



'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 8th July 2026** in Piercy Hall, Marchwiell.

Present: Cllrs Downes (PD); Francis (CF); Grives (KG); Lydford (KL); Ogden (MO) & Rathbone (MR).

Not Present: Cllr William Price

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, 3 Members of the Public [1 via Zoom] & PCSO Lisa-Marie Davies [93464].

In the absence of both Cllr. Sharon Lloyd & Cllr. Clare Davies members approved that Cllr. Cim Francis will Chair this meeting – Carried.

Noting that PCSO Lisa-Marie Davies is present and 3 members of the public who wish to speak the Chair will take agenda items 50 (in part), 42, 48 and 49 now.

40.26/27 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Sharon Lloyd (Family Commitment), Cllr Clare Davies (Work Commitment), Cllr Nigel Lloyd (Sickness) & Cllr. Phil Marriott (Holiday).

41.26/27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None given.

42.26/27 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – 3 members of the public present. Council was addressed on the following matters, these were received by members.

1. The recent news article and determined Scoping Document by Wrexham CBC planning team regarding a Proposed development of 14 Industrial Buildings along Sesswick Way submitted by Mauna Kea Ltd (the Net World Sports Ltd development company) was raised.
2. It is noted no planning application has been lodged.
3. It is noted as loss of 33.61 hectares of prime (grade 3A) agricultural land and the proposed scale (up to 23 metres in height, noise/light/traffic pollution).
4. Plans to form an Action Group in Marchwiell and surrounding area to object and seek the full support of Marchwiell Community Council to back the group.
5. A contribution from a resident adjacent to the proposed development spoke and confirmed discussions with adjacent neighbours. In the cancelled WCBC LDP this land was discounted as land for development. This led to a number of ownership changes – it is believed. After submitting an email about the initial concerns the owner of Net World Sports paid a visit. Going forward the

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suggestion is a meeting between concerned residents and Mr Alex Lovén should happen.

43.26/27

MINUTES – To approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2026 – **Approved by all members present.**

Matters Arising :-

1. **25.26/27.** Facilities Committee KG & CF are happy to join. One more member needed to join to establish the minimum of 3. SJ asked if any member present would consider joining KG & CF to serve on this new committee. No one indicated interest so we will carry forward.

44.26/27

WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – By email WCBC Cllr. John Pritchard reported that :-

- Mention of the Scoping Report SC/2026/0001 – see Agenda Item 49.26/27
- Bus Stops on A525 at both ends of the village have been tidied and greenery clipped back.
- WCBC Housing Dept. have cleaned the footpaths behind Maelor View. Also an unsafe wall has been demolished on Maelor View bungalow site. Also a new bench is to be sited along Maelor View – funding from WCBC Environmental pot that the local member can access.
- The clearance of green encroachment on the pavement from Cross Lanes traffic lights to Pick Hill should be completed soon.

45.26/27

PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND – SJ reported on progress of application to date :-

- Emailed 12th June to Ceri at WCBC Grant Administration team. Land owner permission is proving difficult to obtain. Also there is a query over improving the road surface at the bottom of Station Road.
- A reply was received today, Includes reference to additional WCBC contacts to request land owner permission from.
- SJ asked if any member had any bandwidth to help with pushing through the application pre-requisites – this would be most welcome.

46.26/27

FINANCE MATTERS – The following points were tabled by SJ

- Members to note the Notices for Public Inspection of our Annual Accounts have been published online and displayed on our two Notice Boards in the village – **Noted.** SJ did share the details of our submission to Audit Wales with members.
- Present Monthly Bank Reconciliation – June 2026 report and sign off – **Approved and signed by the Chairman.**
- Present Q1 [April, May & June 2026] Expenditure against Budget report and sign off. – **Noted.**

47.26/27

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

– *To consider the following applications;*

1. Reference: P/2026/0383: **Sheridan, Wrexham Road, Marchwiell:** Two Storey Side and Rear Extension, Single Storey Rear Extension and Erection of Replacement Garage: To view online : [Click Here](#).
– **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted**

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2. Reference: P/2026/0409: **Bryn Y Cabanau Farm, Wrexham Road, Marchwiell**: Conversion Of Barn To Dwelling: To view online : [Click Here](#).
– **Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted**

48.26/27

PLANNING DECISIONS

– **Members noted the following Planning Decision;**

1. Reference: SC/2026/0001: **Land Adjacent To Sewage Disposal Works Five Fords, Bedwell Road, Cross Lanes**: Scoping Opinion For Outline Planning Application For The Erection Of Buildings (Use Classes B2, B8, B1 (C)) Including Land For Ecological Mitigation And Associated Infrastructure, Including Means Of Access, With Matters Reserved Relating To Appearance, Landscaping, Scale And Layout Reserved For Future Determination:
Decision Made :To view online : [Click Here](#).

49.26/27

PRE-APPLICATION SCOPING APPLICATION – 33.61 HECTARES

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – LAND WEST OF SESSWICK WAY, WREXHAM

– A recent news article <https://wrexham.com/news/net-world-sports-reveals-plans-for-major-expansion-in-marchwiell-294572.html> has alerted residents of a proposal to submit an outline planning application on land adjacent to Five Fords Water Treatment Works. Some 14 Industrial Units some as tall as 23 metres. The Locum Clerk summarised some information extracted from the supporting documents submitted with the pre-application scoping application.

