

Ruabon Community Council

Minutes of Community Council’s Meeting held on Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 7.20pm at Ruabon Village Hall

Present: Councillor Supriya Kapas(Chair); Councillor Paul Bickley; Councillor Sybil Bremner; Councillor Ann Davies; Councillor Dana Davies; Councillor David J Green; Councillor Bob Jackson; Councillor Christine Jackson; Councillor Ann Jones; Councillor Lisa Kelly; Councillor Cath. Roberts; Councillor Gwen Rogers; Councillor Bill Smith; Mike Blackshaw (Clerk/Finance Officer); PCSO Steve Bellis.

Apologies: Councillor Joan Lowe; PCSO Emily Blake;

Minute Ref. No.	Agenda Item No.	Summary of Discussion	Decisions/Agreed Actions/related Documents
4512	1	1.1 - Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest at this time.	
4513	2	2.1 – Confirmation of Minutes - the meeting held on the 27 April 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record proposed by Councillor Cath. Roberts seconded by Councillor Ann Davies and approved by Council.	
4514	3.	<p>3.1 - Matters Arising –</p> <p>3.2 – Meeting at Esclusham Community Council – The Clerk reported he had been in contact with the Clerk of Esclusham Community Council requesting a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2016. He had been advised that the minutes would not be available until mid June 2016. He suggested that the issue raised by Mr. Devlin could not be discussed by Council until the minutes had been received and considered by members. He advised that copies would be circulated as soon as they are received.</p> <p>3.3 – Hafan Cymru – The Clerk reported he had still not received any contact from the manager at Hafan Cymru, it was agreed to include it in the outstanding matters on the end of the minutes for future reference.</p> <p>3.4 – Abandoned car on the A483 – Councillor Smith reported that the car had now been removed from site.</p> <p>3.5 – Village Hall – The Clerk reported that the new Hearing Loop had been installed and was fully operational and available for use by all groups hiring the hall.</p> <p>3.6 – Ruabon Community Fund – The Clerk reported that there was no progress regarding the fund and that AVOW were awaiting information from Entrust on details of why certain applications had been refused. The Council requested the Clerk to contact AVOW to arrange a public meeting to discuss the future of the fund.</p>	

4515	4	<p>3.7 – 20 mph. Zone – The Council acknowledged the need to support its bid for a 20mph zone through the village with specific data, they were aware that such zones had been provided elsewhere by the Highways Department and felt a reduced speed limit through the village would benefit everyone. The main area of concern was the bend between High Street and Bridge Street, although in most cases drivers were travelling within the current speed limit it was agreed that it did not take into account the blind junction into Church Street. Traffic leaving Church Street had limited visibility towards Bridge Street and found it difficult to exit safely.</p> <p>3.8 - Youth Service – Councillor Dana Davies up-dated the meeting regarding the future of the youth service in Ruabon, she advised the meeting that the youth club will cease to be operated by W.C.B.C Youth Service with effect from 31 December 2016. Efforts are being made to set up a trust to operate a service from the youth club and the group are looking at various service models provided by other communities. A fully operational business plan will need to be set up by October 2016 and is planned to include such services as youth groups, play groups, CAB and also provide facilities for youth training. Information on the building and staffing costs are being requested in order to evaluate the financial implications and include them within the business plan. It is proposed the service will be operated completely independent of the Community Council.</p> <p>3.9 – Hanging Baskets The Clerk reported he had still not received a response from the Street Lighting Engineer at Wrexham and would contact him again for a response.</p> <p>4.1 - Police Matters – PCSO Steve Bellis arrived at the meeting at 8.00pm and was welcomed by the Chair. PCSO Bellis reported the following crime figures since the last meeting: Burglary from Dwellings – 0; Robberies – 0; A.S.B. – 4; Criminal Damage – 4 (1 motor vehicles,); Arson – 0; Theft from Vehicles– 0; Theft Others – 3(1 shoplifting – person detained); Burglary Non Dwelling -1; Theft of vehicle -0; Assaults – 0; Drugs – 0.</p> <p>4.2 – Matters Arising – PCSO Bellis reported that the intention was to continue with the Police Surgeries and arrangements were being made for further dates. Councillor Bremner confirmed she had received an enquiry from PCSO Blake and had confirmed dates when the hall would be available.</p> <p>Following a request received from the Clerk he confirmed that he had not found any reports of under aged drinking within the community over the past 3 months.</p>	
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4516	5	<p>The Council raised their concern with PCSO Bellis regarding speeding around the village particularly near the High Street/ Church Street junction. They again acknowledged the majority of the traffic was travelling within the current speed limit, but consideration should be given to the blind junction into Church Street. The Council advised PCSO Bellis that evidence was needed to be provided to support the Council's request for the village to be designated a 20mph. speed zone and asked for any evidence the police may be able to provide to help in their bid.</p> <p>5.1 – Cemetery Group - Councillor Bill Smith reported that the Group had met on 7 May and were concerned that glass vases were still being used on graves and were a health and safety issue. It was agreed that glass vases should be removed and possibly replaced with plastic cone shaped units. There was also a damaged stone in the gate arch which was securing one of the hinges, this needed some attention.</p> <p>Councillor Smith also reported that he and Councillor David Green would provide another compost bin which would be located in the Garden of Rest. He also provided details of the proposed work on the two triangular flower beds near the cemetery entrance and suggested the cost would be in the region of £362.00p, Councillor Paul Bickley proposed, Councillor Christine Jackson seconded and Council agreed in principal for the work to be undertaken.</p> <p>Councillor Smith reported that a contractor had been identified who could provide a shredding service when required, this would allow more time for tree maintenance to be carried out and reduce the cost of hiring equipment. He also reported that the group had considered the need to purchase a larger mowing machine to reduce the time spent in grass cutting on the cemetery extension and the Garden of Rest.</p>	
4517	6	<p>6.1 – Planning Matters – The following Planning Application was discussed:</p> <p>P/2016/0472 – The Old Cross Foxes Church Street Ruabon – Erection of Garden Shed – No objection was raised.</p>	
4518	7	<p>7.1 – General Correspondence – The following items of correspondence were considered:</p> <p>Solar Farm, Plas Bennion - Email from Mr. Thomas Jones, raising his concerns regarding the visual impact the farm is having on the monument of Offas Dyke – The Clerk reported he had responded to Mr. Jones' e-mail and advised him that his concerns should be addressed to the Planning Department at Wrexham. The Council noted that no planning application had been received for their consideration.</p>	

