

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 18th January, 2016 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor T. Jones – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor D. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

84/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Councillor J.I. Davies and Councillor N.M. Davies declared an interest in item 9(E) and 9(F) being planning applications for Coed-Y-Brain, Lixwm. Declaration forms were duly completed and both members retired from the meeting whilst these agenda items were being considered by the Council.

85/16 MINUTES.**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 16th November, 2015 were approved as a correct record.

86/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

The following matters were reported by members:-

Ffordd Walwen, Lixwm – Drain gully sinking into road.

Bryn Tirion, Lixwm – Road gully in need of cleaning.

Ffordd Gledlom, Lixwm and road leading from Lixwm lay-by to Ysceifiog in need of cleaning.

Racecourse Lane and Grianan Lane, Babel are in need of road repairs and cleaning.

Road from Ysceifiog to Bryn Barug in need of road surface renovation and gullies cleaning.

The bus shelter at Lixwm in need of cleaning.

Recycling collections at Ysceifiog - collection operators are not picking up dropped waste material.

87/16 PROPOSED DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – TRACK FROM Ffordd GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM IN THE COMMUNITY OF YSCEIFIOG.

The Clerk reported that no further information had been received from Flintshire County Council. Members suggested that a letter be sent to The Ramblers Association enquiring if any assistance or support can be provided should this matter go to a Public Enquiry.

88/16 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – RENOVATION OF CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones provided members with a copy of a written report he had prepared advising on the progress being made. Tudor paid tribute to local residents and businesses who had offered their help and time in supporting the scheme.

89/16 SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.

Councillor A. Rowlands reported that condition surveys of Lixwm School had been undertaken. The Headteacher and Governing Body had held meetings with parents keeping them advised of the progress of the programme.

90/16 COMMUNITY POLICING.

- A) Information had been received regarding a Community Speed Watch Project which enables local people to become actively involved in helping to slow down traffic within their community. Councillor A. Parsley agreed to have the information displayed on the Council Web Site.
- B) Councillor W. Williams reported that Lixwm residents had received a letter from the Police requesting vehicle owners not to park on pedestrian pavements.
However residents had complained that if they did not their vehicles would cause congestion to the highway.
Members reported that the letter had been distributed by the Police following representation made by the Council as residents could not use the pavements.

91/16 YSCEIFIOG NEWS LETTER.

Mrs. Beryl McLaren had written thanking the Council for the grant of £45.00 which had enabled the group to publish their first news letter.
Beryl further advised that the group are happy to work with the Council to include Welsh articles if a member of the Council could provide Welsh Copy.
Councillor N.M. Davies advised that she would liaise with the group.

92/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- A) Code of Conduct Training – 26th January, 2016.
- B) Have Your Say About Policing – Meeting held 11th January, 2016.
- C) South Flintshire Police Consultation – Meeting to be held 3rd February, 2016.
- D) One Voice Wales Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee – Meeting to be held 26th January, 2016.

93/16 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT.

JDH Business Services Ltd the Council's appointed Internal Auditor had written to the Council setting out the Audit Plan and Terms of Reference.

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the external audit regulations the Council is required to carry out an annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit.

RESOLVED:

Members considered the report and confirmed that the Internal Audit Plan provided by JDH Business Services Ltd met the Council's requirements for the internal audit.

94/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) BMK/054475
Change of use and alterations to form one-bedroom holiday let accommodation.
The Fisheries, Felingonglog Road, Afonwen.
- B) BMK/054650
Erection of a timber clad barn.
Broomfield, Waen Isa Lane, Babel.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections to the above applications.

- C) ADW/054492
Outline Application with all matters reserved for the erection of a dwelling.
Land side of Bryn-Y-Gwynt, Babel Road, Pantasaph.

RESOLVED:

That the Council does not support this application as it does not conform to Planning Policy for residential development within the countryside.

- D) ADW/054468
Erection of single storey rear extension.
Coed-Y-Brain, Lixwm Road, Nannerch.
- E) BMK/054469
Listed Building application for the erection of a single storey rear extension and demolition works to existing open gabled toilet/porch structure and concrete external staircase, internal alterations and removal of UPVC windows and doors and reinstatement in painted hardwood timber to match Existing on primary (front) elevation.
Coed-Y-Brain, Lixwm Road, Nannerch, CH7 5RQ
- F) HJP/054707
Application for lateral extension to existing quarry, extension of time to 2023 and the erection of static screening plant in the quarry void.
Maes Mynan Quarry, Afonwen, Mold.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections to the above applications.

95/16 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Berthen Chapel, Lixwm – Grant of £500.00 approved.

**96/16 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND PRECEPT OPTIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1ST APRIL, 2016 – 31ST MARCH, 2017.**

The Clerk presented an estimation of budget expenditure report up to 31st March, 2016 and an estimation of budget requirements for 2016/17.

RESOLVED:

- A) That the Council approved the budget for 2016/17.
B) The Clerk's salary was approved at £5,600.00 for 2016/17.

The Clerk presented a further report setting out precept options for the Council's consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the precept for 2016/17 be increased by 5% making the precept for a band 'D' property £33.54.

97/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

882)	Green Lion Insight and Solutions (LGA1972s143,111)	Web Hosting Fees	£146.82
883)	St. Mary's Church (LGA1972s214)	Grant Cemetery Maintenance	£500.00
884)	Scottish Power Ltd (PCA1957s3)	Energy Charges	£244.75
885)	A. Roberts (LGA1972S112,131)	Clerk's Salary	£432.00
886)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (LGA1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£108.00
887)	Scottish Power Ltd (PCA1957s3)	Energy Charges	£252.89

98/16 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.15pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 15th February, 2016 at Ysceifiog, Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor T. Jones – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor D. Williams

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor A. Rowlands

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

99/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

100/16MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 18th January, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

101/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

The following matters were reported by members:-

Ysceifiog Village Road – road surface repairs required at entrance to the Village.

Road in Ysceifiog need of cleaning and leaf litter removal.