- An outline planning application is likely to be the next formal step.
- From the Scoping Report at 4.43 there is mention of the Utopia City full planning application (P/2023/0497 – not yet determined – Holt Community Council area), in reference to the 23m height and wind microclimate. Simply to say no assessment of wind aspects was called for in that case and they have higher buildings proposed.
- Using Google search and AI tool, suggestions on approach and specific matters to include in any letter of objection being drawn up. A copy will be distributed to members.
- Keeping close touch with WCBC Cllr. John Pritchard to have him as a go-between [WCBC Planning Team and MCC].
- Establish a channel with Holt/Sesswick Community Councils.

Members agreed to support the residents who have their concerns over this proposed development and liaise with neighbouring Community Councils to bring pressure to bear on securing a result where the agricultural land is retained – no development, or if that is not possible for a modified proposal that has the lowest impact on the environment and visual impact – Carried.

50.26/27

LOCUM CLERK REPORT – INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE – *To receive an oral report.*

- PCSO Lisa-Marie Davies is present. She presented the monthly crime report for June – 4 reported incidents. SJ also mentioned the request from WCBC Cllr. Pritchard to be alert to suspicious activities being reported taking place at the bottom of Station Rd. A number of members also raised concerns over electric scooters and bike riders with little or no road sense. All noted by Lisa-Marie and members thanked her for attending.
- The offer to replace a bench in the Burial Ground by a local family is progressing. We will suggest who could be approached to help with the installation.
- WCBC survey on Rock Salt Bins sited in the village. SJ will respond.

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- WCBC Speed Indicator Displays survey. There are 2 on A525, on either side. SJ will respond.
- We have been alerted to inconsiderate parking near to pavement road crossing points (the bobbly sections) which makes access for mobility scooters/wheelchair users extremely tricky. **SJ will alert the PCSO team to ask them to closely monitor.**
- The WCBC Public Space Protection Order has now formally been readopted – covers City Centre.
- Note of social media posts on obstacles on the Recreation Ground – possibly mole traps – then removed, as Wrexham Council, being the owner may not have approved.
- Marchwiell Saints FC – correspondence from their Chairman – giving an update on recent highlights – Development of age banded children’s teams and a new Adult Team is being established – to compete in North East Wales Division 3. PD has put her company forward to be the shirt sponsor (home kit) and is impressed with the development noted. Mention of the recently held Football Tournament where numerous teams visited Marchwiell to compete. Rose Fox also played a blinder by undertaking a clean-up around the changing room block. All members thanked her. **CF will introduce a local company to the Football Club Chairman in the hope they will also agree some sponsorship of the Away Kit.** Members also agreed to approve a grant of £100 toward the cost of footballs. **SJ will make the bank transfer soonest.**
- Ian Pope of Rainbow Centre replied to our request for more information on the Café Pilot at Piercy Hall. Some discussion on the plans by members took place. **Members agreed to make a donation of £160 to source additional crockery that is deemed “dementia friendly”.**
- Email from Deryck Evans of Audit Wales highlighting some early submissions for External Audit are incomplete and the note was to hopefully guard against more following.
- An email regarding the King’s Birthday Honours List 2027 and putting forward nominations by 7th August 2026.
- Letter of introduction from recently elected Senedd Member for Flint Wrexham Mr Sam Rowland – one of the six elected. **SJ to reply and make an invitation to attend a future meeting.**
- UK City of Culture Bid Team 2029 have written to outline promotional materials for the bid. **SJ to reply with information requested.**

51.26/27

SUMMER GARDENING COMPETITION 2026 – Locum Clerk to update members on progress to date. SJ has had discussions over appointing new judges for this year’s competition. Categories this year Colourful Garden, Wildlife Friendly and Best Container/Hanging Basket. Sunflower/Young Gardner is being raised with the School. **KG is assisting with an update to the Poster to publicise. PD offered to use the FB page for the village too. Closing & Judging dates to be firmed up.**

52.26/27

THE DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU [DBCC] – TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL SURVEY – SJ encouraged members to undertake this online survey. Responses required by mid-August. Based on their individual responses Members can decide if a whole Council response is recommended.

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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	2073.65	0.00	2073.65
BACS	Faster Pymt	Scribe Accounts	Subscription - July 2026	29.00	5.80	34.80
BACS	Faster Pymt	Leon Hughes	Burial Ground Maintenance	750.00	0.00	750.00
	D/D	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Fee - 6/26	7.00	0.00	7.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	Rainbow Foundation	Room Hire - 06/26	10.00	0.00	10.00
	D/D	Ecotricity	June Unmetered Supply	82.00	4.10	86.10
Card	CC	HP	June Printing	5.41	1.08	6.49
BACS	Faster Pymt	Wrexham CBC	Play Area SLA - April - Sept 2026	1125.50	225.10	1350.60
Card	CC	Giffgaff	Mobile - SIM Only - 18mth	6.67	1.33	8.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	JDH Business Services Ltd	2025/26 Internal Audit Fee	525.00	105.00	630.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	Adam Marriott Gardens	Welcome Garden Maintenance	100.00	0.00	100.00

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.
- Training Courses – in person, look at scheduling a series of sessions.
- Look at improving the kerb appeal at the bottom of Station Road.
- Keep in mind the planned works at Nature Reserve – Enfys Ecology and WCBC Open Spaces Team – scheduled for Oct/Nov 2026.
- Look at engaging an Arboricultural Expert to inspect trees at Marchwiell Burial Ground and produce a Tree Condition Report.

The meeting closed at 8:58pm.

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