

# Ruabon Community Council

## Minutes of Community Council's February Meeting held on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7.00pm at Ruabon Village Hall

Present: Councillor Dana Davies(Chair); Councillor Ann Davies; Councillor Ann Jones; Councillor Joan Lowe; Councillor Sharon Mazzarella; Councillor Bill Smith; Mike Blackshaw (Clerk/Finance Officer);

Also in attendance: Sarah Giles, Friends of Ruabon

Minute Ref No	Agenda Item No	Summary of Discussion	Decisions/ Agreed actions/ related Documents
4752	1	<b>Item 1.0</b> - Apologies received from, Councillor Callum Edwards; Councillor Steve Jones; Councillor Supriya Kapas; Councillor Lisa Kelly; Councillor Cath. Roberts; Councillor Gwen Rogers; Ffion Morris Community Agent, PCSO Steve Bellis and Lora Guildford of Hafan Cymru.	
4753	2	<b>Item 2.0 - Declarations of Interest:</b> No declaration of interest at this stage.	
4754	3	<b>Item - 3.0 Confirmation of the minutes</b> – the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 31 January 2018 were received and agreed as a true and accurate record proposed by Councillor Ann Davies, seconded by Councillor Ann Jones and approved by Council	
4755	4	<b>Item 4.1 – Matters Arising</b> – The Clerk reported he had received a further quotation for the provision of a new MUGA, this appeared to be a more realistic cost and did include for the groundworks. He also confirmed he had received further information from AVOW on possible sources of funding. Sourcing funding would be the main priority before progressing the actual design and construction. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Project Group and a meeting date was agreed for Wednesday 11 April subject to the Pavilion being available. The Clerk also reported that Lora Guildford had sent her apology as she was on annual leave but would be available to attend the March meeting.	
4756	5	<b>Item 5.1 – Friends of Ruabon</b> – Mrs Sarah Giles presented the Council with a report on the progress and achievements made by Friends of Ruabon over the past year, these included the organisation of the Summer Fete, Frost Fayre, raising awareness of the lack of facilities for the disabled at Ruabon Station and arranging the annual litter pick. Future plans include the Spring Fayre on 24 March, the Easter Bunny Hunt, the Summer Fete on 9 June and arranging various other events to help fund a defibrillator for the village. She also raised the issue of providing additional noticeboards and litter bins around the village, There is currently only one noticeboard located in the village hall which is not accessible to all residents and visitors a good example is the one in Johnstown which is adjacent to the main road through the village. The Clerk would investigate the costs and the possible positioning as the main areas of land available are owned by W.C.B.C. Councillor Joan Lowe proposed, Councillor Sharon Mazzarella seconded and Council agreed to refer both item to the Project Group for consideration.	

4757	6	<p>The arrangements for the Christmas events were discussed and Councillor Ann Jones confirmed that the date for the Christmas Light switch on would be Friday 30 November, the Friends of Ruabon's Frost Fayre would be on Saturday 1 December and Santa's Sleigh would visit the village on Sunday 2nd. The Chair thanked Mrs. Giles for attending the meeting and hoped the Council and Friends of Ruabon would continue to work together to improve facilities within the community.</p> <p><b>Item 6.1 - Police Matters</b> –The Clerk circulated Council with the crime report he had received from PCSO Steve Bellis which identified the number of incidents which had taken place since the last meeting, Council noted that there wasn't a breakdown of the ASB incidents identifying the age group of those involved. The Clerk was requested to obtain more information..</p> <p><b>Item 6.2 – Matters Arising</b> – The only issues raised by Council was drugs, the Chair informed the meeting in order for the police to take action more detailed intelligence needs to be provided.</p>	
4758	7	<p><b>Item 7.1 – Community Agent</b> – The Clerk circulated a written reported from the Community Agent which read as follows:  The Games group at St Michaels continues to be successful, the most popular game being Beatle bug. Last week we had a game of Guess Who which was enjoyed by everyone.  I still visit one particular client once a week. I have made a referral on her behalf to Red Cross who has a program called Positive Steps they will work with my client to set and help to achieve her goals.  I met with PCSO Stephen Bellis at Rhos Estate Office, we have a mutual client who is moving into Ruabon and we will be working closely to support this client.  I am still in contact with Ruabon Surgery and I'm currently waiting for a date for me to begin my sessions there.  I have been invited to attend Ruabon Library Easter bingo and also their new Draughts group, it is hoped that this may help in generating interest.  The monthly lunch club was yet again successful with one of those who attended asking for my help in getting some information.  I attended the monthly meeting with the other Community Agents, the guest speakers were from the Red Cross and Cambrian Savings and Loans.  <b>Unfortunately I have not had any referrals again from other agencies for Ruabon this month.</b>  I have been corresponding with PCSO Steve Bellis and we plan to work together to assist anyone who may require support.  I have designed a new leaflet which is much simpler to read and also feels more personal. I have also included a referral form on the back should people wish to send via post.  After a meeting with Mike and Sian we discussed how to increase the level of interest in the C.A. service and agreed to consider the possibility of utilising surplus funding available to provide a day trip for existing and possibly new clients. I was asked to enquire about possible cost implications and the practicality of such a trip. I have been chatting to a few clients who have suggested a half day trip would be ideal. I have been in correspondence with Tweed Mill outlet and a few bus companies in the area to obtain an idea of prices. Once I have obtained costs I will submit these to both Councils for consideration.  I am continuing to have regular contact with existing clients who require advice and guidance.</p>	