Road-side verge has been damaged following cable laying at Ffordd Calcoed, Babell.

Recycling collections in Ysceifiog, bins not being fully emptied or dropped items being collected.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Ian Williams, Streetscene Supervisor had advised that all the items raised at the Council meeting held 18th January, 2016 relating to the Streetscene Service area had been attended to or had been placed on the area works schedule.

102/16 PROPOSED DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – TRACK FROM FFORDD GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM IN THE COMMUNITY OF YSCEIFIOG.

The Clerk reported that following the Council's request to the Ramblers Association for assistance with the ongoing claim, Mr. Ron Williams had advised that the files held by Flintshire County Council would be inspected and consideration given to this request.

103/16 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – RENOVATION OF CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones reported that the scheme was ongoing, plans were in the process of being prepared for consideration by the Church Diocese.

104/16 SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.

Councillor G. Williams reported that the review was ongoing and that Flintshire County Council Education Officer had arranged a meeting with the 3 school's Head Teachers for the 3rd March, 2016.

105/16COMMUNITY POLICING.

Following the concerns of some residents living in Lixwm being reported at the January Council meeting regarding vehicles being parked on pedestrian pavement. The Clerk provided a copy of a letter that had been distributed by P.C.S.O. Richards, which highlighted the issue being caused to pavement users and requested consideration by vehicle owners when parking vehicles.

Members reported that the contents of the letter was very appropriate.

P.C.S.O. Richards had tendered her apologies for not attending tonight's meeting. Members reported that the P.C.S.O. had been in post for many months and the Council had yet to be introduced to her.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would invite P.C.S.O. to attend the next meeting of the Council.

106/16FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES.

Mrs. P. Corbett, Principle Librarians and Arts Officer had written to the Council advising of changes being made to the dates and times the mobile service would be visiting, Babel, Lixwm and Ysceifiog.

RESOLVED:

That the information be posted on the Council Web-site.

107/16CAERWYS AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2016 – APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

The Chairman of the Show Committee, Mr. Arfon Spencer had written to the Council seeking financial support for this year's event.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £100.00 was approved.

108/16 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor D. Williams reported on the South Flintshire Community Policing meeting she had attended at the Town Hall, Mold. At the meeting it was reported that overall crime figures had been reduced compared to previous years.

Inspector J. Bowcott had also advised that each community area would retain a named P.C.S.O. for the foreseeable future.

Councillor N. Davies reported that the area Urdd fund raising committee had raised the target of £15,000 and paid thanks to the support provided by fellow Councillors and residents in the community.

109/16 PLANNING APPLICATION.

HJP/054768

Variation of condition no. 17 attached to planning permission ref:00/20/570 to increase production limit.

Pant-Y-Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn, Holywell.

Members reported that they would not object to the application but raised concerns as to the potential impact the increase of vehicle movement will have on adjacent communities. Members requested that improvements to highway maintenance should be provided to the roads used by H.G. Vehicles and that the recordings of vehicle movements should be introduced in order that communities impacted can be identified for future reference for such things as application into the Aggregate levy fund.

110/16 USE OF BUILDING AS RESIDENTIAL USE NEAR PANT GWYN FARM, BABELL.

Councillor D. Williams reported that she had received reports that a former agricultural building was being used as a dwelling with permanent residency.

RESOLVED:

That this matter be reported to the Highway Authority for investigation.

111/16 PROVISION OF ROAD NAME SIGNS, BABELL.

Councillor T. Jones reported that the Highway Authority has provided new signs at Racecourse Lane, Babell.

The Council had also previously requested a road name sign for Ffordd Griania which in the past had been declined despite there being a number of dwellings located on the lane. Councillor Jones requested that a further request for the provision of the sign be made.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would write to the Highway's Authority on this matter.

112/16 FORMAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 2016.

The Clerk reported that he had prepared the Council's Formal Risk Assessment for 2016, copies of which had been circulated with the minutes. The purpose of the report was to identify the key risks that the Council was facing, evaluating the consequences of an identified risk taking place and deciding upon the appropriate action the Council should take to reduce or control the risk.

This year's report contained a number of modifications following issues that had been identified as part of the internal audit process.

RESOLVED:

That the Risk Assessment Report for 2016 was approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

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113/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

888)	Berthen Chapel Lixwm (LGA1972s214)	Cemetery Maintenance Grant	£500.00
889)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (LGA1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£108.00
890)	A. Roberts (LGA1972S112,131)	Clerk's Salary	£432.00
891)	Scottish Power Ltd (PCA1937s3)	Energy Charges	£252.28

114/16 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

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YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 21st March, 2016 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor T. Jones – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor D. Williams

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

115/16DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

116/16MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 15th February, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

117/16STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillor D. Williams reported that the pot holes at Rectory Close had been repaired but to a very poor standard. Councillor A. Rowlands reported that pot hole repairs were required at the road junction from Babell Road to the Afonwen Road. Councillor V. Williams reported that the hedge at the junction of Bryn Sion A451 the Afonwen Road was obstructing drivers visibility to the left of the junction.

Councillor T. Jones reported that pot hole repairs were required along Babell Road near the road bridge and that water was running out of the road surface.

Councillor J. Davies reported that Berthen Road, Lixwm road verges and the road to Pentre Halkyn were in need of de-littering.

RESOLVED:

That the following matter would be reported to Streetscene.

118/16PROPOSED DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – TRACK FROM FFORDD GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM, IN THE COMMUNITY OF YSCEIFIOG.

The Clerk reported that Mr. J. Roberts of the Ramblers Association had advised that he had viewed some of the case documents at County Hall, Mold but not all the documentation was currently available for public viewing. Mr. Roberts further advised that once the evidence had been evaluated the Ramblers Association Legal Advisors would determine if any legal support would be provided.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Chief Officer of Planning, Flintshire County Council requesting a progress report and had received a letter dated 8th March, 2016 advising that the file is currently being prepared for submission to the Welsh Government.

119/16ST. MARY’S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – RENOVATION OF THE CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones reported that the preparation of drawings and specification for the project was ongoing.

