

**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor A. Parsley – Chairman**

**Councillor J.I. Davies**

**Councillor N.M. Davies**

**Councillor P. Griffiths**

**Councillor B. McLaren**

**Councillor A. Rowlands**

**Councillor D. Williams**

**Councillor W. Williams**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council**

**92/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

None were declared in respect of the business of the agenda for the Council Meeting.

**93/19 MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held the 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 were approved as a correct record.

**94/19 STREETSCENE SERVICES.**

The Clerk reported that Mr. Neil Hickie, Streetscene Area Supervisor had tendered his apologies for tonight's meeting.

Councillor Parsley reported that there had been an incident resulting in a fallen tree blocking the lane from Ysceifiog. Streetscene had been informed and a response and tree removal had been completed within a few hours.

A number of potholes were reported especially a very bad one on the B5121 Lixwm Village Road as you enter the village from Brynford. Repairs to pot holes at Rectory Close, Ysceifiog had also not been undertaken despite being reported some months ago.

Road junction to A541 road traffic signs had been knocked over.

Members reported that there had been a further 2 traffic accidents on the B541.

A BT overhead cable had fallen onto the road verge at Wheeler Hill, Lixwm.

30 mph gateway Lixwm, one of the speed signs was facing the wrong way.

Dog waste not being removed within the community of Lixwm was causing concern with some local residents. Members requested that a letter be sent to the Dog Warden Services requesting that an education event visit be undertaken to highlight the measures and facilities in place to help combat the problem.

Councillor T. Jones reported that he was in regular contact with Neil Hickie and he would bring the above matters to his attention.

**95/19 BUS STOP – OPPOSITE THE CROWN INN, LIXWM.**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting had been convened for 10.00am Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 with Officers of Flintshire County Council, Councillors T. Jones, W. Williams and the Clerk would be in attendance.

**96/19 COMMUNITY POLICING.**

Members reported that they had received reports of piles of litter rubbish being deposited outside residential dwellings. Members further advised that this act looked very suspicious and that it may be a signal to identify properties vulnerable to criminal interest.

Members agreed that this information be forwarded onto PCSO Conner.

**97/19 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – TRACK FROM FFORDD GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM, IN THE COMMUNITY OF YSCEIFIOG.**

Following discussions with Mr. Ron Williams representing the Ramblers Association the Planning Inspector had confirmed that the Public Enquiry will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

Councillor D. Williams advised that the hall had been booked and that she was meeting Officers from Flintshire County Council to inspect the facilities in the near future.

**98/19 INTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS AT TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN WALES JANUARY 2019.**

The Auditor General for Wales had written to the Council providing the above report. The report showed the findings of a survey undertaken on Internal Audit procedures Councils have in place in Wales. The survey had identified a number of areas of concerns on how internal audits are undertaken and reported.

The Auditor General further advised that a review of audit arrangements for the sector during 2019/20 would be undertaken.

**99/19 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2018/19.**

JDH Business Services Ltd the Council's appointed internal auditor had written to the Council setting out the proposed Audit Plan for the financial year 2018/19. The plan provided information on the scope, timescales, reporting and information being required to be made available by the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Internal Audit Plan for 2018/19 was approved.

**100/19 SUMMER PLAY SCHEME 2019.**

The Council had requested information on attendance figures for previous years which showed a steady decline in attendance.

Members requested that information about the scheme be provided by Flintshire County Council at least 4 weeks before the scheme that visits be paid to the school by Playworkers to promote the scheme. Councillor Parsley also advised that he would arrange for the information to be posted on the Council's Website.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council would support the scheme for this year.

That attendance figures for this year will be monitored and used to consider supporting the scheme for 2020.

**101/19CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) Flintshire Forum – Notice of meeting to be held 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.
- B) Standards Committee letter – Visits to Town and Community Council Meetings.

**102/19REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORTS.**

Councillor T. Jones provided reports on Flintshire County Council meeting for the setting of budget and precept.

Holywell Leisure Centre Management Boards Year’s Performance.

Councillor N. M. Davies provided a report on the Halkyn Joint Consultative Board meeting she had attended.

**103/19REFURBISHMENT OF CENOTAPH – ST. MARY’S CHURCH, YSCEFIOG.**

Councillor T. Jones reported that the stone had been shipped to the stone masons work place with a view of completing the scheme by the end of June, 2019.

Councillor Jones further advised that he was hoping to arrange a service of dedication and also exhibit any artefacts or information of any of the service men listed on the cenotaph.

**104/19 PLANNING APPLICATION.**

A) CEM/059325

**Listed Building Application.**

Single storey rear extension, replacement roof over kitchen, replacement of roof tiles to main dwelling, replacement boiler and associated radiators.

Nurse Cottage, Ivy House Junction to Bryn Sion Junction, Babel, CH8 8QL.

**RESOLVED:**

That the council has no objections.

**105/19 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR 2017/18.**

Following the completion of the Internal Audit 2017/18 the Council considered the findings of the audit and audit recommendations.

One of the actions was for the Council to review its policy on Financial Regulations and Controls. The Clerk had undertaken a review of the Council's policies and had prepared draft policies for Council approval.

A – Local Standing Orders

B – Financial Regulations

C – Financial Controls

**RESOLVED:**

That the above 3 policies be adapted and used to support the Council's future framework for financial regulations and control.

**106/19 ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 2019.**

Members noted that the insurance cover for members of the Council did not cover members over the age of 80 years old and requested that be increased to 90 years of age for any future insurance cover.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Risk Assessment Report for 2019 be approved.

**107/19**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved: -

1083)	Berthen Chapel, Lixwm (L.G.A.1972s124)	Cemetery Maintenance Grant	£500.00
1084)	Canon UK Ltd. (L.G.A.1972s111)	Photo Copy Lease fees	£33.64
1085)	Scottish Power Ltd (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Street Lighting	£253.45
1086)	Treetops Environmental - Grass cutting and Bus Shelter Repairs (L.G.A.1972s144)		£105.00
1087)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerk's salary	£464.00
1088)	H.M. Revenue and Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£116.00

**108/19**DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.00pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

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