

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 16th January, 2017 held at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor N.M. Davies

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

REPRESENTATIVES FROM HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL.

Further to the Council invitation Councillor Joe Johnson (Holywell Town Mayor) and Ted Palmer were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. The purpose of their attendance was to discuss the current decline of the number and choice of retail outlets in Holywell High Street which residents of this community used as their shopping destination.

The Councillors outlined the history of Holywell advising that all the retail units in the high street were in private ownership and subject to commercial market forces. They further advised on the number of initiatives the Council had introduced to improve the appearance of the property and to increase footfall into the town.

Members advised that Prestatyn High Street had over the years gone into a severe decline but had recently been highlighted as a model of good practise in attracting re-investment into the town and that perhaps some of this good practise could be introduced into Holywell.

Members enquired if the high street could be re-opened for traffic via a one-way system. Councillor Palmer advised that an estimation of cost had been obtained being some £250.000.

It was agreed that the two Councils would try to work together and improve communication by being represented on the Town Partnership which is currently being re-invigorated and by having linkage on the Council website for providing information on events and initiatives.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance.

85/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

86/17 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held the 28th November, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

87/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Environmental Visual Audit (EVA). It was agreed that the audit would be held on Monday 30th January, 2017 and that Councillors T. Jones, D. Williams, A. Parsley and I. Kendrick would meet with Mr. Ian Williams, Streetscene Area Supervisor.

The following issues were reported:-

Gully blocked at Rectory Close, Ysceifiog.

Gully broken lower down than The Crown Inn, Lixwm Village Road.

RESOLVED:

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

88/17 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – CENETAPH REFURBISHMENT.

Councillor T. Jones reported that two donations totalling £100.00 had been received.

RESOLVED:

That the payment be held by the Council towards the cost of the refurbishment scheme.

89/17 1. TELEPHONE KIOSK REGENERATION PROJECT, YSCEIFIOG.

2. i BEACON NETWORK PROJECT.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Ms. Sarah Jones, Development Officer, Cadwyn Clwyd. Sarah provided background information on the both projects setting out the objectives and obligations of each party.

Members agreed that the both projects could be used to promote places of interest walking and cycling routes or local history.

Sarah further advised that both schemes would require match funding contribution.

The Chairman thanked Sarah for her presentation.

RESOLVED:

That the Council approved £450.00 match funding for the Telephone Kiosk Project and £700.00 for the I beacon network project.

90/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Independent Remuneration Panel For Wales – Notice of Meeting.
Citizens Advice – Annual General Meeting Report.
Mold Town Council – Charity Dinner.
One Voice Wales – Buckingham Palace Garden Parties.

RESOLVED:

That the above information be received.

91/17 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor Jones reported that he had attended an open meeting event promoting the proposed building of an Assisted Living Complex on the site of the disused school at Halkyn Road, Holywell.

The complex will provide up to 55, 1, bedroom units.

Councillor Jones provided an update on the transfer of Holywell Leisure Centre to a Community Enterprise which he confirmed would be completed by the 1st March, 2017.

92/17 PLANNING APPLICATION

BMK/056320

Erection of two storey extension to existing dwelling house and proposed amendments to roof of existing domestic outbuildings.

The Barn, Groesffordd, Brynford, CH8 8LS.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

93/17 STREET LIGHTING – REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME.

The Clerk reported that he had obtained quotations for the refurbishment of 12 street lights for Lixwm Village Road the lowest quotation being received from Deeco Lighting Ltd.

The Clerk further advised that the Council has some 60 lamps in its ownership most of which being the 35wt sox type lamp which were becoming costly to maintain and not energy efficient.

The new lamps would be L.E.D. being low in energy consumption and would reduce maintenance costs in the long term.

Members considered the information and resolved that orders be placed for the refurbishment of 12 lights this financial year and up to 12 for the year 2017/18.

Councillor T. Jones enquired if any information had been received regarding the removal of a light from Babell by Scottish Power Contractors. The Clerk reported that he had made contact with the Contracts Manager, Scottish Power who had confirmed that he was investigating this matter.

Cllr J.I. Davies enquired if the council would consider providing a new street light along Lixwm, Village Road near the junction with Walwen Road.
It was agreed that the clerk would obtain an estimation of cost and report back to council.

94/17 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND PRECEPT OPTIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1ST APRIL, 2017-31ST MARCH 2018.

The Clerk presented the current and proposed budget of expenditure report setting out the Council's financial consideration for the above year.

RESOLVED:

A) That the Council approved a budget of £27,450.

B) That the Clerk's salary for 2017/18 would be £5,700.

The Clerk presented a further report setting out Precept Options for the Council's consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk's report setting out precept options were noted but the Council resolved to increase the percent by 5% setting the precept at £23,646.

95/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

943)	Viking (L.G.A.1972s144)	Supply of stationery	£141.63
944)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£244.25
945)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00
946)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,115)	Clerk's salary	£450.00
947)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£252.38

96/17 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNHITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 20th February, 2017 held at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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

Councillor V. Williams – Chairman

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor D. Williams

Councillor A. Rowlands

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

97/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Councillor T. Jones declared an interest in agenda item 10.A. Application for financial assistance, retiring from the meeting for this item.

98/17 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held the 16th January, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

99/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillors T. Jones and I Kendrick reported that they had attended the Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) with Mr. Ian Williams, Streetscene Area Supervisor. The audit identified a number of highway and environmental issues which will be included on a short and long term programme of works.

Members expressed their thanks to Ian for the time he provided and reported that some of the identified issues had already been attended to.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that Councillor D. Williams had undertaken the audit for Ysceifiog.

100/17 STREET LIGHTING – LIXWM.

Councillor J.I. Davies reported that the work to upgrade 12 of the existing street lights to LED along Lixwm Village Road had been completed.

Members agreed that the quality of lighting had much improved the area.

Members suggested that a further phase of upgrading the Council's lighting system should be progressed early in the new financial year.

Councillor J.I. Davies enquired if the Clerk had received the quotation for the proposed new light on Lixwm Village Road. The Clerk reported that it had not been received to date and he would raise this with the lighting contractor.

101/17 DISUSED TELEPHONE KIOSK, YSCEIFIOG – CADWYN CLWYD REGENERATION PROJECT.