120/16 SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.

Councillor G. Williams provided a report on the ongoing discussion with the Education Authority, Head teachers and Chairman of School Governing Bodies. Some discussion had taken place on proposed time scales for funding any future approved project. Indications had been given that based on the current information funding rounds for this project would not begin until 2019.

121/16 SPEEDING TRAFFIC SURVEY – BABELL ROAD.

The Clerk reported that no response had been received from the Highway Authority on this matter. The Chairman reported that a local resident was taking the lack of any response from the County Council further.

The Clerk advised that he would send a further letter on this matter.

122/16 COMMUNITY POLICING.

P.C.S.O. Richards had kindly provided an updated incident report which the Clerk reported to members.

123/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- A) Flintshire Optec Youth Exchange and Trust.
Request for Help in Provision of Activities, Events and Workshops.
- B) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report for 2016/17
- C) Public Services ombudsman For Wales.
Principles of Good Administration and Good Records Management.
The above document can be viewed at; www.ombudsman.wales.org.uk
- D) Dog Fouling.
Flintshire County Council has a Task and Finish Group set up to gather further evidence with regard to Dog Fouling.

124/16APPLICATION TO SUSPEND THE RIGHT TO BUY IN FLINTSHIRE.

Mrs. D. Naylor, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising that on the 17th November, 2015 Flintshire Cabinet approved consultation to be undertaken with stakeholders with a view of making an application to Welsh Government Ministers to suspend the Right to Buy in Flintshire. This would mean that if the suspension is granted a tenant will no longer be able to buy their council home.

Copy of the letter had been circulated with the agenda to all members by the Clerk.

Members discussed this matter at some length and agreed that the Council would support this application to Welsh Government.

Councillor V. Williams reported that Flintshire County Council were at the same time promoting the sale of Council owned farming small holdings which would reduce the opportunity for young farmers to enter into agriculture in the future.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Council on this matter.

125/16BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2016.

Councillor D. Williams reported that there had been further thefts of plants from Ysceifiog Village. As a result of this she and her fellow residents who had worked to improve the amenity of the village were unable to find the enthusiasm to continue with the competition and would not be entering Ysceifiog in this year's event. The Chairman and members expressed their thanks to Denise and her fellow residents for all the hard work and effort they had made over the past many years. Members requested that the competition details be placed on the Council's Web Site.

126/16THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT (WALES) AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016 (NO 2016/84).

The Clerk reported that copy of the above document had been provided to all members for their attention and action. In accordance with section 51 of the 2000 Acts all relevant authorities must adopt a revised code of conduct by 26th July, 2016.

RESOLVED:

That this matter will be considered by the Council at its April meeting.

127/16 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor G. Williams provided a report on the meeting of Halkyn Mountain Joint Consultative Board meeting at which on funding further cattle grids for the common area had been discussed.

Councillor N. Davies reported that the Area Fund Raising Committee for the Urdd Eisteddfod had raised £18,000.00 and that a thank you event for many of the supporters was being held in the Stamford Gate Hotel, Holywell on the 5th April, 2016.

128/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) BMK/055024
Opening of disused access installation of wooden gates, creation of hard standing/parking area and creation of network of un-surfaced tractor paths to facilitate woodland management.
Swan Wood, Ysceifiog.

RESOLVED:

That the Council request that the existing vehicles access visibility be improved.

- B) ADW/054
Outline application for the erection of a bungalow.
Acrefield, Waen Isa Lane, Babell, Holywell, CH8 8QB.

RESOLVED:

That the Council objects to this application as it is outside the permitted development boundary for residential development.

129/16ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

892)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972,s.112)	P.A.Y.E.	£108.00
893)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,132)	Clerk's salary	£512.00
894)	Viking Direct (L.G.A.1972,s.111)	Stationery	£139.00
895)	Flintshire County Council (L.G.(M.P.)A.1976,s19)	Match Funding	£5,000.00
896)	Deeco Lighting (P.C.A.1957,s3)	Maintenance	£673.20
897)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957,s3)	Energy Charges	£236.03

130/16DURATION OF MEETING

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

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 18th April, 2016 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor T. Jones – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor D. Williams

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

131/16DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

132/16MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 21st March, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

133/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillor A. Parsley reported the lane leading from Ysceifiog Village to the Ddol had still not been attended to. The road surface was deteriorating badly and road surface water gullies were in need of cleaning. Councillor A. Rowlands commented on how well the road side verges at Mynnydd Llan were being kept and the lovely show of daffodils that had been provided by Mr. M. Graham.

Councillor T. Jones reported that pot hole repairs were needed across the community.

RESOLVED:

That the above matters be reported to Mr. I. Williams, Streetscene Area Supervisor.

134/16 PROPOSED DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – TRACK FROM FFORDD GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM.

The Clerk reported that Mr. J. Roberts representing Flintshire Ramblers Association had written to the Council regarding site of the evidence the Council holds in relation to the above order.

RESOLVED:

That a copy of the information be provided to the Ramblers Association.

135/16 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – RENOVATION OF CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones reported that scale drawings for the proposed works had been completed, enabling him to obtain quotations for the proposed works. Copy of the plans were provided to members.

Members commented on how well the proposed scheme looked and thanked Councillor Jones for all the time he had spent on the renovation scheme to date.

136/16 SPEED OF TRAFFIC – BABELL ROAD.

The Clerk reported that despite 3 letters being sent to Flintshire County Council Highways Department on this matter no response had been received to date. Members requested that copies of the letters be sent to Mr. D. Hanson M.P. seeking his assistance in obtaining a response from Flintshire County Council.

137/16 SALE OF AGRICULTURAL SMALL HOLDINGS BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Further to Minutes No. 124/16 a response had been received from Mr. N. Cockerton Chief Officer (Organisational Change) advising that; In January 2011 after a review of its agricultural estate the Council agreed to adopt a strategy of phased disposal of its agricultural estate and this position continues to be pursued with eight farms being sold out of an initial 33.

