

Ruabon Community Council

Minutes of Community Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 7.00pm at Ruabon Village Hall

Present: Councillor Dana Davies (Chair); Councillor Ann Davies; Councillor Callum Edwards; Councillor Ann Jones; Councillor Steve Jones; Councillor Supriya Kapas; Councillor Lisa Kelly, Councillor Sharon Mazzarella; Councillor Cath. Roberts; Councillor Bill Smith; Mike Blackshaw (Clerk/Finance Officer);

Minute Ref No	Agenda Item No	Summary of Discussion	Decisions/ Agreed actions/ related Documents
4724	1	Item 1.0 - Apologies received from, Councillor Sybil Bremner; Councillor Bob Jackson; Councillor Joan Lowe; Councillor Gwen Rogers; Ffion Morris Community Agent and PCSO Steve Bellis.	
4725	2	Item 2.0 - Declarations of Interest: No declaration of interest at this stage.	
4726	3	Item - 3.0 Confirmation of the minutes – the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 25 October 2017 were received and were agreed as a true and accurate record proposed by Councillor Cath. Roberts, seconded by Councillor Bill Smith and approved by Council	
4727	4	Item 4.1 – Matters Arising – Councillor Bill Smith raised the issue that the Planning Department did not up-date the Council on decisions taken on Planning items previously considered by the Council. The Clerk reported he would contact the Planning Department and request a monthly schedule be sent advising on the decisions affecting the Ruabon Community area.	
4728	5	Item 5.1- Hafan Cymru – The Chair reported that Lora Guildford was due at the meeting but had not arrived. The Clerk indicated he had not received any explanation from Ms Guildford for her non attendance.	
4729	6	6.1 - Police Matters –The Clerk reported he had received details of incidents reported between the 25 October 2017 and 29 November 2017 as provided by PCSO Ryan Jones. The stats had been split into the 2 community areas Penycae and Ruabon South and Ruabon. The format of the report required reviewing before figures could be extracted and reported. It was agreed to circulate the report to all Councillors who have access to a computer. Item 6.2 – Matters Arising – The Clerk confirmed he had reported the incident of someone sleeping rough at the railway station, PCSO Bellis confirmed he had visited the site on occasions but had found no evidence at the time of his visits. Councillor Ann Jones reported that vehicles were again causing obstructions at Daniels Drive and not allowing access to the garage site. The Clerk would report it to the PCSO. PCSO Bellis had requested the Clerk to mention the invitation made by Inspector Owens for members to visit the main Police Control Room and to establish the number of members interested, all members indicated their interest and requested the Clerk enquire on times and dates when a visit could take place. Remembrance Day – PCSO Bellis had reported that assistance	

4730	7	<p>would be needed to support the parade of Guides, Brownies and Cadets to the Church on Remembrance Sunday. Councillor Steve Jones offered to provide the necessary staff to assist PCSO Bellis as part of the Community Benefit scheme his company offered. The Chair thanked Councillor Jones for his kind offer and the Clerk agreed to forward on his contact details to PCSO Bellis. The Chair apologised that she would not be able to attend the service in Ruabon to lay the wreath as she would be attending the service in Wrexham, it was agreed the wreath would be laid by the Vice-Chair or if she was not available by Councillor Sharon Mazzarella.</p> <p>Item 7.1 – Community Agent – The Clerk reported on behalf of the Community Agent as follows. During the month I have attended a number of meetings these include a meeting with Nia Evans, Social Worker at Chirk Hospital. I gave a small presentation to the Social Work team and OT there at Chirk Hospital with the aim of working together on patient discharge. I have e-mailed practice managers at Beech Avenue practice, Gardden Road Surgery and Ruabon Medical centres and have had a meeting with Darron Kelly at Ruabon Medical Centre-we have arranged a date for me to have a table/drop in at the surgery on the 13th of December. I am also producing an advertisement to go on the TV screens in the waiting room. I'm now looking for a small foldaway table and a free standing display stand and have priced up a table and chair from Argos at £24.98 and also an A3 stand, PVC poster sleeve and an A5 leaflet holder from www.ukpos.com which totals £22.75 including delivery. Penycae have agreed to this and I would be pleased if Ruabon would also agree to the funding.</p> <p>I have also contacted Shared Lives, the assistant manager advised me on the services they offer. The service is primarily aimed at older people and or people with early onset of dementia. It is a chargeable service and all referrals to this service have to be directed via social worker.</p> <p>The Games Group at St Michaels Close continues to be well represented, we have managed to include one gentleman who was unable to leave his flat by himself as he has limited mobility due to a stroke. He is very grateful to now be part of the group as he previously had not been able to enjoy any of the social activities which had taken place. I also attended the Christmas fair at St Michaels Close, it was a lovely event with Hope House selling Christmas items. There is still no interest in the Drop in session at the library my last before Christmas will be on the 13 December.</p> <p>I am continuing to contact a number of clients and deal with any issues which they may have concerns with and providing support where necessary. One client who has trouble using the telephone, she has hearing loss and finds it difficult. I was able to arrange hospital transport for her upcoming appointment. I also supported her with a number of other problems she had, she was very grateful and appreciated the time I could spend with her. I also was able to pass on other issues raised by various clients to the appropriate organisations.</p> <p>I attended the Lunch Club at church hall, they had arranged some entertainment and a lady demonstrated some Christmas craft. We also celebrated Hilda Richard's 100th birthday! Everyone had a fantastic day.</p> <p>I have now successfully completed my QCF Level 3 in Health & Social Care and my assessor has put my name down for Level 3 Award in Education Training.</p> <p>The Clerk raised the matter of funding for the equipment needed and Council agreed to fund 50% of the costs involved. The Clerk also informed the Council that Ms. Morus will have been in post</p>	
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4731	8	<p>Item 8.0 – Planning Items The Council considered the following planning application P/2017/ 0853 – Walker Fan House and adjoining bungalow Wynnstay Yard, The Green, Ruabon – Demolition of existing bungalow, residential development to construct two separate apartment blocks to form 18 apartments, remedial works to Walker Fan House, new access arrangements and associated works – Following consideration of the application the Council raised objection to the application on the following grounds - the density of building proposed for the size of the site, is there sufficient parking available for the number of dwellings and can safe vehicular access to the highway be provided.</p> <p>P/2017/0908 – 90 Albert Grove, Ruabon – Rear conservatory Extension (partly in retrospect) – no objections raised</p>	
4732	9	<p>Item 9.1 - General Correspondence – 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>Item 9.2 - Mr. Andy Evans – Request to erect a bench in the cemetery in memory of his late parents. – Request approved by Council.</p> <p>Item 9.3 -Mr. Peter Dulson - Request to erect a bench in the cemetery in memory of his late daughter. – The Clerk circulated a photograph of the type of bench to be erected, following consideration the request was approved by Council.</p> <p>Item 9.4 - Friends of Ruabon – Letter inviting RCC and Friends of Ruabon to work more closely together to have a greater impact on the local community etc. – Council agreed to invite a representative of Friends of Ruabon to attend.</p> <p>Item 9.5 - Denbighshire County Council – Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Consultation Document. - Noted</p> <p>Item 9.6 - One Voice Wales – Next Meeting of Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee at Gwersyllt Resource Centre on Wednesday 6 December at 7.00pm. - Noted</p> <p>Item 9.7 - Welsh Government – Response to Councils commitment to removing burial fees for children under 18 years.</p> <p>Item 9.8 - One Voice Wales – Training Courses in December – Local Government Finance (Advanced) in Coedpoeth on 12/12/2017 and New Councillor Induction at Corwen on 19/12/2017- Councillors Sharon Mazzarella and Steve Jones were available to attend.</p> <p>Item 9.9 - One Voice Wales – Invitation to consultation event at Chirk Parish Hall on Wednesday 29 November to discuss the review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales – Chair to report to Council</p> <p>Item 9.10 - Welsh Government – Written Statement on 21st Century Schools and Education Programme – Noted</p> <p>Item 9.11 - St Mary’s Church Ruabon – Request for financial support in maintaining church clock – Council considered the</p>	