The Clerk reported that the Council had received the Grant Condition Agreement a copy of which had been completed by the Clerk and returned to Cadwyn Clwyd. The Agreement requires the Council to support the scheme for 5 years. An invoice for £450.00 had been received being the Council's financial contribution towards the scheme.

102/17 ibeacon NETWORK PROJECT.

Sarah Jones, Project Officer, Cadwyn Clwyd had written to the Council advising that the Tourism Officer from Flintshire County Council had agreed to pay the match funding of £750.00 towards the project.

The Clerk advised that the Grant Conditions Agreement for the project had been duly completed and returned to Cadwyn Clwyd. The Agreement requires the Council to support the project for 5 years.

Members were very pleased to learn that the project had received the financial support from Flintshire County Council and looked forward to developing the Network.

103/17 COMMUNITY POLICING.

P.C.S.O. Laura Williams had tendered her apologies for tonight's meeting, reporting that there were policing issues to bring to the Council's attention. Councillor T. Jones reported that there was still an outstanding issue of speeding traffic along Babel road, Councillor I. Kendrick advised that there was also the same issue along Lixwm Village road.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write to Laura requesting that a speed awareness exercise be arranged for Babel and Lixwm.

104/17 BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2017.

Mrs. Janet Kelly, Best Kept Communities Organiser, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising the closing date for entering this year's event was 26th May, 2017 and that judging would be commencing from 3rd July, 2017. Councillor D. Williams had reported that Mrs. J. Owens had agreed to be the co-ordinator for Ysceifiog Village. Councillor I. Kendrick advised that she would be the co-ordinator for Lixwm.

The Clerk advised that he would pass on the contact information for the above to Janet Kelly.

105/17**SUMMER PLAY SCHEME 2017.**

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. Janet Roberts, Play Development Officer, Flintshire County Council advising that the Council had been able to provide some match funding towards this year's scheme. The match funding had enabled the scheme costs to be reduced from an anticipated £1,800.00 to £1,309.00 for a 3 week scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the Council would support the scheme.

106/17**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) Holywell Town Council – Charity Event.
- B) Flintshire County Council – County Forum 28th February, 2017.

RESOLVED:

That the above correspondence be received.

107/17**REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.**

Councillor G. Williams reported that there had been an Estyn Inspection undertaken at Lixwm C.P. School during December 2016. The findings of the inspection had been shared with the staff, parents and guardians of the school children, advising that the performance of the school was found to be good.

Members were pleased to learn of the excellent outcome given the additional pressure that had been placed on staffing members over the past months during the School Modernisation Programme.

RESOLVED:

That a letter of congratulations be sent from the Council to the Headteacher and staff of Lixwm C.P. School.

108/17 Councillor T. Jones reported that the transfer of Holywell Leisure Centre to the new Trust would be completed on the 1st April, 2017. The re-location of the Library Service to the Leisure Centre had been well supported. Plans to re-open the café for refreshments had been completed an opening date of 1st April, 2017 had been confirmed. Councillor W. Williams requested that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes for Tudor's dedication, time and effort he had given as Chairman to the Trust enabling the transfer of the services and hopefully its continued future.

Members unanimously endorsed Councillor Williams comments.

109/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) BMK/056304
Application for variation of condition no 2 following grant of planning permission 051450.
Lake Lodge, The Fisheries, Felingonglog Road, Afonwen, Mold, CH& 5UW
- B) BMK/056472
Increase in roof height to the north-west gable end of the dwelling and erection of a single storey extension.
5 Rectory Close, Ysceifiog, CH8 8TA

RESOLVED:

That the Council have no objections.

110/17 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Holywell Leisure Centre – New Trust.

That a grant of £1,000.00 be approved and paid in April 2017 upon completion of the transfer of the Centre into the new trust.

111/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

948)	Wales Audit Office (LGA1972s111)	Audit Fees	£213.15
949)	Cadwyn Clwyd (LGA1972s144)	Ysceifiog Kiosk Project	£450.00
950)	Scottish Power (PCA1957s3)	Energy Charges	£252.98
951)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (LGA1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£112.00
952)	A. Roberts (LGA1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£450.00
953)	Deeco Lighting (PCA1957s3)	Upgrade of 12 lights, Lixwm	£5,688.00

112/17 DURATION OF THE MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 20th March, 2017 held at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman

Councillor J. I. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

PRESENTATION BY LIXWM WALKERS GROUP.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. Gordon Davies and fellow members of his group.

Mr. Davies advised that he and his fellow group members with the support of Flintshire Ramblers Association had undertaken an exercise to survey all the Public Rights of Way within the community. The purpose of the survey was to determine the condition of each pathway amounting to 167 in number within the community boundary.

Mr. Davies gave a presentation to members setting out the findings of the survey giving an indication as to the condition ranging being good to being blocked or impossible. The bases of the survey would be used to develop links with other groups and interested parties to support actions to undertake repairs to footpaths develop guides showing the most interesting path networks.

Members agreed that the footpaths were very important to the community and reported that the Council had invested in footpath scheme in the Fisheries. The disused telephone kiosk at Ysceifiog was subject to a scheme being supported by the Council to use it for providing tourist or local information, this could also include information on local footpath networks.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Davies and his fellow colleagues for their most interesting presentation and requested that the Council be kept advised of the schemes progress which would be supported by the Council.

113/17DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

114/17MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 20th February, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

115/17STREETSCENE SERVICES.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Ian Williams had advised that following Environmental Visual Audit (E.V.A.) a number of tasks that had been identified have or are being completed. Road re-surfacing works had been programmed for both Babell and Ysceifiog.

Members reported that the E.V.A. had been very useful and requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Ian Williams.

Members reported the following issues:-

Ffordd Walwen and Ffordd Gledlom, Lixwm Road gullies in need of cleaning.

Fisheries Hill, Ysceifiog Road embankment was falling onto the highway.

116/17SPEED OF TRAFFIC – BABELL ROAD.

Mr. D. Charlton, Highways Officer, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising the safety survey to the roadway was ongoing.

P.C.S.O. Laura Williams had confirmed that she would be contacting Councillors

T. Jones and I Kendrick in the near future regarding the speed awareness exercise for Babell and Lixwm.

117/17TELEPHONE KIOSK, YSCEIFIOG PROJECT.

Members reported that a meeting of the community working group had been organised for the 21st March, 2017.

118/17 PROVISION OF NEW STREET LIGHT LIXWM VILLAGE ROAD.