This overall strategy and approach provided much needed capital resources to support the County Council's key strategic objectives and aims as determined and set out in its annual Improvement Plan and other key strategic documents.

Members considered the contents of the response and advised that given that agriculture was a major industry in the County that could not this Policy for disposal be reviewed and reflect the need to support agriculture during these difficult times for the industry.

138/16 COMMUNITY POLICING.

PCSO C. Richards and Sergeant M. Evans had tendered their apologies for tonight's meeting.

139/16 TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES PROGRAMME 2016.

Mr. I. Bancroft, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council confirming that the above scheme was still being supported by Flintshire County Council for 2016 resulting in 50% of the scheme costs being provided making the cost for this year's 3 week programme being held at £900.00. However the Council should be aware that the funding for 2017 was very uncertain and Council should prepare for worst case scenario of funding 100% of the cost for future years schemes.

140/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

A) Notice of the retirement of Mrs. S. Mewies as Assembly Member for Delyn.

That a letter thanking Mrs. S. Mewies A.M. for her service be sent.

B) Flintshire Local Development Plan – Setting the future direction of the Plan.

- C) Consultation on Waste Collection, Household Recycling Centre and Bring Site Policy.

Members agreed to complete the online survey and that the Clerk responds supporting the recycling sites on behalf of the Council.

- D) One Voice Wales – Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee meeting.
- E) Local Government Ethical Framework.

That this matter be deferred to the May meeting of the Council.

- F) Community Transport Workshop Meetings.

That an invitation be sent to Flintshire County Council requesting that the transport officer attends a future meeting of the Council to discuss this matter.

141/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a dwelling.
Land side of Bryn-Y-Gwynt, Babel Road, CH8 8PW.

- B) DGJ/055193
Erection of 9 no. dwellings, garages and associated access.
Land adjacent Llwyn Onn, Lixwm, CH8 8NQ.

RESOLVED:

That the Council consider that the development should be bungalows not dorma to be in keeping with existing dwellings.

That the proposed access way will create further traffic hazards on the Lixwm Road and should be assessed by the Highway Authority.

That the existing sewerage system has limited capacity and this further development may create further capacity problems.

That the proposed site is outside the permitted development boundary for Lixwm.

That the application be presented to the Council full Planning Committee for consideration.

- C) HJP/055218
Creation of Overburden Storage Bund.
Pant-Y-Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn, Holywell, CH8 8HP

RESOLVED:

That the application be received.

142/16 NOTICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2016.

JDH Business Services Ltd the Council's appointed internal auditor had written to the Council advising that the audit would be undertaken on the 21st April, 2016.

The Clerk presented a Report on the Council's Year End Annual Return and financial statements for inclusion in the yearend audit.

RESOLVED:

That the Report was approved.

143/16 NOTICE OF EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2016.

BDO The Council's appointed external auditor had written to the Council advising that the audit date had been set for the 11th July, 2016.

144/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

898)	Caerwys Agricultural Show 2016 (LGA,1972s145)	Grant	£100.00
899)	One Voice Wales (LGA1972s144)	Membership fees	£153.00
900)	Came and Company (LGA1972s140,111)	Insurance Premium	£1051.28

901)	A. Roberts (LGA1972s112,131)	Clerk's Salary	£450.00
902)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (LGA1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00
903)	Scottish Power (PCA1957s3)	Energy charges	£252.28

145/16 DURATION OF MEETING.

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

CHAIRMAN _____

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 16th May, 2016
at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman
Councillor T. Jones
Councillor N.M. Davies
Councillor J.I. Davies
Councillor I. Kendrick
Councillor A. Parsley
Councillor G. Williams
Councillor V. Williams
Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor A. Rowlands

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council
Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

01/16 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Proposed by Councillor G. Williams and seconded by Councillor A. Parsley,
Councillor D. Williams was unanimously appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.

02/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

03/16 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 18th April, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

04/16 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Councillor W. Williams and seconded by Councillor A. Parsley, Councillor V. Williams was unanimously appointed as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

05/16 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ONTO OUTSIDE BODIES AND SUB-COMMITTIES FOR THE YEAR 2016/17.

The Clerk had provided a current list of Representatives for members consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the current representation remain for the year 2016/17.

06/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that road gullies down the Ddol Road had still not been cleaned.

Councillor I. Kendrick reported that the recycling waste had not been collected from her property.

07/16 INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2016.

The Clerk reported that JDH Business Services Ltd the Council's appointed Internal Auditor had completed and approved the yearend audit.

The audit's findings recommend that the Asset Register held by the Council should remain unchanged year upon year unless an assets have been disposed of or additions made.

RESOLVED:

That the Council receives the Report and Notes the findings of the audit.

08/16 SPEED OF TRAFFIC – BABELL ROAD.

Further to minute No 135/16 a letter had been received from Mr. D. Hanson M.P. advising that he was pursuing this matter with Flintshire County Council.

09/16 COMMUNITY POLICING.

P.C.S.O. Carol Richards had tendered her apologise for tonight's meeting. She had provided an Incident Report for the community, the contents of which was reported to members by the Clerk.

10/16 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE BY FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Following the community workshop held for Town & Community Councils by Flintshire County Council copy documentation had been received on the presentation copy of which had been provided to all members by the Clerk.

An invitation had been received from Flintshire County Council to participate in joint working with Flintshire County Council and neighbouring communities to explore options for developing a community based transport system which could link up the core services being provided by the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Council agreed to participate in the scheme and advise neighbouring Community Councils of Brynford, Caerwys, Halkyn and Nannerch that they would be willing to explore how best to identify the community transport needs of the community.

11/16 NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Gareth Owens, Chief Officer Governance, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising that the Council must arrange to update the code no later than 26th July, 2016 and this would be best done at the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

Mr. Owens had provided a copy of the Code which could be adopted by the Council. Upon adoption of the Code the Council must under Section 51 Local Government Act 2000; Advertise the fact in a local newspaper make a copy available for inspection, and notify the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales. Mr. Owens further advised that he was happy to include the Community Councils in the County Council's press advert providing confirmation had been received by 31st May, 2016.

