

**MARCHWIEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT MARCHWIEL VILLAGE HALL AT 7:00 PM**

Present:

Councillor Mr Terry Edwards – Chair
Councillor Mrs Sharon Lloyd - Vice Chair

“ Mrs Morag Browning	Councillor Mr Stephen Jones
“ Mrs Patricia Downes	“ Mr Nigel Lloyd
“ Mr Andrew Edwards	“ Miss Sally Roberts
“ Mr Russell Jones	Vacancy x2

Mrs Victoria Jones – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer *** Absent**

Invited Guests:

70 Welcome

Cllr Edwards welcomed Members and PCSO Lydia Edwards

71 Apologies for Absence

No Apologies all Members present.
Cllr Christine Jones has resigned as Councillor due to house move out of the area.

72 Police Report

North Wales Police report of the August crimes had been emailed to Members and she is awaiting the September report

73 Declarations of Interest¹

The Clerk reminded Members that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and or prejudicial interest.

74 Confirmation of Minutes

AGREED – That the minutes of the Meeting held on July 10th 2019 be signed as an accurate record.
September 11th meeting was re-scheduled to 25th September due to insufficient Member quorum.

75 Matters concerning Wrexham County Borough Council (Part 2)² and Councillors Report

County Councillor John Pritchard has yet again failed to send his monthly report to either the Clerk or Chairman. The Clerk reported that she, the Chair and Vice Chair had all received recorded delivery letters of complaint from Cllr Pritchard which they had to travel to Wrexham Sorting Office to collect them.

The Chairman declared that Members of the Press and Public will be excluded from discussions on this matter as it contains items of a sensitive nature, under the provisions of Part 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960.

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Members asked the Clerk to send the letter of response stating that the minutes were a true record, drafted by Cllr Roberts and agreed by Members present to John Pritchard.

76 Finance

a) **The Council proposed and seconded the following:**

Income and Expenditure for the Period 10th July 2019 – September 25th 2019

Total income @ 25/09/2019 (19/20) = £ 925.00

Total expenditure @ 25/09/2019 (19/20) = £2,932.64

b) **Bank Signatory Mandate:** The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Nat West Bank's Head office who confirmed the first set of forms were the correct forms and the two further sets were not. They completed the forms whilst on the phone with the Clerk and agreed to ring the Clerk at 8:15am the following morning to enquire which Councillors have a Nat West A/c. and how many other Councillors wish to become signatories. He agreed that the Wrexham Branch had not acted properly when refusing to print off the forms in the branch and by not recording Cllr Brownings ID when she visited the bank.

c) **External 2018/19 Audit:** The Clerk informed Members that she had been contacted several times with requests for further information regarding various queries. The original auditor who had been carrying out the Audit had left the company and now a new auditor is asking for additional information and copies of minutes of resolutions for works carried out by Mr Morris and the new paths contract. She also wanted to know if Mr Hughes was self employed or an employee and if he had a contract. The Chairman and Clerk confirmed that he is self employed as he works elsewhere. The Clerk agreed to request proof of letter from his accountant.

d) **The Pensions Regulator:** re-enrolment and re-declaration. The Clerk reported that she had received notification to update the information to the Pensions Regulator.

77 S137 Financial Assistance

Resolved that, in accordance with Council policy, applications for financial assistance from organisations be considered once a year in May. The Clerk reported that she had not written the cheque properly for Team Dransfield Charity Bike Ride

RESOLUTION: Members RESOLVED to reissue a new cheque for £50 to the charity from the Chairman's Fund and place a stop on the original cheque.

78 Planning

The Clerk reported receipt of two planning applications. Members Noted with No Objections

- a. **P/2019/0637 Erection of Open Fronted Steel Portal Building for the Storage of Implements and Feed Stuffs and all Associated Works The Groves Farm Sontley**
- b. **P/2019/0644 Variation of Condition)2 Of Planning Permission Code No P/2017/0482 To Make Amendments To Original Plans Smithy Cottage Sontley Lake Sontley Wrexham**

79 Ideas for future events and use of Village Hall.

Members agreed that last year's Remembrance Celebration was such a success they wish to support the Hall but also build Community Cohesion and suggested ideas of future events including an Easter event.