The Council's street lighting contractor had advised that most cost effective option would be to mount the new light on the existing Scottish Power pole.

Councillor T. Jones reported that Flintshire County Council had been awarded a substantial amount of grant funding to improve its street lighting system and it may be possible that funding could be provided to the cost of this light.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Clerk obtains confirmation off Scottish Powers agreement to mount the light on its power pole and connection fees.
- 2) That the Clerk will make enquiries with Flintshire County Council as to any grant funding being made available for street lighting improvements.

119/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies In Wales-Secondary Consultation Period.

Notice that the consultation will run from the 28th February to 27th March, 2017
Commission Website www.bcw2018.org.uk

County Forum Held the 28th February, 2017- White Paper on Local Government (Reforming Local Government: Resilient and renewed)

<http://gov.wales/newsroom/localgovernment/2017/170131-local-government-reform/?lang=en>

Enclosed for members attention is a copy of Section 6. Of the White Paper which refers to proposals for Community Councils

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report For 2017/18

The report can be found on the following link:

<http://gov.wales/docs/dsjlg/publications/localgov/170223-annual-report-en.pdf>

RESOLVED:

That the above correspondence be received.

120.17 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor G. Williams gave a report on the Halkyn Common Joint Consultative Board meeting and Lixwm C.P. School Governors meeting.

121/17 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

- A) Caerwys Agricultural Show 2017 – grant of £100.00 approved.
- B) Cor Y Llan – Grant of £500.00 approved.

Councillors D. Williams, N. Davies and A. Rowlands declared an interest in application “B” and took no part in the discussion.

122/17 FORMAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2017.

In accordance with the requirements of the External Audit the Council is required to undertake an annual risk assessment. The assessment should identify the key risks that the Council is 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.

A copy of the Risk Assessment Report had been provided by the Clerk for member's consideration and approval .

RESOLVED:

That the Risk Assessment Report for 2017/18 be approved.

123/17 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2016

Following the yearend audit a copy of the audit findings report had been provided to all members. The Clerk had been instructed to prepare a report of actions to address the issues that had been reported by the external audit. The Clerk advised that a report of actions had been provided with the agenda for consideration by the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Report of Actions was approved by the Council.

124/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

955)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s113)	Establishment Allowance	£350.00
957)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£280.00
958)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£262.00
959)	Deeco Lighting (P.C.A.1957,s3)	Street Lighting Maintenance	£1137.60
960)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957,s3)	Energy Charges	£228.59

125/17 DURATION OF THE MEETING.

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

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 10th April, 2017 held at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Williams – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor V. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor A. Rowlands

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

126/17DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

127/17MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 20th March, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

128/17STREETSCENE SERVICES.

The Clerk reported that Mr. S. Jones Chief Officer, Streetscene Services had written to the Council thanking them for the letter of thanks for the work Mr. Ian Williams had organised following the recent Environmental Visual Audit.

Councillor A. Parsley advised that the Council had undertaken the re-surfacing of the lane from Ysceifiog Village to the Afonwen Road. However the gullies are still in need of cleaning and at the Afonwen end of the road a sign for unsuitable of Heavy Goods Vehicles was required.

Members reported the following issues:-

Gully cleaning required at Rectory Close, Ysceifiog and Babell Road.

Pot hole repairs required at Babell Road Nr. Junction to Afonwen, Babell Road near bridge, Berthen Road Lixwm and repairs to roadside verge.

Councillor I. Kendrick advised Mr. I. Williams had agreed to provide 2 public seats for Lixwm but none had been sighted to date.

RESOLVED:

That the above matters be reported to Streetscene Services.

129/17TELEPHONE KIOSK, YSCEIFIOG – ADOPTION AND REGENERATION SCHEME.

Councillors D. Williams and A. Parsley reported on the meeting they had attended of the project group which had been well supported by local residents.

A number of ideas had been put forward and were in the process of being considered.

There was a requirement for the kiosk to be formerly adopted and insured by the Council. Councillor Parsley advised that the value of the kiosk had been placed at £2,000 - £2,500.

RESOLVED:

That the Council agreed to formerly adopt the kiosk and included on the Council's insurance policy and Asset Register at a value of £2,5000.

130/17PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NETWORK – YSCEFIOG COMMUNITY.

Further to the presentation given by the Lixwm Walking Group at the March meeting of the Council Councillor D. Williams reported that a meeting of the groups had been arranged for Thursday 13th April, 2017 and that members of the Council had been invited to attend.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors D. Williams and V. Williams would be in attendance.

131/17EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2017.

BDO The Council's external appointed auditor had given Notice that the external audit would be undertaken on the 6th June, 2017.

132/17AMENITY LIGHTING UPGRADING OF SYSTEM.

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from Scottish Power the Council's energy provider for an updated audit of the community lighting system. The Clerk advised that this was in the process of being undertaken with the assistance of Deeco Lighting the Council's lighting contractor. The Clerk further reported that the Council had made provision for further upgrading of the lighting system for up to 12 lamps based on the quotation provided by Deeco Lighting in February 2017. Given the ongoing audit for Scottish Power it would be prudent to undertake a further phase of upgrading which could be included on the audit.

RESOLVED:

That 3 lamps be upgraded to LED located at rear of the former Rectory wall, near the Fox Inn, and JP's Cottage, Ysceifiog.

133/17THE PENSIONS REGULATOR – AUTO ENROLLMENT.

The council had received correspondence from the Pensions Regulator advising that as an employer consideration needed to be given as to the need of enrolling its employee (the Clerk) into the pension scheme.

The clerk reported that he had looked at the conditions of enrolment and at the present time the council's employee did not meet those requirements and that the Pensions Regulator would be advised accordingly.

134/17 STREET NAMING – DEVELOPMENT REAR OF LLWYN ONN, LIXWM.

The Head of Planning Services Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising that the developer of the above residential development was preparing to call the development Maes-Y-Pentre and would welcome the observations of the Council to this proposal.

RESOLVED:

That the Council had no objections.

135/17 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4TH MAY, 2017
NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION RESULTS.

The Returning Officer, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council confirming that no election was required and that the Council had one vacancy that could be filled by Co-option.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would advertise the vacancy and the item be placed on the agenda for the May meeting of the Council.

136/17 PLANNING APPLICATION.