Confirmation that the Council had amended the Code and a copy be provided for inspection at County Hall.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the amended Code provided by Flintshire County Council be approved and adopted by the Council.
- 2) That a copy be sent to County Hall for inclusion in the County Council press article.
- 3) That the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales be advised that the amended Code has been adopted.

12/16 FLINTSHIRE OPTEC YOUTH EXCHANGE TRUST.

Mrs. K. Jones, Youth Exchange Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising that 6 students from Flintshire will be participating in this year's exchange visit one of those students lives in Babel of the Council community.

As in past years the Council writes to all Town & Community Councils seeking financial support for the exchange visit.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £100.00 was approved.

13/16 URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD.

Invitations had been received to attend the presentation of the Chair and Crown to be held 19th May, 2016 and attend a reception at the Eisteddfod on May 30th, 2016.

Members reported that Councillor A. Rowlands would be attending on the 19th May and Councillor D. Williams will attend the reception to be held on the 30th May 2016.

14/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

CEL/055291

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of extension with associated internal alterations to Preswylfa, Lixwm.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections subject to the development being in-keeping with the existing building.

App No. 055193

Land adjacent to Llwyn Onn, Lixwm, Nr. Holywell.

Councillor N. Davies reported that she had received a copy letter from the resident living at The Limes, Lixwm sent to the Head of Planning Services, Flintshire County Council objecting to the proposed development.

Members advised that the Council had made its observations to the Planning Officer during the formal consultation process and that the letter be received.

15/16 SURFACE ROAD CONDITION SURVEY B4 83 – MELYN-Y-WERN.

Councillor J.I. Davies requested that following the recent road traffic fatality, residents had reported a number of near misses along this section of the highway. Given this could a road surface condition survey be conducted by the Highway Authority.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to the Highway Authority on this matter.

16/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

905)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£244.25
906)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00
907)	JDH Business Services (L.G.A.1972s111)	Audit Fees	£144.00
908)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's Salary	£450.00

17/16 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 20th June, 2016 held at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

In the absence of Councillor D. Williams, Councillor V. Williams was appointed Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillor V. Williams – Chairman

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor A. Rowlands

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor D. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

18/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

19/16 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held the 16th May, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

20/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that during the recent heavy rain falls the road leading from Ysceifiog to Afonwen had become impossible due to the road gullies not being cleaned. The deluge had left large amounts of road surface debris which was in need of being removed.

21/16 PROPOSED DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – TRACK LEADING FROM – FFORDD GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM IN THE COMMUNITY OF YSCEIFIOG.

The Clerk reported that a copy of the evidence statements had been sent to Flintshire Ramblers Association for their consideration.

22/16 ST. MARY’S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – RENOVATION OF CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones had provided a report on the progress being made on the project. Councillor Jones requested that any grant receipts received for the project be managed by the Community Council and that the Council consider making a financial grant towards the renovation project.

Members discussed the report contents and were pleased that the project was moving forward.

RESOLVED:

That the Council would manage any grant receipt received and would provide a financial grant to the project.

23/16 SPEED OF TRAFFIC – BABELL ROAD.

The Clerk reported that Mr. D. Hanson M.P. had written to the Council enclosing a copy of a letter received from Flintshire County Council Highway Department setting out the investigative process that was going to be undertaken.

The Clerk further advised that a copy of the correspondence had been sent to Councillor T. Jones in order that it may be shared with his constituents who had raised this issue.

24/16 COMMUNITY POLICING.

P.C.S.O. Carol Richards had tendered her apologies for tonight's meeting but had provided an up to date Incidents Report on ongoing policing matters in the community.

The contents of the report was reported to members by the Clerk. Carol had also advised that she would be moving to a new posting as from July, 2016 and would not be the P.C.S.O. for this community. Cover will be provided by Holywell Officers until such time as a new P.C.S.O. will be appointed by September, 2016.

Members expressed their thanks for the services Carol had provided the community and wished her every success in her new posting.

25/16 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor A. Rowlands informed members that she had been appointed Chairman of School Governors of Lixwm C.P. School.

The deputy Headteacher had been appointed as Headteacher of Cilcain C.P. School and her vacancy had been filled.

The school had advised that they would very much like to receive the Commemorative Medal in Honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday.

RESOLVED:

That the Council agreed to pay for commemorative medals for each child attending Lixwm C.P. School.

26/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

910)	Flintshire County Council (LGA1972s137)	Optec Youth Exchange	£100.00
911)	Treetops Environmental (LGA1972s144)	Grass cutting Lixwm	£60.00
912)	The Society of Local Council Clerks (LGA1972s140,111)	Membership Fees	£65.50
913)	Scottish Power (PCA1957s3)	Energy Charges	£252.38
914)	A. Roberts (LGA1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£450.00
915)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (LGA1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00

27/16 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 8.00pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 18th July, 2016 held at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor V. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

28/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

None were declared in respect of the business of the Council

29/16 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held the 20th June, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

30/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillor D. Williams reported that the road verge on Sarn Lane, Ysceifiog were in need of cutting.

31/16 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – RENOVATION OF CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones provided a report on the renovation project. Consent had been obtained from Ysceifiog Parochial Church Council and Cadw. Quotations for the work were being sought and upon receipt grant funding applications could be made for the project.

32/16 SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME – LIXWM C.P. SCHOOL.

Councillor A. Rowlands advised that further consultation meetings had been held with Officials of Flintshire County Council, Teaching Staff and parents and guardians of the school children. Officers had advised that the site at Lixwm could not be developed as an area school due to the size of the area available and building constrictions.

Members reported that there was an ongoing online consultation in progress but there was no bilingual version available which residents have complained about.

Members requested that a letter be sent to the Director of Education advising that the impact of the loss of the school to the community has not been adequately undertaken as it failed to take account of ongoing and future residential development of the community and that the consultation process could be extended until such time that a bilingual version was available to the general public.