4759	8	<p><b>Item 8.0 – Planning Items</b> The Council considered the following planning applications –</p> <p><b>Planning Consultation prior to applying for Planning Permission, Cinders Farm, Ruabon – Proposed poultry rearing farm</b> – Councillor Bill Smith reported on his recent visit to a similar site. “I was treated to a full tour of the facilities that are almost identical to the ones proposed and frankly was very impressed. It is a big facility but very cleverly designed to be low impact both visually and environmentally. I learnt that the Cinders Farm facility has the potential for significant additional employment in the area as the finished birds will be processed locally, the chicks are hatched locally, more than 10% of the food ration will be grown on the Wynnstay Estate and the wood chip for the heating system will also be from the estate. Local contractors will also be used for maintenance work. I was also shown the calculations for vehicle movements to and from the completed site and see they are unlikely to have any real impact locally.” The Council noted his reported, the Clerk also circulated copies of e-mails he had received from residents living on Cinder’s Lane. The residents raised a number of issues and indicated their concerns the development would have on local residents, the environment and the impact increased traffic would have on the Lane. A number of Councillors also raised their concerns and following a lengthy debate Council decided to defer any formal comments until an actual planning application is received. The Clerk was requested to inform the residents of the Council’s position.</p> <p><b>P/2018/0097 – I Williams Close Ruabon</b> - Erection of boundary fence approx 1250mm high board on board painted green (partly in retrospect) – No objections raised</p> <p><b>P/2018/0098– 40 New Hall Road Ruabon</b> – single storey rear extension – No objections raised.</p> <p><b>P/2018/0107 – 136 Pont Adam Crescent Ruabon</b> – Alterations and extensions – No objections raised</p> <p><b>P/2018/0133 – Bowling Green Maes y Llan Lane, Ruabon</b> – Repairs to tennis court fence and raising its height. – No Objections raised.</p> <p><b>P/2018/0162 – Wynnstay Sawmills, Ruabon</b> – Erection of steel framed shelter for storage of timber. – No objections raised</p> <p>The Clerk also listed details of decisions made by the planning department on recent applications –</p> <p><b>P/2018/0043 – 43 Pont Adam Crescent Ruabon</b> - Two-Storey Rear Extension, Single-Storey Side Extension and Front Porch - Granted</p>	<p>No objections</p> <p>No objections</p> <p>No objections</p> <p>No objections</p> <p>No objections</p> <p>No objections</p> <p>Noted</p>
4760	9	<p><b>Item 9.1 - General Correspondence</b> – The Clerk had provided a summary of general correspondence which had been received and was available for Councillors’ perusal at the meeting. Councillors then considered and dealt with the correspondence as follows;</p> <p><b>Item 9.2 - Family &amp; Friends for 5’s to 11’s</b> – Request for financial support, letter arrived after the November meeting - deferred from last month.</p> <p><b>Item 9.3 - AVOW</b> – A request for a financial towards the support of the Shopmobility scheme in Wrexham - Council considered both applications, Councillor Ann Davies proposed, Councillor Ann Jones seconded, the Council and Chair agreed to donate £25 to Family and Friends and £50 from the Chair’s purse.</p> <p><b>Item 9.4 - One Voice Wales</b> – Training Courses March 2018 - Noted</p> <p><b>Item 9.5 - Information Commissioner</b> – Data Protection Registration renewal - Noted</p>	<p>Donation agreed</p> <p>Donation agreed</p>