ADW/056225

Amendments to submitted application

Erection of 2 no. detached dwellings

Land rear of Maes-Y-Goron, Lixwm

RESOLVED:

That the Council objects to the application as on the original planning application for Maes-Y-Goron the access land for the proposed development was designated amenity land the loss of which would be detrimental to the residents of the community.

The Council also consider the development to be over development and additional vehicle movement will cause nuisance to adjacent residents.

137/17APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Best Kept Village Competition 2017.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £75.00 be approved for both Lixwm and Ysceifiog.

138/17INTERNAL AUDIT AND ANNUAL RETURN YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2017.

The Clerk presented the yearend Financial Report and Statements together with Annual Return for member's consideration and approval.

JDH Business Services Ltd the Council's appointed Internal Auditor had written to the Council advising that an appointment had been made for the 13th April, 2017 for the Council's submission.

RESOLVED:

That the Council approved the Annual Return and Financial Report.

139/17HSBC ON-LINE BANKING ACCOUNT.

The Clerk reported that the Council had lost access to the On-line banking account due to lack of activity and that a new application to open an account would need to be made.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors T. Jones and N. Davies signed the application forms for a new account to be opened.

140/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

961)	Cor Y Llan (L.G.A.1972s137)	Grant	£500.00
962)	Caerwys Agricultural Show (L.G.A.1972s145)	Grant	£100.00
963)	Viking (L.G.A.1972s111)	Supply of stationery	£111.42
964)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957,s3)	Energy Charges	£252.98
965)	Holywell Leisure Centre (LGA1972s144)	Grant	£1,000.00
966)	One Voice Wales (LGA1972s144)	Membership Fees	£157.00
967)	A. Roberts (LGA1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£342.00
968)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (LGA1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£228.00

141/17 RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR G. WILLIAMS.

Councillor G. Williams reported that due to his retirement this was his last meeting at Ysceifiog Community Council. He thanked all members for their support and the guidance of the Clerk over the past 13 years in office.

The Chairman and fellow members also thanked Gwyn for the dedication and valuable knowledge he had provided to both the Council and the many bodies and groups he had represented the Council on for many years and wished him many years of happy retirement.

142/17 DURATION OF THE MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 15th May, 2017 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Parsley – Chairman

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor D. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor I. Kendrick

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

01/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Following the Notice of Election to be held the 4th May, 2017 all members duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

02/17 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

The retiring Chairman, Councillor D. Williams invited nominees for the position of Chairman. Proposed by Councillor W. Williams and seconded by Councillor D. Williams, Councillor A. Parsley was unanimously appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Parsley thanked members for their support and congratulated Councillor T. Jones following his election as the Caerwys Ward member for Flintshire County Council.

03/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Councillor W. Williams declared an interest to agenda 13(A) planning application BMK/056764 and duly completed the declaration form.

04/17 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Nominated by Councillor N.M. Davies and seconded by Councillor T. Jones, Councillor A. Rowlands was unanimously appointed as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

05/17 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April, 2017 were approved.

06/17 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ONTO OUTSIDE BODIES 2017/18.

A copy of the current representation had been provided with the agenda for member's consideration. Members agreed a number of amendments and that the Clerk would provide an updated list for the June meeting of the Council.

07/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillor D. Williams reported that the 3 new LED lights had been erected in Ysceifiog village and that no observations had been received from local residents.

Councillor T. Jones had reported a lighting fault at Berthen Lane, Lixwm. The Clerk reported that the lighting contractor had attended to the fault and had reported that a new pole had been erected and the lighting gear had been removed. He also reported that he had been approached by 2 local residents requesting that the light not to be replaced. Councillor T. Jones agreed to call and survey the area.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that a HGV had accessed the lane from Afonwen up to Ysceifiog causing considerable damage to the newly tarmac road surface and road side verges.

Councillor Parsley further reported that warning signs were in place but they needed to be re-located to a more appropriate location.

Councillor D. Williams reported that a new boundary fence had been erected to a dwelling on Sarn Lane junction causing a visibility obstruction for drivers wishing to enter onto the A541.

Councillor T. Jones reported that the highway finger post sign near the Black Lion Inn Babell needs turning.

Councillor J.I. Davies reported that the Wheeler Hill, Lixwm needed pot hole repairs.

RESOLVED:

That the above matters be brought to the attention of the Highway Authority.

08/17 TELEPHONE KIOSK YSCEIFIOG – REGENERATION PROJECT.

Councillor D. Williams reported that she and Councillor T. Jones had walked the proposed footpath routes with members of the Lixwm Walking Groups and that 3 footpath routes had been identified that could be included as part of the information to be displayed within the kiosk.

The Clerk reported that the Terms of Agreement for the sale of the kiosk had been returned to B.T.

09/17 i BEACON PROJECT, YSCEIFIOG.

The Clerk reported that he had been in discussion with Jo Danson, ‘Wow Factor’ the appointed consultant for the project. Jo would be contacting the Council to arrange an initial meeting with the project group.

Councillor A. Parsley agreed to be project lead on behalf of the Council.

10/17 INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2017.

The clerk reported that the internal audit for the year ending the 31st March, 2017 had been completed. A copy of the Audit Report had been provided to members for consideration.

Members noted the recommendations and agreed that these would be implemented for future years.

11/17 A CONSULTATION.

Members reported that walkers had complained of a number of dogs causing nuisance when passing Mynydd Bach Farm, Babell and that this be reported to the dog by-law enforcement team.

12/17 ESTABLISHING CLOSER WORKING LINKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

The Clerk of Holywell Town Council had written to the Council seeking its views as to a proposal to establishing the above group of local Community Councils at which topics of common interest could be discussed or developed.

RESOLVED

That Councillor A. Parsley and T. Jones were appointed as representatives.

13/17 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR V. WILLIAMS.

The Clerk reported that Councillor V. Williams had written to the Council advising that she had decided to resign from the Council with immediate effect. Members expressed their gratitude to Councillor Williams for her past services.

The Clerk reported that following the retirement of Councillor G. Williams there was currently 2 vacancies on the Council.

RESOLVED:

That Notice of the vacancies be advertised and the Returning Office be advised.

14/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) BMK/056764
Erection of a detached garage.
32, Maes-Y-Goron, Lixwm. CH8 8LX.

