

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held 18th September, 2017 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Parsley – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor D. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

44/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

45/17 MINUTES.

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 17th July, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

46/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Members reported the following issues:-

Road surface flooding	Bronant, Lixwm Ffordd Walwen, Lixwm Babell Road towards Black Lion Inn
Gully cleaning	Ysceifiog lane to Afonwen
Roadside verge cutting	Ysceifiog lane to Afonwen
Berthen Lane, Lixwm	Road and verge overgrown with vegetation

Councillor I. Kendrick reported that following the new water pipe installation in Lixwm the large verge at the lay-by that had been used for storage had been left in a very poor and untidy condition.

Councillor I. Kendrick requested that an update be provided as to the progress being made on the works identified at Lixwm following the Visual Environmental Audit.

Councillor W. Williams reported that H.G.V.s had been using Ffordd Gledlom, Lixwm for the delivery of straw causing damage to overhanging hedges and trees. Branches had been left hanging from trees. Councillor Williams further advised that this matter had been reported to Streetscene Services and action and response had taken place within 3 hours of receiving the complaint. Councillor J.I. Davies advised that he would speak with the local farmers requesting them to arrange delivery via the Ysceifiog entrance to Ffordd Gledlom.

47/17 REINSTATEMENT OF PUBLIC BUS STOP, LIXWM.

Councillor W. Williams reported that residents had approached him seeking support for the reinstatement of the bus stop outside The Crown Inn, Lixwm.

Given the recent residential development of Lixwm most of the school aged children lived the North side of Lixwm and were having to walk to the existing bus stop along the highway which did not provide safe pedestrian access.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to Flintshire County Council Transportation Manager requesting the reinstatement of the bus stop opposite The Crown Inn, Lixwm.

48/17 DISUSED TELEPHONE KIOSK, YSCEIFIOG – CADWYN CLWYD REGENERATION SCHEME.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that a project meeting was to be held in the near future with a view of agreeing the final draft of the design for the display panels.

The Clerk reported that Councillor D. Williams had reported that she was looking at what repairs were needed to the kiosk with a view of materials being purchased by the Council.

49/17 I BEACON PROJECT.

THE Chairman welcomed to the meeting Jo Danson, Project Development Officer. Jo gave a presentation on the development of I Beacons in the region and outlined the progress being made on the Ysceifiog project.

Councillor A. Parsley provided photographs that members had been taking over the past months of the 10 listed sites of interest for inclusion in the project.

Councillor A. Rowlands requested that the children of Lixwm C.P. School be engaged in the development of the project and it was agreed that Councillor Rowlands would liaise with Jo on arranging a meeting at Lixwm C.P. School to discuss this proposal.

50/17 BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2017.

The Council had been advised that Ysceifiog Village had achieved 2nd place and had been awarded £70.00 in prize money. An awards event had been held at which Councillor D. Williams and Mrs. Jules Owens had attended and received the award.

Members requested that the Council's thanks be recorded to Mrs. J. Owens, Councillor D. Williams and all local residents who had participated in this year's scheme.

51/17 YSCEIFIOG NEWS LETTER – INCLUSION OF LIXWM.

Following the Council letter to the Ysceifiog News Letter Team a response had been received that currently they did not have the resources in place for further expansion of the coverage area.

Members discussed options on how Lixwm could develop a local news letter. Councillor I. Kendrick advised that a local resident had developed a Lixwm Web Site and that this may be an option that could be developed. Councillor Kendrick agreed to contact the local resident who provided the web site and discuss its further potential.

52/17 CAR RALLY TO BE HELD 8TH OCTOBER, 2017 – FFORDD GLEDLOM.

Councillor W. Williams reported that local residents had received flyers advising that a car rally would be taking place at 3.44am on the above date.

Members raised concerns over the lack of notice and consultation being undertaken as to how the event was being organised and marshalled.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would contact the event organisers and inform North Wales Police of the event.

53/17 COMMUNITY POLICING.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting P.C.S.O. Laura Williams. Laura provided an update on ongoing policing activities within the community.

There had been a number of reports of cold calling on local residents. Laura advised that she would undertake a leaflet drop in Lixwm which provided advice on how to deter these incidents.

Laura further advised that she had conducted a vehicle speeding survey at Babel road and that the results had been forwarded to “Go Safe” for consideration.

Councillor I. Kendrick requested that a traffic speed survey be conducted at the North and South ends of Lixwm.

The Chairman thanked Laura for her attendance.

54/17 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – REVISED RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

The Head of Planning Services, Flintshire County Council has written to the Council advising that it was in the process of undertaking a review of the plan that had been in place of the past 10 years.

The review would consider the condition of the footpaths the aspirations of users and disability access.

RESOLVED:

That the copy of the condition survey that had been undertaken by the Lixwm Walking Group would be sent with the Council's response.

55/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) KCS/057209
Removal of stables and erection of extension to a dwelling.
Mountain View, Rhes-Y-Cae, Holywell, CH8 8JT.

- B) BMK/057271
Erection of sun room, extension to side and utility and porch extension.
Trefechan Barn, Trefechan Road, Afonwen, CH7 5UP.

-) C) NAP/057455
Pant-Y-Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn

- D) NAP/057463
Pant-Y-Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

56/17 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL BY CO-OPTION.

The Chairman invited nominations to be made for the filling of the two vacancies on the Council.

The following nominations were received:-

Mrs. B. Blackwell Nominated by Councillor A. Rowlands no seconder received.

Mr. P. Griffiths Nominated by Councillor W. Williams seconder Councillor N.M.Davies

Mrs. B. McLaren Nominated by Councillor D. Williams seconder Councillor A. Parsley

RESOLVED:

That Mr. P. Griffiths and Mrs. B. McLaren were co-opted onto the Council.

57/17 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2017.

The Clerk reported that BDO the Council's external auditor had approved the yearend audit of accounts. A copy of the Annual Return had been posted on the Council's Web Site.

The Clerk further advised that the auditor had brought to the Council's attention one finding from the audit on the Budgetary Process noting that the Council did not monitor the budget during the year.

The Clerk advised that the Council does have a budget review in October each year and that the Council's budget monitoring system is included in the Council's Annual Risk Assessment Report in January of each year.

Members confirmed that the present monitoring system based on the level of income and expenditure and systems in place were sufficient to ensure the Council was not placed at unduly risk.

58/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

987)	Viking (L.G.A.1972s111)	Supply of stationery	£75.53
988)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s111)	Norton P.C. Protection	£45.00
989)	S. Jones Solutions Ltd (L.G.A.1972s111)	PAYE Returns	£120.00
990)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£253.16
991)	Wales Audit Office (L.G.A.1972s111)	Audit Fees	£157.20
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993)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1927s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£342.00
994)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972S112)	PAYE	£228.00
995)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s113)	Clerk's Establishment Expenses	£375.00

RESOLVED:

That the above accounts were approved for payment.

59/17 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIRMAN
