



'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 1st October 2025** in Piercy Hall, Marchwiell.

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

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, one Member of the Public, Cllr. John Pritchard WCBC (JP) and PCSO Lisa-Marie Davies (to present her crime report). From RWE, Mr Robin Johnson, Ms Emma Hayter & Ms. Eva Rath for their presentation/update.

69.25/26 **COUNCILLOR VACANCIES TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION** – Sontley & Deiniol Wards have each a vacant seat. To receive written applications for the office of Community Councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill the seat – SJ advised **none received**. SJ asked members to encourage any resident of Marchwiell to consider joining this Community Council. **No one was co-opted.**

70.25/26 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Nigel Lloyd – Unwell.

71.25/26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None given.

72.25/26 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – PCSO Lisa-Marie Davies presented the latest crime statistics for Marchwiell/Cross Lanes area. Then invited any questions from Members. No questions from the member of the public present.

73.25/26 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR BUTTERFLY (GLÖYN BYW) SOLAR FARM** – RWE representatives to update members and take questions. We're currently at the formal consultation phase, which is running from the 15th of September to the 27th of October, and we're holding 5 in-person events. After we've done these consultations, we plan to submit an application to Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) by the end of this year. A recommendation of approval, or to deny the project in 2026 as outcome. If it is consented, it would be start to be built in 2027. The revised plan includes – Western Array, additional wet woodland, we've increased the hedgerow planting along the public rights-of-way, and we've removed the information boards which was a request from a nearby resident. Central Array, we've removed this field here, of panels, and that's now going to become an orchard. We've also introduced two kilometres of permissive path on top of what we already introduced, and we've removed an access road

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here as well, so no construction deployment down there. And we've also increased the screening with hedges and some more tree planting as well. Eastern Array, We've removed this field completely, from our red line. Again, introduced more permissive paths, and introduced an offset at the top where that yellow arrow is. We've pushed the panels back here and introduced trees. From resident input, main concern was about the offset, we've put in a 45-metre offset with a double stagger tree belt. This will really effectively screen any user panels. Then opened to questions. SL asked if panels could be sited on higher ground rather than use good lowland productive land. The power pick up to the grid is the main factor as where arrays are located. MR asked what is to stop adding more arrays going forward. The Legacy capacity (grid pick up) is the limiting factor and it will all be taken up with this scheme. KG asked about harmful effects on the planet to make the components. In terms of the carbon payback, typically a site like this, you're looking about 1 to 3 years before it repays its carbon, that it costs to sort of build it. That includes manufacturing the panels, getting the panels over here, delivering them. In principle PM supports solar energy as a useful source for electricity generation. A member of public queried the level of construction traffic and laying the underground cable with disruption to traffic. In reply, about 24 deliveries a day, across 6 entrances. So, that's typically 1-2 lorry deliveries every hour, during that period, for about 9 months. So, one to two lorries every hour. Around 20 working days to install the ducting for cables and not anticipating major traffic disruption. RWE will make good any damage to roads – using a before condition survey as reference. Feedback forms were left in case anyone is not able to attend consultation event. Thanks given for taking the time to attend this meeting. **If members wish to review what MCC has already submitted, possibly put on the agenda for next meeting with RWE agreeing an extension and decide if we need to comment further based on the update today – ALL AGREED.**

74.25/26 **MINUTES** – To approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - **Approved by all members present.**

75.25/26 **WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – WCBC Cllr. John Pritchard reported that :-

- Covered off the proposed Solar Farm which JP has been receiving comment from interested parties.
- Dog fouling reports too – WCBC Enforcement team have been advised and have visited the village recently and will do so going forward.

JP left the meeting – 7:52pm

76.25/26 **COMMUNITY ASSETS** – the Locum Clerk picked up on dissatisfaction over inconsiderate dog owners not picking up after their dogs have done their business. This is particularly sensitive when linked to the Burial Ground. Members will consider if any further steps can be taken to encourage proper adherence to picking up poo.