- B) AJD/056866
Crud-Yr-Awel, Lixwm.
Demolition of existing sitting room and dining room, erection of new sun room and dining room extension to front bedroom and conversion of attic into a bedroom.

RESOLVED:

That the Council have no objections subject to the construction being in-keeping with the existing development.

15/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be approved for payment:-

969)	JDH Business Services Ltd (L.G.A.1972s111)	Audit Fees	£154.80
970)	Deeco Lighting (P.C.A.157s,3)	Supply of 3 replacement lights	£1422.00
971)	Society of Local Council (L.G.A.1972s140,111)	Clerk's Membership Fees	£60.50
973)	Came & Company (L.G.A.1972s140,111)	Insurance Renewal	£1096.79
974)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£228.00
975)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's Salary	£342.00
976)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£245.03
977)	Ysceifiog Church Hall (L.G.A.1972s144)	Best Kept Village Competition	£75.00

16/17 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 June, 2017 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Parsley – Chairman

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor W. Williams

Councillor D. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor A. Rowlands

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

17/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

18/17 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held the 15th May, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

19/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. Ian Williams, Streetscene Area Supervisor. Ian provided an update on ongoing maintenance issues works that had been reported by the Council from its past meetings.

Councillor I. Kendrick enquired if the provision of seating for Lixwm was being progressed. Ian advised that he had located 2 seats which were in the process of being refurbished and that they would be installed in the near future.

Councillor Kendrick also enquired as to the progress of providing a safe crossing from Maes-Y-Goron to Ffordd Gledlom. Ian advised that this was being considered by the Highways Management Team.

Members reported that highway gullies were in need of cleaning at Rectory Close and the Afonwen Lane from Ysceifiog.

The Chairman thanked Ian for his attendance.

20/17 TRAFFIC CALMING AND SPEED SURVEY BABELL AND LIXWM.

Members reported that they had not been contacted by C.P.S.O. L. Williams with regard to undertaking a speed survey at the above location.

Members also reported that H.G.V s were continuing to use Berthen Road to Lixwm.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would contact C.P.S.O. L. Williams with regard to the speed survey.

That a letter be sent to both Quarry Managers requesting that H.G.V s operating from the quarry use the designated main roads through Lixwm.

21/17 TELEPHONE KIOSK YSCEIFIOG – REGENERATION PROJECT.

Councillor D. Williams reported that the draft footpath walks had been completed and would be forwarded to S. Jones Cadwyn Clwyd Officer.

The contract for the formal adoption of the kiosk from B.T. had been received and the telephone apparatus had been removed from the kiosk by B.T.

22/17 RELOCATION OF MOSAIC FROM THE GROUND ONTO THE BOUNDARY WALL OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, YSCEIFIOG.

Councillor Parsley reported that over recent months the community mosaic had been damaged and that a scheme to re-locate it onto the boundary wall was being developed. Flintshire County Council had raised no objections subject to construction being undertaken to a safe manner and that it be insured for Public Liability by a third party.

Members agreed that the mosaic be adopted by the Council and included on the Council's insurance schedule and asset Register.

23/17 COMMUNITY LIGHTING – REMOVAL OF APARATUS BY SCOTTISH POWER.

The Clerk reported that he had received a further report that a street light belonging to the Council had been removed by Scottish Power at Ffordd-Y-Bwlch, Lixwm. The Clerk further advised that this made the total of lights removed to date to 3 no. Being Ffordd Caerwys, Babell and Berthen Lane, Lixwm. Members reported that residents had requested that the lights not be replaced at Ffordd Caerwys and Berthen Lane.

The Clerk was instructed to bring the above matter to the attention of Scottish Power with a view of seeking compensation for the value of 2 lights that had been removed requesting that no lights be replaced at this time but the Council be granted consent to erect lights at these locations in the future. That the missing light located at Ffordd-Y-Bwlch, Lixwm be replaced by Scottish Power.

24/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- A) County Forum – Notice of Meeting to be held 28th June, 2017.
- B) Consultation of Dog Control Orders.
- C) Pensions Regulator – Confirmation of the Council's completion of the Return received.

25/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) DGJ/056887
Re-sighting of house type on plot 2 (retrospective application)
Land side of Llwyn Onn, Lixwm, Holywell, CH8 8NQ.

- B) BMK/056890
Application for prior notification of proposed development by
telecommunications code system operators – installation of back-up power
Generator.
Transmitting Station, Moel-Y-Parc, Bryn Eithin Road, Afonwen.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

26/17 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

- A) Ysceifiog Community News Letter.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £40.00 was approved.

27/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved.

978)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£228.00
979)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£342.00
980)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£253.16
981)	Treetops Environmental (L.G.A.1972s144)	Grass cutting Lixwm	£60.00

28/17 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman _____

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 17th July, 2017 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Parsley – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor W. Williams

Councillor D. Williams

APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor I. Kendrick

IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

29/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

30/17 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held the 19th June, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

31/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Members reported the following issues:-

Wheeler Hill, Lixwm Junction to A541 visibility being obstructed by hedge overgrowth.

Ffrith Farm, Babell – Bridleway – overgrowth needs cutting back.

Plas Captain Farm – Bridleway – Footpaths gate locked to entrance and stiles in need of repairs.

Ffordd Graeanna, Babell – Spelling of road name plate agreed by local residents.

32/17 SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME.

Councillor A. Rowlands reported that there had been further meetings between the Governing Bodies of Brynford C.P. and Lixwm C.P. School. Currently the options being discussed were Amelioration or Federation.

33/17 YSCEIFIOG KIOSK REGENERATION PROJECT.

Councillor D. Williams reported that the Draft display information panel had been approved.

34/17 I BEACON PROJECT.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that a meeting had taken place with Jo Danson, Project Support Officer. Councillor Parsley circulated a plan showing the proposed locations of the 10 I beacons for the guided walks within the community. Members were requested to look at the locations during the summer and take photographs of local areas of interest which could be used to support the information being developed for the project.

35/17 PROVISION OF CERAMIC POPPIES – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2017.

Flintshire County Council were hoping to purchase large ceramic poppies, a number of which would be provided to Town & Community Councils at no charge.

Members suggested that 5 be provided to be distributed to St. Mary's Church, Ysceifiog, Berthen Chapel, Lixwm and Lixwm C.P. School.

36/17 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL BY CO-OPTION.

