Cyngor Cymunedol Marchwiel Community Council

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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 14th October 2026** in Piercy Hall, Marchwiel.

Present: Cllrs Lloyd S (SL), (Chair); Downes (PD); Francis (CF); Grives (KG); Lloyd N (NL); Lydford (KL) & Price (WP).

In attendance: Shaun Jones (SJ), Locum Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, 1 Member of the Public, In part: WCBC Cllr John Pritchard (JP), PCSO Catherine Griffiths-Hughes (CGH), Sam Rowlands MS (SR), Richard Thomas (RT) and Julie Davies (JD) – The Base Youth Outreach Leaders with WCBC.

Not Present: Cllr Clare Davies

68.26/27 **COUNCILLOR VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION** – Piercy Ward has a vacant seat. To receive written applications for the office of Community Councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill the seat. The co-optee to sign a Declaration of Office and immediately take their seat. – SJ advised **no written application received.** SJ asked members to encourage any resident of Marchwiel to consider joining this Community Council. The poster will re-published with a December closing date.

69.26/27 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE –** Cllr Matthew Ogden – Family Commitment and Cllr Megan Rathbone – Family Commitment.

70.26/27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None given.

71.26/27 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS** – None.

PCSO Catherine Griffiths-Hughes joined the meeting 18:35hrs – See 79.26/27 first dot.
PCSO Catherine Griffiths-Hughes left the meeting 18:47hrs.

72.26/27 **MINUTES** – *To approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2026.* **Approved by all members present.**
Matters Arising :-
1. **26.26/27.** Facilities Committee KG & CF are happy to join. One more member needed to join to establish the minimum of 3. SJ asked if any

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member present would consider joining KG & CF to serve on this new committee. No one indicated interest so we will carry forward.

2. **50.26/27.** Burial Ground – Replacement Bench – not installed yet.

73.26/27 **WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** –Cllr. John Pritchard reported that :-

- Confirmation of a new seat has been installed in Maelor View.
- Reports of road patching in Sontley area. Also reports of rough patches around Reynolds Grave to the T Junction with Bwgan-ddu Lane so hopefully repairs will get done.
- Residents have reported to me of e-bikes on Maes Glyndwr Football pitch damaging the playing surface. Just covered with PCSO team present this evening.
- Plas Noble where scrap cars were being stored. A static caravan is now sited there. Improvements to the building are anticipated as well as a general tidy up.

Sam Rowlands MS joined 18:55hrs.

74.26/27 **MR SAM ROWLANDS MS – FLINT & WREXHAM** – SL welcomed Mr Rowlands for joining the meeting this evening and thanked him for his earlier letter. SR, by way of introduction, gave a summary biography and the following matters were touched on:-

- Pride in Place Impact fund status of grant drawdown.
- Communications between MCC and WCBC sometimes need a nudge.
- ALN funding that Ysgol Deiniol would benefit from.
- Hospital parking issues at Wrexham Maelor.

Sam Rowlands MS left the meeting 19:25hrs.
Richard Thomas and Julie Davies joined 19:25hrs – gave an oral report see 79.26/27 second dot.
JP, RT & JD left the meeting 19:35hrs.

75.26/27 **PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND** – To receive an update

- On progress in gaining supporting land owner permission – for the suggested improvements at Maes Owain Glyndwr & Welcome Garden we are speaking to Nicola Ellis, Jamie Edge for the Gateway Signs and Kerry Williams for the 5 Street Benches. Jamie has given approval, Nicola is 90% there and nothing from Kerry to date.
- Refining the items to fund – SJ went through the listed elements for improvements at Maes Owain Glyndwr – about £16,000 with an estimate still to come. At the Welcome Garden we have a quote for improving the electric supply to the three outlying trees using festival trunking and Cllr Ogden has given input on renovation of the Natural Oak Notice Board. In addition 2 closed case notice boards will replace the Perspex Covers. The Gateway Signs are close to being green lighted.