33/16 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT REVIEW.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. Paul Robson, Transport Manager, Flintshire County Council.

Mr. Robson set out the reasons for the review the progress made to date and future actions required. Following receipt of the Council's expression of interest working groups were being formed and 2 representatives from the Council were being sought. The purpose of the working groups were to identify local transport needs and how best this could be delivered.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Robson for his attendance and requested the Clerk to invite Councillor I. Kendrick and Councillor V. Williams to represent the Council.

34/16 ADOPTION OF NEW CODE OF CONDUCT.

The Clerk reported that The Head of Legal Services, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council confirming that the adoption of the New Code of Conduct had been advertised in the Public Press on the 30th June, 2016.

35/16 PROPOSED COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER (CAT) OF HOLYWELL LEISURE CENTRE.

Councillor T. Jones reported that CAT of the Leisure Centre was building up momentum and that model business plans had been approved by the Council. A number of consultation meetings were being planned the first to be held on the 26th July, 2016 inviting all Town and Community Councils to attend were a presentation will be given on the progress being made.

36/16 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor Gwyn Williams advised that he had attended a meeting of the Halkyn Common Joint Consultative Board, at which a site trip had been organised to look at the restoration programme of several lime kilns within the common.

37/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) BMK/055567
Construction of ménage for private use.
Cerrig Llwydian, Babel, CH8 8PZ.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

38/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved:-

916)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£244.25
917)	Canon UK Ltd	Service Fees	£131.82
918)	H.M. Revenue and Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00
919)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£450.00

39/16 DURATION OF MEETING.

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

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 19th September, 2016 held at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor I. Kendrick

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

40/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

None were declared in respect of the business of the Council

41/16 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held the 18th July, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

42/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that despite several requests being made the gullies had still not been emptied on the Ysceifiog to Afonwen Lane.

Councillor W Williams reported that pot hole repairs were required and the vehicle passing point created by the Council was in need of a major clean up along Ffordd Gledlom, Lixwm.

The Clerk advised that once a year Streetscene Officer undertook an Environment Audit (E.V.A.) on issues within the community and suggested that the above items be included in the EVA.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would arrange the E.V.A. and liaise with the Chairman on dates.

43/16 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – RENOVATION OF CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones reported that with the help of voluntary professional expertise from the community the scheme details were being finalized. The War Graves Trust and the Church Diocese were supportive of the scheme.

44/16 SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME – LIXWM C.P. SCHOOL.

The Clerk reported that a response to the Council's letter had been received from the Director of Education, Flintshire County Council the contents of which was reported to members.

Councillor A. Rowlands reported that discussion on options were continuing to be undertaken but no outcome had been finalized. Councillor Rowlands requested that a copy of the letter be provided for the school records.

45/16 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT REVIEW.

Councillor V. Williams reported that she had not been notified of any workshop meetings to date. Members agreed that it would be most beneficial if workshops could be arranged to include the adjoining Community and Town Council areas.

46/16 CONTROL OF DOGS – GROES FAEN BACH, BABELL.

It was reported that a member of the public whilst walking on the highway past Groes Faen Bach, Babell was attacked by dogs causing rips and tears to her clothes and causing distress.

RESOLVED:

That this matter be reported to the Council's Dog Warden Services.

47/16 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER OVERVIEW AND PLAY AREA UPDATE.

Mr. Ian Bancroft, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising following further consultation, the Council had agreed to continue to maintain 4 play areas in each community. For communities with more than 4 play areas the maintenance service would be provided on a re-chargeable bases. Given that the 2 play areas in this community there would be no charge to the existing level of service provided by Leisure Services.

Members welcomed this information and agreed it was a much used provision by the community

48/16 QUARRY TRAFFIC USING FFORDD BERTHEN ROAD, LIXWM.

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a complaint from a local resident regarding the volume of H.G.V. traffic travelling along Ffordd Berthen Road, Lixwm. Members agreed it was difficult to control and that it may be through traffic from the A541 trying to join the A55.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to the Highway Authority requesting if the road could be surveyed with a view to providing appropriate highway signage to deter the use by Heavy Goods Vehicles.

49/16 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor T. Jones provided an update as to the progress of the Asset Transfer of Holywell Leisure Centre and Library. It was anticipated that the transfer would be completed by the end of this financial year.

Members raised their concern on the present condition and level of business in Holywell. There were several retail premises un-occupied or boarded up making the Town Centre uninviting.

RESOLVED:

That an invitation be sent to Holywell Town Council for the Town Centre Manager to attend a future meeting of the Council.

50/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

ADW/055718

Conversion of redundant agricultural building into two bedroom holiday cottage.

Graig Fadog Farm, Ffordd-Y-Graig, Lixwm.

ADW/055639

Erection of New Holiday Lodge.

Field at Caerwys Road, Babel, Holywell, CH8 8PZ.

To Note: The Council has sent a letter of objection to the Planning Authority for this application.

DGJ/055790

Erection of a dwelling – Change of house type (Retrospective).

Landside of Llwyn Onn, Lixwm, CH8 8NQ.

BMK/055854

Demolition of front porch, erection of ground floor extension with balcony above and construction of front gable roof with door and glazing.

Bryn Awel, Lixwm, CH8 8NQ.

Planning Appeal Ref: 166990

Ael-Y-Bryn, Babel, Holywell, CH8 8PP.

The Council has been advised that appeals have been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the above site. The Appeals are against Enforcement Notices for Material Change of Use, and Operational development, served by the Council.

The appeal is against two enforcement notices (3120521 & 3129523) and a refused planning application (3127924) will be dealt with as a linked appeal, and are to be decided on the bases of a Public Inquiry.

To Note: The Council has written to the Planning Inspectorate advising that it supports the actions being undertaken by the Planning Authority.

51/16 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2016.

The Council considered the above report and agreed that the Asset Register be fixed to reflect the insurance values set for 2014/15 and that the Unpresented cheque for £120.00 be credited back into the account for 2016/17.