Following the Public Notice of the two vacancies the Returning Officer had written to the Council confirming that the vacancies could be filled by co-option.

The Chairman invited members to bring nominations to the meeting of the Council to be held in September.

37/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- A) Flintshire County Council – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Note on Great Crested Newts Mitigation Requirements.
- B) Active Travel Draft Integrated Network Plan Consultation.
- C) Councillor Training Event to be held 14th September, 2017 at County Hall, Mold 6pm.

RESOLVED:

That the above information be received.

38/17 BREAK DOWN OF VODAFONE NETWORK AND COVERAGE SERVICES.

The Chairman reported that large parts of the community had lost the above service for several days causing significant loss and disruption to local residents and businesses. Councillor Parsley further advised that the response from Vodafone for the reason of disruption was caused by Flintshire County Council and the Community Council not providing consent for planned maintenance works. Councillor Parsley requested that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of Vodafone stressing that this was not the case, seeking an apology for implicating the Community Council as the reason for the loss of services.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent and copied to the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council and Mr. D. Hanson M.P.

39/17 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor N.M. Davies reported on the meeting of Halkyn Mountain Joint Consultative Board. The meeting had been convened at Brynford C.P. School and a demonstration of the I beacon project had been provided during a walkabout in the area.

Councillor Davies further reported that the Board had submitted a significant funding grant application which would be used to support a number of projects over the coming years.

40/17 FERAL CATS – YSCEIFIOG.

Councillor D. Williams reported that there had been an increase in the number of Feral cats within the village of Ysceifiog. Miss K. Easton had been in contact with Cat Protection League who had provided a trap and vouchers to be used for neutering the cats by local vets.

Councillor Williams reported that a number of cats had been operated on with which would help reduce the cat over population in the future.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Miss Easton and the Vets at North Street, Caerwys.

41/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

A) BMK/057020

Telecommunications upgrade installation and associated works.
NTL Transmitting Station, Moel-Y-Parc, Bryn Eithin Road, Afonwen.

B)ADW/057067

Erection of agricultural building.
Graig Fadog Farm, Ffordd Y Graig, Lixwm, CH8 8LY

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

42/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

982)	Ysceifiog Village Hall	Grant for News Letter	£40.00
983)	Scottish Power	Energy Charges	£245.03
985)	H.M. Revenue & Customs	P.A.Y.E.	£228.00
986)	A. Roberts	Clerk's Salary	£342.00

43/17 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 18th September, 2017 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Parsley – Chairman

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor D. Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

44/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

45/17 MINUTES.

That the minutes of the Council meeting held 17th July, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

46/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Members reported the following issues:-

Road surface flooding	Bronant, Lixwm Ffordd Walwen, Lixwm Babell Road towards Black Lion Inn
Gully cleaning	Ysceifiog lane to Afonwen
Roadside verge cutting	Ysceifiog lane to Afonwen
Berthen Lane, Lixwm	Road and verge overgrown with vegetation

Councillor I. Kendrick reported that following the new water pipe installation in Lixwm the large verge at the lay-by that had been used for storage had been left in a very poor and untidy condition.

Councillor I. Kendrick requested that an update be provided as to the progress being made on the works identified at Lixwm following the Visual Environmental Audit.

Councillor W. Williams reported that H.G.V.s had been using Ffordd Gledlom, Lixwm for the delivery of straw causing damage to overhanging hedges and trees. Branches had been left hanging from trees. Councillor Williams further advised that this matter had been reported to Streetscene Services and action and response had taken place within 3 hours of receiving the complaint. Councillor J.I. Davies advised that he would speak with the local farmers requesting them to arrange delivery via the Ysceifiog entrance to Ffordd Gledlom.

47/17 REINSTATEMENT OF PUBLIC BUS STOP, LIXWM.

Councillor W. Williams reported that residents had approached him seeking support for the reinstatement of the bus stop outside The Crown Inn, Lixwm.

Given the recent residential development of Lixwm most of the school aged children lived the North side of Lixwm and were having to walk to the existing bus stop along the highway which did not provide safe pedestrian access.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to Flintshire County Council Transportation Manager requesting the reinstatement of the bus stop opposite The Crown Inn, Lixwm.

48/17 DISUSED TELEPHONE KIOSK, YSCEIFIOG – CADWYN CLWYD REGENERATION SCHEME.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that a project meeting was to be held in the near future with a view of agreeing the final draft of the design for the display panels.

The Clerk reported that Councillor D. Williams had reported that she was looking at what repairs were needed to the kiosk with a view of materials being purchased by the Council.

49/17 I BEACON PROJECT.

THE Chairman welcomed to the meeting Jo Danson, Project Development Officer. Jo gave a presentation on the development of I Beacons in the region and outlined the progress being made on the Ysceifiog project.

Councillor A. Parsley provided photographs that members had been taking over the past months of the 10 listed sites of interest for inclusion in the project.

Councillor A. Rowlands requested that the children of Lixwm C.P. School be engaged in the development of the project and it was agreed that Councillor Rowlands would liaise with Jo on arranging a meeting at Lixwm C.P. School to discuss this proposal.

50/17 BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2017.

The Council had been advised that Ysceifiog Village had achieved 2nd place and had been awarded £70.00 in prize money. An awards event had been held at which Councillor D. Williams and Mrs. Jules Owens had attended and received the award.

Members requested that the Council's thanks be recorded to Mrs. J. Owens, Councillor D. Williams and all local residents who had participated in this year's scheme.

51/17 YSCEIFIOG NEWS LETTER – INCLUSION OF LIXWM.

Following the Council letter to the Ysceifiog News Letter Team a response had been received that currently they did not have the resources in place for further expansion of the coverage area.

Members discussed options on how Lixwm could develop a local news letter. Councillor I. Kendrick advised that a local resident had developed a Lixwm Web Site and that this may be an option that could be developed. Councillor Kendrick agreed to contact the local resident who provided the web site and discuss its further potential.

52/17 CAR RALLY TO BE HELD 8TH OCTOBER, 2017 – FFORDD GLEDLOM.

Councillor W. Williams reported that local residents had received flyers advising that a car rally would be taking place at 3.44am on the above date.

Members raised concerns over the lack of notice and consultation being undertaken as to how the event was being organised and marshalled.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would contact the event organisers and inform North Wales Police of the event.

53/17 COMMUNITY POLICING.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting P.C.S.O. Laura Williams. Laura provided an update on ongoing policing activities within the community.