<p>4519</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>W.C.B.C. Mayor Civic Visit – Councillor John Pritchard has extended an invitation to attend a Civic Service at St. Giles Parish Church Wrexham on Sunday 19 June 2016 at 11.00am. – The invitation was noted but there were no nominations.</p> <p>Esclusham Community Council – e-mail response to request for minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2016.- item noted – see Clerks comments reference 3.2</p> <p>North Wales Miners Association Trust – Requesting letter of support for bid to Heritage Lottery to acknowledge the mining heritage of North Wales and in particular Bersham Colliery. – The Council agreed to provide a letter of support and requested the Clerk to include details of the Miners Wheel at the entrance to the village.</p> <p>Wrexham Matters – Copy of 7th Edition May – August 2016. – item noted</p> <p>The Pension Regulator – Up-date on the progress of registering etc. - details noted.</p> <p>Dee Valley Water – Details of new web-site- item noted.</p> <p>OWL – Missing Person – Kayleigh Williams aged 17 from Llandudno.- Item noted</p> <p>OWL – Land search at Bwlchgwyn – Nant y Ffrith. – item noted.</p> <p>One Voice Wales – Notification of 2016 – 2018 National Pay Awards, NJC Agreement – item noted and referred to Finance Group meeting for consideration.</p> <p>Gittins McDonald Solicitors – Cemetery Fields – Letter reference planning approval. – Response noted, Council approved for the Chair and Clerk to have a further meeting with the Council’s Solicitor and Barrister to discuss Mr. Billington’s solicitor’s response to the planning approval.</p> <p>One Voice Wales – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – statutory requirement for all Councils to publish and report annually on allowances and expenses paid to Councillors by 30 September each year. Nil returns are also required to be submitted and published. – The Clerk to complete the documentation.</p> <p>One voice Wales – Training Courses – schedule for June /July. –Item noted.</p> <p>8.1 - Finance Report – The Clerk reported on the following Item:</p> <p>8.2 - 2015/2016 Year End Audit – The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed and the auditor had noted that all previous recommendations had been implemented, they had also suggested that consideration should be given to adopting the Practitioner’s Guide to assets which recommends that all assets should be valued at purchase price and that the only variation should be following purchases or disposals.</p>	
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4520	9	<p>The other recommendation is for the Council to review its fidelity cover which currently stands at £100,000, they pointed out the current balances could exceed this.</p> <p>Councillor Dana Davies proposed, Councillor Christine Jackson seconded and the Council accepted the report and the return, the Chair signed off the report prior to it being forwarded to the external auditor.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment would be reviewed at the next Finance Group meeting and be included for review annually at the first Finance Group meeting within the new financial year.</p> <p>8.3 - Pension Provision – The Clerk up-dated the meeting on the progress of registering staff on the pension scheme, he also provided details of the possible costs involved.</p> <p>8.4 – Accounts – A schedule of accounts requiring payment was circulated Councillor Paul Bickley proposed and Councillor Ann Davies seconded and Council agreed to the payments.</p> <p>9.1 – A.O.B. – Councillors reported the condition of the hedges at the junction of Newhall Road and Albert Grove and also various other sites. The Clerk would report the problem to Street Scene. Councillor David Green reported there were still surface water problems in the Station Road and Bridge End area, the problem would again be reported to Street Scene.</p>									
4521	10	<p>10.1 - D.N.M. –</p> <p>The date of the next meeting of Full Council is Wednesday 29 June 2016 at 7.00pm.</p> <p>The Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.</p> <p>Matters Outstanding:</p> <table data-bbox="422 1305 1118 1442"> <tr> <td>Boundary Wall – St Mary’s Church</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Japanese Knotweed</td> <td>Stonewall - Bridge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Litter Bins</td> <td>Williams Mews</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hafan Cymru</td> <td>Hanging Baskets</td> </tr> </table>	Boundary Wall – St Mary’s Church		Japanese Knotweed	Stonewall - Bridge	Litter Bins	Williams Mews	Hafan Cymru	Hanging Baskets	
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