80 Community Agent
The Clerk reported that the consortium have been contacted to ask if Willington and Worthenbury can join as additional areas for support or whether they should have additional funding for their area? Members agreed that their initial response would be 'no' to joining with no funding as it would stretch the current service. However, Members suggested that the Community Agent be invited to a meeting to update Members of how the service works and then they can make a proper decision.
81 First Responder
The Clerk reported still no update regarding who the First Responder is.
82 Burial Ground
Nothing new to report.
83 Street Lighting
Clerk reported that the replacement street light columns and street lamps would be replaced imminently. Snapfast had delivered the lamps to Wrexham County Borough Council's Street Lighting Department who would oversee the replacement of 5 condemned lamp posts and lamps.
84 Nature Reserve
The Clerk reported that Cllrs Terry Edwards, Andrew Edwards, Sally Roberts and herself met Mark Greenhough from the North Wales Wildlife Trust at Marchwiell Nature Reserve on 9 th September. He was enthusiastic at what can be done and talked about a previous project he had worked on which was a similar marsh land. He talked through his ideas and agreed to contact outside agencies for advice. He has volunteers and funding available to carry out the works. It is a big job but he recommended beginning in one section at a time. The Clerk agreed to make contact with Welsh Water to obtain access through the gate.
85 Welcome Garden
The Clerk spoke to Leon who agreed to fit the Eco benches at the end of November. Cllr N Lloyd agreed that the benches once ordered could be delivered to his house whilst awaiting to be fitted. RESOLUTION: Members resolved that three benches be purchased and the Clerk obtain quotes.
86 Remembrance Sunday
The Clerk agreed to order 20 Street Lamp Poppies @ £2-£3 each. Members resolved to pay £60. The Clerk informed Members that Rev Sue Huyton is preparing the Service Sheet this year and will send to the printers on Members behalf. RESOLUTION: Members Resolved to pay the printing fees. The wreath was given to Cllr Sharon Lloyd and Cllr Russell Jones agreed to read at the service. The Clerk agreed to send him the reading once she receives it from Reverend Huyton.
87 Defibrillator –
The Clerk reported that she had made contact with the Church with a view of fixing a defibrillator to their fence. She was awaiting a response.
88 Events Calendar

- a) Father Christmas Visit: Members suggested that a repeat of the Father Christmas visit would be most welcome.
- b) Competition: The Clerk spoke to the Headteacher Kevin Baugh of Ysgol Deiniol who was keen to let the pupils compete in a Christmas card competition. Members discussed the printing options and would finalise at the next meeting but asked the Clerk if she could contact school with the suggestion of the theme of 'First Christmas Memory' poem or picture suggestion.
- c) Bulb Planting: Cllr Browning discussed the options of planting spring bulbs. Members thought it a good idea and welcomed further information. The Clerk and Members made suggestions of where to purchase bulbs/plants from. Cllr Browning agreed to make further enquiries.

89 Correspondence

Correspondence was noted by Members: The following had been emailed previously.

1. Wrexham Town & Community Council Forum. Agenda 4pm 12.09.2019 Guildhall. The Clerk informed Members that she had attended this meeting on their behalf. There was a long

heated debate regarding flooding in areas of Wrexham which made the meeting longer than planned. The Chief Officer answered the many questions and explained how old fashioned and complicated the drainage system is. Major works would be required to update

2. Wrexham PFI Ltd – Community Liaison Meeting 5:30pm on 23.09.19 @ Recycling Park Wrexham Industrial Estate. Members were unable to attend but Cllr Russell Jones said he would like to attend in the future.

90 Members Urgent Announcements' and requests for future meeting items

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05pm.

PRESIDING CHAIRMAN - COUNCILLOR MR TERENCE EDWARDS

Signed as a correct record _____ this 11th September 2019