There had been a number of reports of cold calling on local residents. Laura advised that she would undertake a leaflet drop in Lixwm which provided advice on how to deter these incidents.

Laura further advised that she had conducted a vehicle speeding survey at Babel road and that the results had been forwarded to “Go Safe” for consideration.

Councillor I. Kendrick requested that a traffic speed survey be conducted at the North and South ends of Lixwm.

The Chairman thanked Laura for her attendance.

54/17 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – REVISED RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

The Head of Planning Services, Flintshire County Council has written to the Council advising that it was in the process of undertaking a review of the plan that had been in place of the past 10 years.

The review would consider the condition of the footpaths the aspirations of users and disability access.

RESOLVED:

That the copy of the condition survey that had been undertaken by the Lixwm Walking Group would be sent with the Council's response.

55/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) KCS/057209
Removal of stables and erection of extension to a dwelling.
Mountain View, Rhes-Y-Cae, Holywell, CH8 8JT.
- B) BMK/057271
Erection of sun room, extension to side and utility and porch extension.
Trefechan Barn, Trefechan Road, Afonwen, CH7 5UP.
-) C) NAP/057455
Pant-Y-Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn
- D) NAP/057463
Pant-Y-Pwll Dwr Quarry, Pentre Halkyn

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

56/17 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL BY CO-OPTION.

The Chairman invited nominations to be made for the filling of the two vacancies on the Council.

The following nominations were received:-

Mrs. B. Blackwell Nominated by Councillor A. Rowlands no seconder received.

Mr. P. Griffiths Nominated by Councillor W. Williams seconder Councillor N.M.Davies

Mrs. B. McLaren Nominated by Councillor D. Williams seconder Councillor A. Parsley

RESOLVED:

That Mr. P. Griffiths and Mrs. B. McLaren were co-opted onto the Council.

57/17 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2017.

The Clerk reported that BDO the Council's external auditor had approved the yearend audit of accounts. A copy of the Annual Return had been posted on the Council's Web Site.

The Clerk further advised that the auditor had brought to the Council's attention one finding from the audit on the Budgetary Process noting that the Council did not monitor the budget during the year.

The Clerk advised that the Council does have a budget review in October each year and that the Council's budget monitoring system is included in the Council's Annual Risk Assessment Report in January of each year.

Members confirmed that the present monitoring system based on the level of income and expenditure and systems in place were sufficient to ensure the Council was not placed at unduly risk.

58/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved:-

987)	Viking (L.G.A.1972s111)	Supply of stationery	£75.53
988)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s111)	Norton P.C. Protection	£45.00
989)	S. Jones Solutions Ltd (L.G.A.1972s111)	PAYE Returns	£120.00
990)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£253.16
991)	Wales Audit Office (L.G.A.1972s111)	Audit Fees	£157.20
992)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£253.16
993)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1927s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£342.00
994)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972S112)	PAYE	£228.00
995)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s113)	Clerk's Establishment Expenses	£375.00

RESOLVED:

That the above accounts were approved for payment.

59/17 DURATION OF MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

YSCEFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNEDD YSCEFIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 16th October, 2017 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Parsley – Chairman

Councillor J. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor P.R. Griffiths

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor B. McLaren

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor D. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor I. Kendrick

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Councillor Philip Griffiths and Beryl McLaren who had been co-opted onto the Council.

60/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

61/17 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 18th September, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

62/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Councillor D. Williams reported that the waste collection service at Ysceifiog were still not picking up spilt recycling contents or returning collection sacks to the properties.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that there had still been no action by the Highway's Department to clean the gullies along the Ysceifiog to Afonwen lane.

RESOLVED:

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

63/17 AMENITY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS.

- A) Councillor J.D. Davies enquired as to the progress of the installation of the new street light on Lixwm Village Road near the road junction to Ffordd Walwen. The Clerk advised that the Council had requested an estimation of cost connection from Scottish Power which had not been forthcoming. The Clerk further advised that he would instruct the Council's lighting contractor to proceed with the installation.
- B) Members further enquired as to the progress of the lighting upgrading programme to an LED Lighting System. Councillor D. Williams reported that the upgrading of 2 lights at Ysceifiog had caused no concerns from residents and that there were a further 3 lights to be upgraded to LED. The Clerk advised that a further phase of up to 12 LED had been budgeted for 2017/18. It was agreed that the remaining 3 lights at Ysceifiog be upgraded and that 5 in Lixwm be upgraded based on the maintenance and repair history.

**64/17 TRACK FROM FFORDD GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER.**

The Clerk reported that no response had been received from Flintshire County Council as to the progress of the application and submission to Welsh Government.

Members expressed their frustration as to the continuous time delays and instructed the Clerk to raise the matter with the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council - MR. D. Hanson M.P. and Mrs. H. Blythyn A.M.

65/17 SPEED OF TRAFFIC – BABELL ROAD.

Councillor T. Jones reported that he had received a report of the traffic survey which was not what the Council had requested to be undertaken. He was raising the matter with the Highways Department to undertake a road safety audit on this road.

66/17 REGENERATION PROJECT – YSCEFIOG TELEPHONE KIOSK.

Councillor D. Williams reported that the draft designs for the public information boards had been completed. The kiosk was in need of painting which would be undertaken by volunteers subject to the Council obtaining the materials.

It was agreed that the Clerk would action this.

67/17 I BEACON PROJECT.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that the project was being progressed and that a further project working group meeting was being held in November at Lixwm C.P. School.

68/17 ST. MARY’S CHURCH, YSCEFIOG – REFURBISHMENT OF CENOTAPH.

Councillor T. Jones reported that an estimation of £4,400.00 had been received for the implementation of the refurbishment scheme. Councillor Jones further advised that he was in the process of seeking grant funding applications.

69/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- A) Flintshire County Council Forum Meeting.
- B) Holywell Town Council – Joint and Partnership working.
- C) Review of Community and Town Council Section In Wales.
- D) Citizens Advice – Information relating to the roll-out of Universal Credit.
- E) Consultation Guidance for Principle Councils On The Review of Communities.

70/17 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Councillor A. Rowlands provided an update on Lixwm C.P. Modernisation Programme. Cllr Rowlands further advised that following her appointment as the Local Education Authority, Governor for Lixwm C.P. School a vacancy for an appointment of a community council governor existed.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor B McLaren was unanimously appointed as the councils representative.

