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Minutes Full Council Meeting
Wednesday 27th November 2024
The Village Hall Ruabon

AGENDA

Present: Councillors: J. Roberts (JR- Chair); D. Davies (DD); M. Evans (ME); E. Jackson (EJ); E. Jones (ELJ); L. Kelly (LK); J. Lowe (JL); R. Pitson (RP); S. Kapas (SK); J. Taylor (JT); A Tynan (AT).

077.24/25 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. D. O'Brien

078.24/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – In accordance with the Model Code of Conduct Adopted on the 25th September 2024, members shall withdraw from any discussion or vote where they hold a pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interest. These are notes in sections *In accordance with the Councils Code of Conduct members shall withdraw from any discussion or vote which they hold a disclosable pecuniary interest. These are covered within Part 3 Interests sections (10), (11), (12), (14), (15), and (16).*

Cllr. D. Davies – Planning
Cllr. A. Tynan – Scottish Power

079.24/25 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS - *To allow members of the public the opportunity to speak on an item listed on the agenda for a maximum of 3 minutes.*

Mr Gareth Stacey of Wrexham Youth Service (Wrexham County Borough Council), attended the meeting to provide information about the Council Youth Service and to note Wrexham Council's decision to close one of the sessions per week.

Information was provided to the Community Council regarding the cost of providing an additional session per night which currently costs £198.00 per session and this is likely to increase in the coming April of 2025. With a predicted cost of £7,500 per annum.

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Councillors asked a number of questions in relation to attendance, average attendance is 12 per session with 186 children on the register.

The Chair thanked Mr. Stacey for attending the Council Meeting.

Resolved: For the matter to be placed on the agenda for the Finance Committee Meeting to be held in December.

080.24/25 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING MATTERS

- **Resolved:** To note receipt of the Report from Sarah Clark-Lewis PCSO
- To ask what interventions are in place with regards to the issues in relation to the reports of domestic abuse. Councillors were concerned at the increase of Domestic Violence reporting and the impact.
- Invitation to Sarah Clark-Lewis to the Christmas Light Switch on
- Communications with Inspect Rhodri Ifans re PCSO role

081.24/25 TO APPROVE FOR ACCURACY – MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1. Minutes of 30th October 2024

Resolved: To Note correction the time the meeting concluded to 20.44

The Minutes of the Meeting then being accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

082.24/25 FINANCE

1. To Approve expenditure in retrospect as per the schedule of expenditure for October to November 2024

Resolved: To Approve expenditure in retrospect

2. Councillors to complete Remuneration documentation for 2024 to 2025

Resolved: Noted all councillors to complete

3. To note expenditure limit within section 137(4)(a) Local Government Act 1972

Resolved: The Following be noted

Expenditure per elector for 2023 to 2024 was electorate count 1809 x £10.81 making a total of £19,555.29

Expenditure for 2024 to 2025 was electorate count 1809 x £11.10 making a total of £20,079.90

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This being the figure that the Community Council is allowed to spend under the section 137 money allocated for the electorate.

4. To Consider New Costs for Community Bins

Resolved: To note that Wrexham County Borough Council was unable to provide the new bins, and the order was cancelled for the Clerk to purchase new bins at a cost of £435.00 each along with additional security to prevent damage. These being the replacement bins in the recreation area.

5. Confirmation of Renewal of Utility Agreements for Gas and Electricity

Resolved: Noted the report provided by the Clerk and to note a reduction in costs.

083.24/25 PLANNING MATTERS - To consider the following Planning Applications:

A. Application Number P/2024/1456

Resolved: No Observations

B. Application Number P/2024/1569

Resolved: No Observations

C. Application Number P/2024/1556

Resolved: No Observations

084.24/25 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter St. Mary's Church Ruabon

Resolved: Await Response

B. Correspondence re Muga

Resolved: Noted

C. One Voice Wales – Peace Ambassadors

Resolved: Noted

D. Email from Friends of Ruabon

Resolved: Letter to Friends of Ruabon thanking them for planting bulbs in the planters and to thank them for the 86 bags of litter they have collected to October 2024

085.24/25 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Community & Town Councils Digital Guidance - Procurement

B. Community & Town Councils Digital Guidance – Use of Email

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Resolved: To bring these matters to a project group to look at policies and procedures.

086.24/25 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

In Consideration of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960; the Clerk places to Council the proposal to move the following items to part 2 discussions. The Chair will seek the agreement of the Council.

087.24/25 CCTV SYSTEM FOR THE VILLAGE HALL/MUGA AND PLAY PARK

To confirm installation and update on cost

Resolved: To note this came under budget and will be offset from the main CCTV budget at no further cost to the Council.

088.24/25 UPDATE RE NJC PAYSCALES

1. To Review the NJC update relating to the Pay scales

Resolved: Receipt of the information from the Clerk and to note the current savings

089.24/25 GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. To Consider the grant applications received as per the list

Resolved: To Note the allocation of the grants as in line with the prepared list and monies not allocated to be added to next years budget.

090.24/25 MUGA

1. Update – Landfill Disposal Tax Communities Scheme

Resolved: Clerk to Lodge application and commence process

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

The Next meeting of the Full Council will be the Finance Committee no other matters will be placed on the agenda

Date and time of forthcoming meetings.

Full Council Meeting 27th November 2024 – 19.00

Finance Committee Meeting 11th December 2024 – 19.00

Full Council Precept Meeting 15th January 2025 – 19.00

Full Council Meeting 29th January 2025 – 19.00

Note the Dated of the Finance Committee and Precept Meeting have been changed
Meeting Closed: 21.16