38/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

920)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s111)	Norton PC Subscription	£42.50
921)	Viking (L.G.A.1972s111)	Supply of stationery	£146.00
922)	Treetops Environmental (L.G.A.1972s144	Grass cutting, Lixwm	£60.00

923)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges July	£252.38
924)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges August	£252.38
925)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s113)	Establishment Allowance	£350.00
926)	H.M. Revenue and Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00
927)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,115)	Clerk's salary	£450.00

39/16 DURATION OF MEETING.

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

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 17th October, 2016 held at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

54/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

None were declared in respect of the business of the Council

55/16 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held the 19th September, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

56/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. Ian Williams, Streetscene Area Supervisor who presented an update on current work schedules. Ian further advised that the Annual Environmental Audit (EVA) was due to be taken were Ian together with Councillor J. Falshaw and members of the Council could undertake an inspection of any ongoing concerns or issues in relation to Street scene's Service Area. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Councillor J. Falshaw, Ian and Councillors D. Williams, T. Jones, A. Parsley and I. Kendrick on the date of the EVA for the first week in November.

The Chairman thanked Ian for his attendance.

57/16 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – RENOVATION OF CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones provided an update of the projects progress.

58/16 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – STRATEGIC GROWTH AND SPATIAL OPTIONS WORKSHOPS.

The Head of Planning Services, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council inviting members to attend a workshop to discuss the above matter.

Members noted the information.

59/16 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMER PLAY SCHEME 2016.

Mr. M. Welch, Principle Leisure Services Officer had written to the Council advising that the attendance had increased for this year's 3 week scheme to 156 in total.

Members reported that the scheme had been well supported by the community and no issues had been noted from the use of the facilities at Berthen Chapel.

60/16 EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2016.

The Clerk reported that the external auditor BDO had concluded the yearend audit returning the Annual Return for Council Formal approval. A report on issues rising from the audit had also been received, copy of which had been provided by the Clerk to all members for consideration.

The Clerk also confirmed that Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been displayed on public notice boards.

RESOLVED:

That the Council approved the Annual Return and note the findings of the audit.
That the Clerk will prepare a report of the findings of the audit for Council's further consideration

61/16 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor T. Jones reported that proposed transfer of Holywell Leisure Centre and Library was progressing well with ongoing structural improvement to the building due to be completed by the end of the year concluding with re-location of the Library in January 2017.

62/16 RENEWAL OF THE TELEPHONE KIOSK – YSCEIFIOG VILLAGE.

Councillor D. Williams reported that B.T. had issued notice that the disused kiosk would be removed at the end of the consultation period of 42 days unless it was adopted by a body.

Councillor Williams further advised that she had been in contact with B.T. and Flintshire County Council Planning Department giving notice that the community may wish to adopt the kiosk.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Williams would undertake further consultation with local residents and the village hall committee and report her findings back to the Council in the November meeting.

63/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

ADW/055951

Outline application for the erection of 1 dwelling formation and installation of non-mains drainage.

Westacres, Berthen Road, Lixwm, CH8 8LT.

RESOLVED:

That the council considers the application to be outside the permitted development boundary for the erection of a new dwelling and does not conform to current planning policy.

64/16 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

- A) Lixwm O.A.P'S Luncheon Club
- B) Babel and Ysceifiog O.A.P'S Luncheon Club.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £200.00 be approved for each application.

65/16 CHANGE OF DATE OF NOVEMBER 2016 COUNCIL MEETING.

Due to the Clerk's unavailability the Council agreed to change the date of the November meeting of the Council from the 21st November, 2016 to Monday 28th November, 2016.

66/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

928)	Flintshire County Council (L.G.A.(MP)1976s19)	Summer Playscheme	£900.00
929)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00
930)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,115)	Clerk's salary	£450.00
931)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£244.25
932)	S. Jones Business Solutions Ltd (L.G.A.1972s111)	P.A.Y.E. Returns	£120.00

67/16 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 8.50pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 28th November, 2016 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Flintshire County Council

Before the commencement of the meeting the Chairman requested members to stand in memory of Mrs. Nesta E. Davies deceased who had been a Community Councillor for some 23 years, retiring in July 2014.

Members paid tribute to work Nesta had done in the community for many years.

68/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Councillor A. Parsley declared an interest in item 9B Planning Application 056069
And duly completed the Declaration Form.

69/16 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 17th October, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

70/16 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Environmental Visual Audit (EVA). The Chairman reported that she had been unable to undertake the EVA to date. It was agreed that EVA would be arranged for January 2017. The Clerk would prepare a list of issues for each community of Babel, Lixwm and Ysceifiog and that the EVA would be split into the 3 locations and liaise with Mr. Ian Williams and the Chairman.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that the Ysceifiog Village Road to the Vole at Afonwen was in need of urgent cleaning following gravel being washed onto the road by heavy rain.

71/16 PROPOSED DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – TRACK FROM FFORDD GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from Mr. R. Williams of the Rambler's Association for copies of the evidence statement forms that had been submitted to support the claim.

RESOLVED:

That copies of the forms be provided to Mr. Williams.

72/16 REMOVAL OF DISUSED TELEPHONE KIOSK, YSCEIFIOG.

Councillor D. Williams reported that she had canvassed local residents with regard to the retention of the kiosk and no objections had been made. She had informed B.T. and Flintshire County Council Planning Department that the Council wished for the kiosk to be retained. Councillor Williams further reported that Sarah Jones of Cadwyn Clwyd had informed the Council of a Telephone Kiosk Regeneration Scheme which provided funding for alternative uses for the kiosks.

The scheme would provide for consultation to determine the future use of the kiosk, repair and equip the kiosk. Members agreed to support the scheme and that Councillor D. Williams would liaise with Sarah Jones.

73/16 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION REVIEW.

Jessica Pritchard, Transportation Officer, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising that a drop-in event had been undertaken at Caerwys and that a similar event could be arranged for this community.

Members considered the best way forward and agreed to hold an event at Lixwm C.P. School in January 2017. Councillor A. Rowlands agreed to liaise with the head teacher of Lixwm School and the Clerk.

