



'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 9th April 2025** in Piercy Hall, Marchwiell.

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

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

Not Present: Cllr. Vicky Woodhouse.

161.24/25 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr. Clare Davies – work commitment & Cllr. William Williams – prior engagement.

162.24/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None made.

163.24/25 **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. A group of residents are hoping to establish a community group to clear away brambles along the disused railway line. This would give cyclists, dog walkers and horse riders a new additional route to enjoy. NO motorbikes or other motorised vehicles. Looking for MCC to support.
2. Keen for sight of MCC Register of Assets.
3. Marchwiell is a beautiful village but could be more so. More daffodils, wild flowers could be considered on grassed areas. Less mowing by WCBC. Would MCC consider this suggestion ? Possibly a 5 year plan ? Ornamental trees perhaps ?
4. Consider a second defibrillator at the Southern end of the village ? Provide CPR training video on the MCC website.
5. Recent littering of football pitch, by the teen shelter. Incredible to see, especially as waste bins are nearby.
6. Summer garden prize offered to MCC. Keep in mind low maintenance gardens too.
7. Is this council as effective as it could be ? Discuss.

164.24/25 **MINUTES** – To approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 and also the **Additional Full Council** meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 – **Approved by all members present.**

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

- 165.24/25 **WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – WCBC Cllr.**
John Pritchard reported that :-
- Thanks to the Council for moving your monthly meeting – moving a week forward so MCC could be present at a public meeting about the proposed Butterfly Solar Farm that was called on the same date.
 - The meeting about the Solar Farm went well – good information sharing.
 - Thoughts of the idea to clear a footpath, be mindful an earlier project took close to 5 years to bring to fruition. WCBC do manage rights of way. Motorbikes and scooters can disrupt.
 - Re-cap on previous activities in the village, Christmas floats, Youth football & Friday Night Club. Even a Carnival Committee in the day. Very dependent on volunteers. People are busier these days.
 - JP agreed to chase up progress in the process to consider double yellow lines opposite the Red Lion PH in front of the Cottages.
- JP left the meeting at 19:22hrs.
- 166.24/25 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR BUTTERFLY (GLÖYN BYW) SOLAR FARM –**
SJ advised that on the MCC website we have all relevant documents published. Includes the MCC response which strongly objects to this proposal. A full planning application is expected in due course and there will be an official consultation exercise alongside.
- 167.24/25 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
– To consider the following applications;
1. Reference: P/2025/0068: **Bryn Moyle, Wrexham Road, Marchwiel:**
Demolition of Double Garage/Workshop and Erection of Replacement Steel Portal Double Garage/Workshop. : To view online : [Click here](#)
– **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**
 2. Reference: P/2025/0215: **1 Forest View, Bangor Road, Marchwiel**
Extension to Existing Dropped Kerb. : To view online : [Click here](#).
– **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted.**
- 168.24/25 **PLANNING DECISIONS**
– To note the following Planning Decisions;
1. Reference: P/2025/0025: **Sunnyside, Eyton:** Single Storey Side and Rear Extension. : **Granted** : To view online : [Click here – Noted.](#)
 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. : **Granted** : To view online : [Click here. – Noted.](#)
- 169.24/25 **FINANCE MATTERS –** SJ advises that the Financial Year has just ended 31st March. Presentation of the Bank Reconciliation Report to Year-End 31/3/2025 made. Explanation of the process to bring all the finance reports forward for approval by Council and where both Internal and External Audit come into play. Sign off is a legal requirement by 30th June. The first Internal Audit report for 2022/23 has been received. Next the 2023/24 submission to the Internal Auditors is due. Then both sets will be brought to Council for approval and then sent to Audit Wales for their review.

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

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BURIAL GROUND REPORT – SJ advised that members that the repairs needed after two trees were blown down have been quoted for. Under the delegation approved SJ negotiated a figure of £1350 for removal of the tree stumps, kerbing repair, re-setting of affected memorials and other works. The wall repair was quoted for by 3 parties. The lowest quote of £700 was accepted after references on quality of work were taken up. This should be completed over the coming weekend. In addition, one of the trees earmarked for removal as it is unsafe, under the approved planning application P/2024/1537 is now being treated as a priority. The contractor has quoted £400 and is expected to remove by the weekend. Other outstanding works are the hedge to be lowered and the crown lift of the Cherry Trees by the Peace Memorial. Quotes are now being requested. Some monies, £3,900.00, outstanding to the Council has been received, historic fees for burials and/or memorials installed. PM queried if an insurance claim had been considered. SJ was minded not to claim as the renewal premium would likely jump. If members decide that a claim is preferred this can be actioned.

171.24/25

LOCUM CLERK REPORT – INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE –

- The latest Police Report was presented. 2 instances of anti-social behaviour reported in the month.
- An email from Jacinta at WCBC is suggesting a session to weed around and mulch each of the sapling trees planted last November. Encourage the volunteers that helped last year to come along. Posters and Facebook posts could help get the word out. SJ will see if a date can be suggested.
- Correspondence from the organisers of the National Eisteddfod to take place in August in Wrexham. They talk of a Decorating Project to make the route to the Maes attractive. Publicise on MCC channels.
- Street Lighting matters – recent email exchanges with WCBC team over monies owed by MCC. There are six columns condemned and WCBC quote over £15,000 to replace. Scottish Power are also in the mix for service transfer. SJ exploring all options to contain/reduce the cost quoted. Also now getting some quotes for the unmetered supply to potentially reduce the monthly bill.

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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	1977.05	0.00	1977.05
BACS	Faster Pymt	Scribe Accounts	Subscription - April 2025	29.00	5.80	34.80
BACS	Faster Pymt	Leon Hughes	Burial Ground Maintenance	650.00	0.00	650.00
	D/D	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Fee - 3/25	6.00	0.00	6.00
Card	PPCC	Giffgaff	Mobile - SIM Only - 18mth	6.67	1.33	8.00
Card	PPCC	Zoom Video Comms	April 2025 Monthly Subs	12.99	2.60	15.59
BACS	Faster Pymt	Scottish Power	April 2025 Monthly Invoice	263.63	13.18	276.81
BACS	Faster Pymt	Rainbow Foundation	Room Hire - 3/25	20.00	0.00	20.00
Card	PPCC	HP	Feb Printing	4.57	0.92	5.49
Card	PPCC	Tesco	Printer paper ream x 2	7.50	1.50	9.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	Wrexham CBC	Street Lighting SLA	2837.84	567.57	3405.41
BACS	Faster Pymt	Wrexham CBC	Nature Reserve - Ground Rent	10.00	0.00	10.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership - 2025/26	257.00	0.00	257.00
Card	PPCC	HP	Mar Printing	4.57	0.92	5.49

173.24/25

TO HEAR BACK ON MEMBER'S RESEARCH ON HOW VE80 AND VJ80 ANNIVERSARIES MIGHT BE COMMEMORATED – IN MAY AND AUGUST RESPECTIVELY. SJ informed members that Rev. Marcus Pipe has replied to our idea of holding a short service at Marchwiel Peace Memorial on Thursday 8th May 2025 (VE Day) at 9:30pm. The Church bells will be rung at 6:30pm too. Both timings coincide with National organisers. Singing the hymn "I Vow To Thee My Country" is also suggested after the Lamp of Peace is lit. KL advises that the school children are making VE Day bunting which may put up in Piercy Hall and/or around the Peace Memorial.

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174.24/25

TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA (FULL COUNCIL OR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE) – Nothing to note.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

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