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Another matter under review is how best to regulate the Nature Reserve as reeds are proving quite virile at present. Specialist advice from the One Voice Wales Biodiversity team is being sought but in the meantime a trim might make the area more accessible. PM has helped with a broken rail repair and has done some clearance of paths already. **SJ proposes a repeat of the volunteer effort to par back the reeds and make all the boardwalks accessible, a number of members agreed to help.**

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MARCHWIEL VILLAGE RAILWAY WORKING GROUP – A draft Business Case / Operations Plan has been published and shared with MCC. Members may wish to provide comment to further improve the document which will be presented to key Stakeholders and Funding Bodies. Members thought the case was well written. Incorporating the Nature Reserve as a highlight on the new walk was thought to be a good idea. Gaining landowner permission is the first task.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

– To consider the following applications;

1. Reference: P/2025/0730: **Roselyn, Eyton**: Conversion of Garage to Create Annexe. : To view online : [Click here.](#) – **This application should not have been sent to us, the location is in another Community Council area. SJ will write back to WCBC.**
2. Reference: P/2025/0720: **Land at, Bedwell Road, Cross Lanes**: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission P/2018/0138 to Amend Plan - Alterations to Plots 04 and 05. : To view online : [Click here.](#) – **This application should not have been sent to us, the location is in another Community Council area. SJ will write back to WCBC.**
3. To consider any planning applications validated since the publication of the agenda

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PLANNING DECISIONS

– To note the following Planning Decisions;

1. Reference: P/2025/0601: **7 Piercy Avenue, Marchwiel**: Single Storey Rear Extension. : **Granted** : To view online : [Click here.](#) – **Noted.**
2. To note any planning decisions made since the publication of the agenda

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FINANCE MATTERS – To determine the following:-

- An update on Audit Wales review of three Annual Reports covering 2022/23, 2023/24 & 2024/25 financial periods. Two basic and one full audit. **Nothing heard from Audit Wales.**
- Present Monthly Bank Reconciliation – September 2025 reports and sign off. **Reviewed the Scribe summarised information page and signed off the Bank Reconciliation report.**
- Present H1 [April - September 2025] Expenditure against Budget report and sign off. **Reviewed and approved.**

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LOCUM CLERK REPORT – INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE –

- Reported on the wish to plant crocus bulbs on a piece of Environmental Land adjacent to Yorke Close. Finally contact with WCBC has been established and all is positive at this point.
- It was reported that CF attended a Biodiversity course on 24th September. Sam Langdon of One Voice Wales has been recently hired and keen to work with MCC. An invitation for him to speak at our November meeting has been extended.
- Halloween is nearly upon us. Hopefully no repetition of a few eggs thrown at one or two houses – ASB to be nipped in the bud.
- Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC) have published their annual draft report on allowances. Little has changed for Town & Community Councils. The basic £208 allowance has not been increased.
- Ysgol Deiniol have a couple of vacancies on the Board of Governors – if this is of interest.
- Two requests of financial assistance have been “left on the table” as we do not have a budget this year.

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CHRISTMAS 2025 – KL reported on the plan to involve the school children in the “Lights Switch On” event. Decorate a Bauble to hang on the Christmas tree. Saturday 6th December is the suggested date.

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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	1011.05	0.00	1011.05
BACS	Faster Pymt	Scribe Accounts	Subscription - October 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 - 9/25	6.00	0.00	6.00
Card	PPCC	Giffgaff	Mobile - SIM Only - Top-up	8.34	1.66	10.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	Rainbow Foundation	Room Hire - 9/25	10.00	0.00	10.00
	D/D	Ecotricity	September Unmetered Supply	112.82	5.64	118.46
Card	PPCC	Amazon - REG Club	Bin Store Unit	191.61	38.32	229.93
BACS	Faster Pymt	S Pugh Limited	Storm Darragh Clean Up	1350.00	0.00	1350.00
			Burial Ground			
Card	PPCC	HP	August Printing	5.41	1.08	6.49
Card	PPCC	HP	September Printing	5.41	1.08	6.49
BACS	Faster Pymt	Equals Money	Pre-paid Card - Top-up	229.14	0.00	229.14
BACS	Faster Pymt	Equals Money	Pre-paid Card - Top-up	239.93	0.00	239.93

TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA (FULL COUNCIL OR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE) – Members are invited to propose.

- Outstanding from recent meetings: Village Signs & Burial Ground records to review.
- The WCBC Tree Planting programme – update.
- Playhouse graffiti – use nail varnish to repair.

The meeting closed at 9:02pm.

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