74/16 COMMUNITY POLICING.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting P.C.S.O. Laura Williams. Laura provided an update on policing activities in the area and her role within the community.

Councillor T. Jones reported the ongoing issue of speeding traffic along the Babell to Gorsedd road. Laura advised that she would arrange for a speed awareness exercise to be undertaken in the near future.

75/16 RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR J. FALSHAW.

Councillor J. Falshaw had written to the Council advising that following 9 years of service he had decided to retire with effect from 31st December, 2016.

Councillor Falshaw expressed his thanks to all the Council members and the Clerk for the support and assistance that had been provided during his term in office.

Members expressed their thanks to Councillor Falshaw for all the support he had given to the constituents and the Council and wished him a long and happy retirement.

76/16 CONDITION SURVEY OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

Mr. J. Roberts of the Ramblers Association had written to the Council advising that the Association and local volunteers had completed a condition survey of the public rights of way in the community.

Mr. Roberts further advised that the Association would like to share the findings of the survey with the Council.

Members welcomed the proposal and instructed the Clerk to liaise with Mr. Roberts with a view of attending a council meeting in the new year.

77/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

RESOLVED:

That the following items of correspondence were received:-

- A) Flintshire Local Development Plan – Notice of Public Consultation.
- B) Flintshire County Council – Public Engagement Events.
- C) Town & Community Council Elections 2017 – Time Table and Election Fees.
- D) One Voice Wales – Notice of meeting to be held 29th November, 2016.

78/16 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

- A) Councillor T. Jones provided an update on the refurbishment of the cenotaph at St. Mary's Church, Ysceifiog.
- B) Councillor A. Rowlands reported on the ongoing School Modernisation Programme at Lixwm C.P. School.
- C) Councillor N.M. Davies provided a report of the Halkyn Mountain Joint Consultative Board Meeting she had attended at which it was reported that the grant funding for the post of the Halkyn Mountain Ranger was being reviewed. It was also reported that motor cycles were also being driven over the common causing nuisance to local residents and graziers.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Joint Consultative Board supporting any action that could be undertaken to deter the use of motor cycles on the common.

79/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) ADW/056135
Conversion of redundant agricultural building into holiday cottage.
Graig Fadog Farm, Ffordd-Y-Graig, Lixwm CH8 8LY.
- B) BMK/056069
Construction of ménage for private use.
Bryn Barug, Ysceifiog, CH8 8NJ.
- C) JZB/056044
Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling.
Park Cottage, Ysceifiog, CH8 8NJ.
- D) BMK/056145
Erection of replacement garage/storage building and associated works.
Truly, Babell, Holywell, CH8 8PZ.
- E) DGJ/056043
Erection of 8no. dwellings, garages and associated access.
Land adjacent to Llwyn Onn, Lixwm, CH8 8NQ.
The Clerk reported that a letter of objection had been sent to the Planning Authority, stating the same reasons of objection as provided for the previous application for this development.
- F) 056225
Maes-Y-Goron, Lixwm.
Erection of 2 detached dwellings.
That the Council objects to this application as the development is not with the permitted development zone.
- G) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 – Section 78 Appeal Ref:05499
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a bungalow.
Location: Acrefield, Waen Isa Lane, Babell, CH8 8QB.
Appeal Start Date: 31st October, 2016.

RESOLVED:

That the information be received.

- H) Graig Fadog Farm, Ffordd-Y-Graig, Lixwm.
Members reported that there was ongoing development on a building adjacent to Graig Fadog which the Council had not received any planning consultation on.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would bring this matter to the attention of the Planning Authority.

80/16 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

- A) St. Mary's Church, Ysceifiog – Cemetery Maintenance.
B) Berthen Chapel, Lixwm – Cemetery Maintenance.
C) Ysceifiog Village Hall – Building Maintenance.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £500.00 was approved to each of the above applications.

81/16 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – OCTOBER, 2016.

The Clerk had prepared the 6 monthly Budget Monitoring Report for up to October 2016. The report set out the approved budget, actual expenditure up to October and estimated expenditure up to 31st March 2017.
Income and estimated balance for the year ending 31st March, 2017.

The Clerk further advised that the external audit had recommended that the Council undertake budget monitoring every 3 months. Members considered this and concluded that given the level of financial transactions, the amount of income and expenditure and the recording of all payments within the Council's monthly minutes that a 6 monthly budget monitoring report did not place the Council at any adverse risk.

RESOLVED:

That the Council noted the findings of the monitoring report and that the Council continue with the 6 monthly monitoring.

82/16 STREET LIGHTING – UPGRADING OF LIGHTING SYSTEM.

The Clerk reported that the Council had been making provision within its budget for improvements to the existing lighting system. The improvements to upgrade the lights to a LED system in the short term reduce maintenance costs and upon completion of lights being upgraded reduce energy charges.

Members considered how best to proceed and agreed that a phased approach dealing with one area at a time would provide the most impact.

It was agreed that Lixwm Village Road would be completed first and that the Clerk would liaise with the street lighting contractor with a view of upgrading up to 12 lights this financial year.

83/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

933)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,115)	Clerk's Salary	£450.00
934)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00
935)	Royal British Legion (L.G.A.1972s137)	Grant	£60.00
936)	Ysceifiog Village Hall (L.G.A.1972s137)	O.A.P's Lunch Club	£200.00
937)	Lixwm (L.G.A.1972s137)	O.A.P's Lunch Club	£200.00
938)	Ysceifiog Village Hall (L.G.A.1972s133)	Maintenance Grant	£500.00

939)	St. Mary's Church, Ysceifiog (L.G.A.1972s214)	Maintenance Grant	£500.00
940)	Berthen Chapel, Lixwm (L.G.A.1972s214)	Maintenance Grant	£500.00
941)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£252.38
942)	Green Lion Insights & Solutions (L.G.A.1972s143,111)	Web Hosting	£221.98

84/16 DURATION OF THE MEETING.

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

CHAIRMAN
