



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of Council Meeting

4th December 2024

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

Councillor Robin Boston
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Richard Evans
Councillor Ky Lewis
Councillor Pam Hughes

Councillor Colin Hidden
Councillor David Sopwith

Also present: Stephanie Masters (Clerk), Davena Davies (Community Agent) and
County Cllr Trevor Bates

Chair opened meeting at 6:30pm

1/1224 Apologies

No Apologies

2/1224 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

(b) Requests for dispensations

None

3/1224 Reports

(a) Police report

No Police report

Action

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- The proposed North East Wales National Park consultation finishes on the 16th December. There is another consultation meeting on Saturday 10th December between 3pm-7pm at Llangollen Town Hall.
- The consultation for the Mynydd Mawr Energy Park runs until the 18th December.
- Wrexham Council is running a consultation regarding its Library Service until 19th January 2025. The survey can be completed online. **DD** has put paper copies in the OJMH.
- The Santa Run will be on Monday the 23rd December. It will start at The Swan in Pontfadog then travel to Dolywern and Llwynmawr and then continue along the Old Road to Glyn Ceiriog. Children in both Community Council areas will receive a £2 selection box.
- The Ceiriog Valley Sheepdog Society dinner at the Mulberry had been successful.
- The Llangollen Illuminated Tractor Run held on the 1st December had been a great success and had raised £9000 for Wrexham Maelor Hospital Children's Ward.
- Tourism in Wrexham is growing. Since 2012 visitor numbers have increased from 1.69m day visitors to 2.05m. Today a report to the Employment Business & Investment Scrutiny Committee (WCBC) mentioned the Ceiriog Valley and the hope that the economy of rural villages would benefit from tourism. **TB** had pointed that the Springhill Riding Stables were a fantastic opportunity for outdoor recreation, but WCBC was not joined up in helping this rural business by refusing planning permission.
- Community Employment Mentors at WCBC are helping people back into work. People leaving prison, the over 60s, Domestic Abuse Victims and those with mental health issues are being supported.
- A number of properties were flooded in the recent storms. A landslip in Llanarmon had damaged two properties. There had been great community support for the residents, and a GoFundMe page had raised £4000 in 12 hours.

Thankfully the flood gates on properties in Bro Dewi were not tested but this is a constant worry for residents. Council workers did get on the platform and clear the grid on the culvert.

Kerry Williams and Cllr Terry Evans had visited the area and had asked for the B4579 to be cleaned, and the storm drains unblocked.

4/1224 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 6th November 2024

(a) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2024 as a true and correct record.

RE proposed the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record. **Seconded by EJ. Unanimously agreed. RBo** signed the Minutes.

(b) Matters Arising

- Glyntraian Community Council will be hosting the next meeting of the three Councils on 15th January 2025. **SM** had notified the other Clerks. **RBo** asked Councillors to put forward agenda items to **SM**.
- Annette Thomas from Community Catalysts had been invited to speak at the meeting of the 3 Councils. The project is helping people to develop small enterprises and ventures (community enterprises) that provide support and care for people across the whole of Wrexham.
- **EJ** had given the keys to the Council's new noticeboard to **DS** who had agreed to put up any notices when required.
- **SM** had received an annual report from Caru'n Pentrefi. This year a total of 65 bags of litter had been collected. The figures had been reported monthly after each session to Keep Wales Tidy. Apart from litter collection the volunteers were involved in other activities including cleaning the War Memorial and the preparation of the flower beds around the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall (OJMH) and the planters in the villages. Meetings of the volunteers have now finished until March next year.
- **RE** reported the last session of the Repair Café in November had been very successful with 21 repairs being made. The next session is at the OJMH on 5th December. **RE** had now found another volunteer to help with electrical repairs and a volunteer to do bicycle repairs. Generous donations had been given enabling the group to pay for the hall facilities.
- **SM** had not received clarification of WCBC's responsibilities concerning roadside verges and washes from Linda Roberts, Chief Officer Governance & Customer at Wrexham Council. **DS** said the Council should contact Kevin Edwards from Wrexham Council's Highways Department to seek further information.
- **RBo** informed Councillors that Morrisons had donated many groceries for the Christmas hampers. **SM** to send a letter of appreciation.
- **DD** had spoken to Darren Tomkins at AVOW about membership for the Council and had been advised that the Council could be an Associate Member.