		<p>request, Councillor Bill Smith proposed and Councillor Supriya Kapas seconded and Council approved a contribution.</p> <p>Item 9.12 - Inspector Steve Owens – Invitation to attend meeting at Wrexham Police Station to discuss policing of Wrexham Rural Wards – 4 December 2017 at 2.00pm. Noted</p> <p>Item 9.13 - W.C.B.C. – Difficult Decisions - Budget Consultation 2018-2020 – Reminder closing date 30 November to submit comments on-line - Noted</p> <p>Item 9.14 - Welsh Government – Written Statement on Revised Local Government Scheme 2017 – link available if required</p> <p>Item 9.15 - Police and Crime Commissioner – A joint communication with Chief Constable on Challenges faced by Police service and North Wales Police. - Noted</p> <p>Item 9.16 - Councillor Sharon Mazzarella – Street lighting issues on service road to library and medical centre. – Concerns regarding the level of illumination in the area was noted the Clerk reported he had contacted the highway authority who had advised him the lighting in the area was not adopted, the Chair reported that the roads, footpaths and lighting were the responsibility of the housing association. The Chair would discuss with Highways Engineer the poor the level of lighting in the area.</p> <p>Item 9.16 - Mrs. Jennifer Richards – Thank you card on behalf of her mother-in-law for the flowers and chocolates sent by the Council to celebrate her 100th birthday.</p> <p>Item 9.17 - W.C.B.C. Head of Finance – Letter re Precept Payment Schedule & Tax Base 2018/2019 – refer to precept meeting.</p> <p>Item 9.18 - Jumping Jacks – Enquiring on the availability of the pavilion to provide playgroup facilities for children within Ruabon. The Clerk was to arrange a meeting with Jumping Jacks and the Bowling Club to check the suitability of the room.</p> <p>Item 9.19 - Community Benefits – confirmation that the material is still available.- The Clerk to agree what material is required.</p>	
4733	10	<p>Item 10.1 – Community Grants – The Clerk circulated details of the local groups and organisations who had submitted requests for financial support from the Council to assist with their running costs. The Council considered each application in detail, Councillor Supriya Kapas proposed and Councillor Cath. Roberts seconded and following a vote Council agreed to provide a grant of £70 to each of the following local groups: Ruabon Women’s Institute Ruabon Methodist Church Ruabon Brownies Ruabon Craft Group Ruabon Guides Ruabon Pre-school Playgroup/Rising 4’s Ruabon & District Club for the Physically Handicapped Ruabon Field Club</p> <p>Councillor Ann Jones proposed and Councillor Supriya Kapas seconded that a contribution of £40 be made to Marie Curie to support their work in the Community, a vote was taken and 9 Councillors supported the proposal with 1 Councillor against.</p> <p>10.2 – Santa’s Sleigh – The Clerk reported that the Council normally made a contribution towards the fuel costs of Santa’s Sleigh’s visit to Ruabon, the Chair offered to make a £25 contribution from the Chair’s purse to Llangollen Rotary Club towards their costs, Council agreed to the offer.</p>	
5734	11	<p>Item 11.1 – Finance Report – The Clerk reported on the following items</p>	

