

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held 10th April, 2017 held at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor A. Rowlands

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

126/17DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

None were declared in respect of the business of the Council.

127/17MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 20th March, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

128/17STREETSCENE SERVICES.

The Clerk reported that Mr. S. Jones Chief Officer, Streetscene Services had written to the Council thanking them for the letter of thanks for the work Mr. Ian Williams had organised following the recent Environmental Visual Audit.

Councillor A. Parsley advised that the Council had undertaken the re-surfacing of the lane from Ysceifiog Village to the Afonwen Road. However the gullies are still in need of cleaning and at the Afonwen end of the road a sign for unsuitable of Heavy Goods Vehicles was required.

Members reported the following issues:-

Gully cleaning required at Rectory Close, Ysceifiog and Babell Road.

Pot hole repairs required at Babell Road Nr. Junction to Afonwen, Babell Road near bridge, Berthen Road Lixwm and repairs to roadside verge.

Councillor I. Kendrick advised Mr. I. Williams had agreed to provide 2 public seats for Lixwm but none had been sighted to date.

RESOLVED:

That the above matters be reported to Streetscene Services.

129/17TELEPHONE KIOSK, YSCEIFIOG – ADOPTION AND REGENERATION SCHEME.

Councillors D. Williams and A. Parsley reported on the meeting they had attended of the project group which had been well supported by local residents.

A number of ideas had been put forward and were in the process of being considered.

There was a requirement for the kiosk to be formerly adopted and insured by the Council. Councillor Parsley advised that the value of the kiosk had been placed at £2,000 - £2,500.

RESOLVED:

That the Council agreed to formerly adopt the kiosk and included on the Council's insurance policy and Asset Register at a value of £2,5000.

130/17PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NETWORK – YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY.

Further to the presentation given by the Lixwm Walking Group at the March meeting of the Council Councillor D. Williams reported that a meeting of the groups had been arranged for Thursday 13th April, 2017 and that members of the Council had been invited to attend.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors D. Williams and V. Williams would be in attendance.

131/17EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2017.

BDO The Council's external appointed auditor had given Notice that the external audit would be undertaken on the 6th June, 2017.

132/17AMENITY LIGHTING UPGRADING OF SYSTEM.

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Scottish Power the Council's energy provider for an updated audit of the community lighting system. The Clerk advised that this was in the process of being undertaken with the assistance of Deeco Lighting the Council's lighting contractor. The Clerk further reported that the Council had made provision for further upgrading of the lighting system for up to 12 lamps based on the quotation provided by Deeco Lighting in February 2017. Given the ongoing audit for Scottish Power it would be prudent to undertake a further phase of upgrading which could be included on the audit.

RESOLVED:

That 3 lamps be upgraded to LED located at rear of the forma Rectory wall, near the Fox Inn, and JP's Cottage, Ysceifiog.

133/17THE PENSIONS REGULATOR – AUTO ENROLLMENT.

The council had received correspondence from the Pensions Regulator advising that as an employer consideration needed to given as to the need of enrolling its employee (the Clerk) into the pension scheme.

The clerk reported that he had looked at the conditions of enrolment and at the present time the councils employee did not meet those requirements and that the Pensions Regulator would be advised accordingly.

134/17 STREET NAMING – DEVELOPMENT REAR OF LLWYN ONN, LIXWM.

The Head of Planning Services Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising that the developer of the above residential development was preparing to call the development Maes-Y-Pentre and would welcome the observations of the Council to this proposal.

RESOLVED:

That the Council had no objections.

135/17 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4TH MAY, 2017

NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION RESULTS.

The Returning Officer, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council confirming that no election was required and that the Council had one vacancy that could be filled by Co-option.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would advertise the vacancy and the item be placed on the agenda for the May meeting of the Council.

136/17 PLANNING APPLICATION.

ADW/056225

Amendments to submitted application

Erection of 2 no. detached dwellings

Land rear of Maes-Y-Goron, Lixwm

RESOLVED:

That the Council objects to the application as on the original planning application for Maes-Y-Goron the access land for the proposed development was designated amenity land the loss of which would be detrimental to the residents of the community.

The Council also consider the development to be over development and additional vehicle movement will cause nuisance to adjacent residents.

137/17APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Best Kept Village Competition 2017.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £75.00 be approved for both Lixwm and Ysceifiog.

138/17INTERNAL AUDIT AND ANNUAL RETURN YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2017.

The Clerk presented the yearend Financial Report and Statements together with Annual Return for member's consideration and approval.

JDH Business Services Ltd the Council's appointed Internal Auditor had written to the Council advising that an appointment had been made for the 13th April, 2017 for the Council's submission.

RESOLVED:

That the Council approved the Annual Return and Financial Report.

139/17HSBC ON-LINE BANKING ACCOUNT.

The Clerk reported that the Council had lost access to the On-line banking account due to lack of activity and that a new application to open an account would need to be made.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors T. Jones and N. Davies signed the application forms for a new account to be opened.

140/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

961)	Cor Y Llan (L.G.A.1972s137)	Grant	£500.00
962)	Caerwys Agricultural Show (L.G.A.1972s145)	Grant	£100.00
963)	Viking (L.G.A.1972s111)	Supply of stationery	£111.42
964)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957,s3)	Energy Charges	£252.98
965)	Holywell Leisure Centre (LGA1972s144)	Grant	£1,000.00
966)	One Voice Wales (LGA1972s144)	Membership Fees	£157.00
967)	A. Roberts (LGA1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£342.00
968)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (LGA1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£228.00

141/17 RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR G. WILLIAMS.

Councillor G. Williams reported that due to his retirement this was his last meeting at Ysceifiog Community Council. He thanked all members for their support and the guidance of the Clerk over the past 13 years in office.

The Chairman and fellow members also thanked Gwyn for the dedication and valuable knowledge he had provided to both the Council and the many bodies and groups he had represented the Council on for many years and wished him many years of happy retirement.

142/17 DURATION OF THE MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN
