78
BACS	Faster Pymt	Rainbow Foundation	Room Hire - 2/25	10.00	0.00	10.00
Card	PPCC	HP	Jan Printing	4.57	0.92	5.49
	D/D	Salix Finance Ltd	Loan Repayment	986.68	0.00	986.68
BACS	Faster Pymt	Cllr Megan Rathbone	Planning Policy Course	10.00	0.00	10.00

150.24/25

TO HEAR BACK ON MEMBER'S RESEARCH ON HOW VE80 AND VJ80 ANNIVERSARIES MIGHT BE COMMEMORATED – IN MAY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. – SJ has previously circulated plans that nearby Malpas have for the VE80 Anniversary. Also on gov.uk the plans for more London based activities and some National ones were referenced. Church Bells to ring out at 6:30pm on 8th May 2025 and option to join a Beacon lighting across the country. In Marchwiell we may gather at the Peace Memorial at 9:30pm on the 8th (possibly light candles ?). More enquiries by SJ will be undertaken. KL and KG are happy to put their heads together too. An update at the next meeting will be given.

151.24/25

TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA (FULL COUNCIL OR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE) – Reference to the broken Finger Signpost for the Nature Reserve at the bottom of Station Road – a look to make good, an offer from a member of the public to donate a prize for a Summer Tidy Garden competition – more details to come.

The meeting closed at 9:08pm.

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