SM

5/1224 Correspondence**SM** had received:

- Notification of planning application P/2024/1455: Floor side extension and alterations to roof at: Llwyn Afon, Bronygarth, Oswestry, SY10 7ND. Discussed later in the meeting.
- A thank you email for the Council's donation towards the 2025 National Eisteddfod in Wrexham.
- One Voice Wales training dates for November 2024 to March 2025. **SM** had forwarded details to the Councillors,
- Notification from WCBC that they have launched a new consultation to help shape the future of local libraries and resource centres and were inviting the public to take part. **SM** to put details on the Council website. **DD** had already put paper copies in the OJMH.
- Email from Police detailing a survey from the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner asking people of the region to say how much money they are prepared to pay for the work the police do to keep neighbourhoods safe through the precept levied on their Council Tax.

SM

6/1224 Community Agent

DD reported:

- **DD** confirmed that all her training is up to date. She is now trying to arrange a First Aid training course as this was due for renewal.
- **DD** confirmed the Community Christmas Lunch was being held on 17th December and around 50-60 people were expected to attend. The Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities had donated £100 towards the cost. The Council would pay any remaining costs of the event.
- PACT funding for the new Men's Club was being made available.

Following his resignation, **DD** thanked **RBo** for all his hard work with Brunch Club.

On behalf of the Council, **RBo** thanked **DD** for putting up the Christmas tree and lights at the OJMH.

7/1224 Finance

(a) To review Financial Report and (b) to authorise and sign payments

SM had sent a copy of the financial report to Councillors prior to the meeting detailing the account balances, receipts and what had been paid. A schedule of items for payment totalling £4916.19 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed. **SM** informed Councillors that the higher total of payments was due to payment for the new noticeboard (£1455) and Council's contribution to the Citizens Advice sessions (£500)

RE proposed all payments be approved. **Seconded** by **DS**. **Unanimously agreed**. The payments were authorised at the meeting by **PH** and **EJ**. **DS proposed** the Finance Report be accepted. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **Unanimously agreed**. **RBo** signed the financial report.

There was one receipt of £1979.42 from Scottish Power for the FIT claim. It was agreed **SM** transfer this to the OJMH account.

(c) To discuss 2025-2026 Council Budget

SM had prepared a draft budget, but it was agreed this would be reviewed by the Finance Committee and then discussed at the Council meeting in January. **SM** told Councillors the final Council Budget for 2025-2026 would have to be confirmed at that meeting because the Community Council Precept must be requested by 24th January 2025.

RBo CH
SM RE

8/1224 Planning

Planning application P/2024/1455 (Floor side extension and alterations to roof at: Llwyn Afon, Bronygarth, Oswestry, SY10 7ND)

This planning application was discussed and there were no objections or concerns. **SM** to advise Planning Officer.

SM

9/1224 Election of new Chair

RBo had already advised Councillors of his intention to resign as Chair at the end of the meeting. He had asked **RE** if he would consider taking on the role. However, **RE** wanted further information about the responsibilities of the Chair before committing to the position. It was agreed **RBo** and **SM** meet with

RE before the next meeting to discuss his concerns. **RBo** said he would Chair the January meeting when a new Chair would be appointed.

10/1224 Agenda items for next meeting

Appointment of new Chair

Council Budget and Precept

AOB

DS asked if the Clych Playgroup could apply for a donation. The playgroup is run as a charity. **SM** explained they would need to make an application to the Council, and she would send an application form for them to complete

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:30pm

Next meeting will be on 8th January 2025 at 6:30pm

SM