		<p><b>Item 9.6 - Welsh Government</b> – Written Statement - Tax policy work plan 2018 – the full tax policy link – <a href="http://wales/funding/fiscal-reform/tax-policy-framework/?lang=en">http://wales/funding/fiscal-reform/tax-policy-framework/?lang=en</a></p> <p><b>Item 9.7 - Community Health Council in Wales</b> - Press Release highlights the improvements needed in the provision of non-emergency patient transport across Wales. Short link as follows: <a href="http://bit.ly/2BiVerl">http://bit.ly/2BiVerl</a></p> <p><b>Item 9.8 - Wales Remembers 1914-1918</b> – Women’s Suffrage Centenary Grant Scheme – Celebrating Women in Wales – details of grant available via following link : <a href="http://gov.wales/topics/peoples-and-communities/equality-diversity/centenary-grant-scheme/?lang=en">http://gov.wales/topics/peoples-and-communities/equality-diversity/centenary-grant-scheme/?lang=en</a></p> <p><b>Item 9.9 - One Voice Wales</b> – February 2018 News Bulletin – includes Guidance on forming a <b>Welsh Language Scheme</b> (information via website link).</p> <p><b>Item 9.10 - Independent Remuneration for Wales</b> – Annual Report 2018/2019 including changes to the remuneration framework in respect of Community and Town Councils- details in the main body of the report (81 pages) copies available.</p> <p><b>Item 9.11 - One Voice Wales – Data Protection Regulation</b> – Toolkit attached provided by National Association of Local Councils in conjunction with Winckworth Sherwood Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents</p> <p><b>Item 9.12 - Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholders Group - January Report</b> – Report on National Plan for Hearing Loss, Well North Wales, Director of Public Health Report, NHS Performers List etc</p> <p><b>Item 9.13 - The Ombudsman’s Casebook – Issue 33</b> – Website link available.</p> <p><b>Item 9 14 - Welsh Government</b> – The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales - Guidance for Principal Councils on the Review of Communities February 2018</p> <p><b>Item 9.15 - Oraica</b> - Transfer of hosting to new company UQ Web Design will provide improved web design and development, transfer could take 12 months.</p> <p><b>Item 9.16 - Kingdom Report – January 2018</b> – 1 dog fouling ticket in Ruabon.- circulate details</p>	Noted
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4761	10	<p><b>Item 10.1 – Finance Report</b> – The Clerk reported on the following items</p> <p><b>Item 10.2 – Accounts Payable</b> – A schedule of accounts to be paid was circulated to members for consideration Councillor Joan Lowe proposed and Councillor Ann Davies seconded and the payments were approved by Council.</p> <p><b>Item 10.3 – Cambrian Credit Union</b> – The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation that dividends would not be paid again this year. He had been advised that the Union were restructuring their organisation and were placing an upper limit of £30k on deposits, they also suggested that their reserves were too high and that the removal on the Council’s deposits would not impact on their current situation. Councillor Bill Smith suggested looking at transferring the accounts to the Co-operative Bank, this would generate income and allow for easy transfer between accounts. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries.</p>	
4762	11	<p><b>Item 11.0 – Community Councillor Resignation</b> – The Clerk informed the Council he had received a letter from Councillor Bob Jackson tendering his resignation from the Council with effect from 2 February 2018, Council accepted Mr. Jackson’s resignation and requested the Clerk write to Mr. Jackson expressing their thanks for his involvement with the Community Council and in particular his time as Chair of the Council.</p>	

		The Clerk advised the meeting that given the timing of Mr. Jacksons' resignation he was able to start the legal process of filling both vacancies. He also reported that he had received confirmation from the Electoral Office that no request had been received for an election to be held so the vacancies could now be filled through the Co-option process. Following considerations the Council agreed to advertise the vacancies with a closing date of Friday 20 April 2018, this would allow the Council to consider all applications at the meeting in April.							
4763	12	<p><b>Item 12.0 - DNM –</b> The next meeting of Full Council will be on Wednesday 28 March 2018 at 7pm.</p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 9.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Matters Outstanding:-</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>St. Mary's Church Walls</td> <td>Japanese Knotweed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Williams Mews</td> <td>Bridge Wall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Council's Assets</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	St. Mary's Church Walls	Japanese Knotweed	Williams Mews	Bridge Wall	Council's Assets		
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