76.26/27 **FINANCE MATTERS** – To receive an update

- Auditor General's Report and Opinion 2025/26 – To formally note this report. The report is "Unqualified" or clean and the second year running. **Noted.**
- Present Monthly Bank Reconciliation – September 2026 report and sign off. **Approved and signed by the Chairman.**

- Present H1 [April - September 2026] Expenditure against Budget report and sign off. **Reviewed and approved.**

77.26/27 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

– To consider the following applications;

1. *Reference: P/2026/0616: **Erddig Hall, Erddig**: Listed Building Consent for Removal of 19 No. Conservation Roof Lights and Replace With 13 No Conservation Roof Lights With 6 No. Areas of Slate to Match Existing Roof: To view online : Click Here*
   – Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted

2. *Reference: P/2026/0627: **Erddig Hall, Erddig**: Listed Building Consent for Internal Alterations: To view online : Click Here..*
   – Decision – No Observations or Comments to be submitted

78.26/27 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

1. *Reference: P/2026/0494: **Sheridan, Wrexham Road, Marchwiel**: Variation of Conditions 2 and 4 of Planning Permission P/2026/0383 To Amend Garage Design: **Granted** :To view online : Click Here.*

79.26/27 **LOCUM CLERK REPORT – INCLUDES CORRESPONDENCE** –

- September Monthly Police Report presented by PCSO Catherine Griffiths-Hughes. 11 incidents noted on the report and particular mention of e-scooters and e-bikes still being used illegally.
- RT and JD of The Base Youth Outreach reported on their recent visits to Marchwiel – 2 taster sessions. The second this evening doubled the attendance on the first visit to 15. Very successful so far. Agreed to a third visit next week. Blocks of 6 or 12 weeks @ £240 per session is the quoted offer. More information to follow by email. Active Wrexham also support with sport/games activities.
- Burial Ground administration – SJ asked for members to approve an upcoming burial as resident even though living in a care home outside the village – **approved.**
- KL reported on Scottish Power emergency planning. Preparing for periods of power outage for up to 3 days due to storms this Winter. SP would like us to inform residents to forewarn. **Agreed to publish on Facebook and Noticeboards.**
- KG informed members that she has recently updated her record of grave spaces in Marchwiel Burial Ground and shared with SJ. There is still a query over whether all records, particularly relating to Grave Space Deeds issued, have been handed over by the previous Clerk. Efforts to exchange information are ongoing. A formal letter making the request is suggested as this makes a record of this matter.

80.26/27 **UPCOMING EVENTS 2026 – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY/ARMISTICE AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS AND GIVEN TO SHINE – SURPLUS FOOD GIVEAWAY –** Upcoming on Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday – 10:45am for Church Service and 2 minutes silence, then the laying of wreaths at the Peace Memorial. All members welcome. On Wednesday 11th November Armistice Day, 2 minutes silence will be observed at the Peace Memorial – all welcome but it is appreciated this a working day. SJ apologised for a diary clash and is not available for Saturday 5th

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December Christmas Lights Switch-On with Father Christmas. An effort to do as much preparation the weekend before, so there is minimal set up on the 5th. Mention of gazeebo for Father Christmas in case the weather is likely to be poor. The Hungry Heifer Food Van will attend, music, possible live performance and guest invited to perform the ceremonial switch on. SL/WP/SJ to work on this to fine tune. A reminder that the annual Bingo fundraiser in memory of Lauren Brown is taking place on the same evening so encourage folks to attend both events. The Given To Shine food surplus giveaway on Christmas Eve – details still to come, likely to be at the end of November. PD reverted back to Christmas Lights Switch-On noting all elements and gaining consensus form all present. Also can make poster to publicise.

81.26/27 **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 - October 2026	29.00	5.80	34.80
BACS	Faster Pymt	Leon Hughes	Burial Ground Maintenance	875.00	0.00	875.00
	D/D	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Fee - 9/26	7.00	0.00	7.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	Rainbow Foundation	Room Hire - 09/26	10.00	0.00	10.00
	D/D	Ecotricity	September Unmetered Supply	134.54	6.73	141.27
Card	CC	HP	September Printing	5.41	1.08	6.49
Card	CC	Giffgaff	Mobile - SIM Only - 18mth	6.67	1.33	8.00
BACS	Faster Pymt	Adam Marriott Gardens	Welcome Garden Maintenance	50.00	0.00	50.00
Card	CC	Griffiths Hire Shops	Hire of Brushcutter	49.00	9.80	58.80

82.26/27 **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.
- Membership of the new Facilities Committee needs to have a minimum of 3.
- 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 Marchwiel Burial Ground and produce a Tree Condition Report.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

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