Councillor T. Jones gave a report on the progress of Holywell Leisure Centre's first 6 months of trading as a voluntary enterprise.

71/17 PLANNING APPLICATION.

KCS/057530

Erection of extension to rear of dwelling and erection of garden room.
Golygfan, 1, The Green, Lixwm. CH8 8ND.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

72/17 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

A) Ysceifiog Village Hall Management Committee – Christmas Lunch Club.

B) Lixwm Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch Club.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £200.00 be approved to each of the above applications.

73/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

996)	Flintshire County Council (L.G.(M.P.A.)1976s19)	Summer Play Scheme	£1309.00
997)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£245.03
998)	Flintshire County Council (L.G.A.1972s112)	Election Fees	£230.70
999)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£228.00
1000)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£342.00

74/17 DURATION OF THE MEETING.

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

CHAIRMAN

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNEDD YSCEIFGIOG

Minutes of the meeting held 20th November, 2017 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Parsley – Chairman

Councillor J. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor P.R. Griffiths

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor B. McLaren

Councillor A. Rowlands

Councillor D. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor I. Kendrick

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

75/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Councillor T. Jones declared an interest in item 10.B of the agenda – application for financial assistance – Ysceifiog Cenotaph.

76/17 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 16th October, 2017 were approved as a correct record.

77/17 STREETSCENE SERVICES.

Members reported the following issues: _

Dog Fouling Footpaths in Lixwm-

That a letter be sent to the Enforcement Officer, Flintshire County Council requesting that a survey be conducted to ensure adequate and appropriate signage is in place.

Ffordd Gledlom, Lixwm –

Waste Recycling collections being persistently missed from properties:-

That a letter be sent to Streetscene Services.

Wheeler Hill, Lixwm –

Pot hole repairs required near Bryn Teg and roadside verges require de-littering.

That a letter be sent to Streetscene Services.

78/17 PROPOSED DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER – TRACK FROM FFORDD GLEDLOM TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM.

The Clerk reported that as instructed letters had been sent to the Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council, Mr. D. Hanson M.P. and Ms H. Blythyn, at the time of the meeting no response had been received.

79/17 REINSTATEMENT OF PUBLIC BUS STOP ADJACENT TO THE CROWN INN, LIXWM.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from The Transportation Officer, Flintshire County Council advising that a site survey would be undertaken to ensure the proposed location for the bus stop complied with the current highway safety criteria.

The Clerk further advised that he had attended a site meeting with Highway Transportation Officers and that it had been agreed that the proposed location complied with the criteria and that instruction would be issued for the erection of the bus stop sign post.

Members were very pleased to learn that agreement had been approved.

80/17 TELEPHONE KIOSK YSCEIFIOG – RESTORATION PROJECT.

Councillor D. Williams reported that she and local residents were in the process of undertaking some repairs to the kiosk. The door had been removed and was in the process of being restored. Given the time of year it had been agreed to defer the repainting of the kiosk until the spring when the weather conditions improve.

The Clerk confirmed that he had obtained the paint and that it had been delivered to Councillor D. Williams.

81/17 COMMUNITY POLICING.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting C.P.S.O. Laura Williams who provided an update on community policing issues. Laura also distributed information on a number of awareness companies being promoted by North Wales Police.

Members reported that there had been a recent incident in Lixwm resulting in a local resident being threatened. Police had investigated the matter but the resident that had been threatened had to date not been interviewed by North Wales Police. Laura agreed to report this matter back to her Manager.

The Chairman thanked Laura for her attendance.

82/17 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19.

The Clerk had provided a copy of the above report for member's consideration. Section 13 of the report entitled – Payment to Members of Community and Town Councils.

Members noted that the Panel is proposing to form groups of Community and Town Councils based upon income and expenditure. Based on the information the Council would fall into Group C as outlined in Table 7 of the report.

Members also noted that Section 13.10 outlines proposed modifications to payments towards costs and expenses to be paid to Councillors and that councils will be required to make this provision within their budgets.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent enquiring that should all members of the Council decline to accept expenses allowances would the Council still have to provide the budget for this expenditure each year.

83/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

- A) Pre-Deposit Proposals Public Consultation (Preferred Strategy) Flintshire Local Development Plan.
Notice of Consultation Period.
- B) One Voice Wales – Notice of meeting to be held 6th December, 2017.
- C) West Flintshire Town & Community Councils – Working Group.
The Clerk of Holywell Town Council had sent a copy of the minutes of the meeting held 24th October, 2017.
Members agreed that a representative from the Council would attend the next meeting to be held in January, 2018.

84/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- A) 057641 – Pant-Y-Sais Farm, Babel.
Erection of a Dutch Barn.
- B) 057712 – Miriel-Y-Bwlch, Rhes-Y-Cae.
Erection of extension to side dwelling.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections to the above applications.

85/17 FORMA BAPTIST CHAPEL, LIXWM.

Councillor W. Williams reported that Notice had been given for the relocation of the existing grave stones to form a garden of rest.
Councillor Williams enquired if planning consent would be required for this proposal.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would raise this with the Planning Authority.

86/17 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

- A) Marie Curie – That a grant of £75.00 was approved.
- B) Cenotaph Ysceifiog Refurbishment – That the Council agreed to support the application but agreed to defer the amount of funding until the schemes other funding applications had been considered.

87/17 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT OCTOBER 2017.

The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report setting out the approved budget the actual expenditure and income up to October this year and probable yearend total expenditure.

Members enquired as to why the Council's PAYE expenditure had increased. The Clerk advised that this was due to H.M. Revenue and Customs making adjustments to the Clerk's tax demand due to his total earnings for the year in all employments. The Clerk further advised that whilst the PAYE budget had increased the Clerk's salary budget had decreased to reflect this change.

Members also enquired as to why the expenditure for Section 137 Grants had increased from £600 to £1,960. He advised that this expenditure had been approved by the Council, the overspend being met from the Council's reserves. The Clerk further advised that he would present a further report for the expenditure of the grants at the January meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Report be received.

88/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved:-

1001) Ysceifiog Village Hall (L.G.A.1972s137)	O.A.P's Xmas Lunch	£200.00
1002) The Crown Inn (L.G.A.1972s137)	O.A.P's Xmas Lunch	£200.00
1003) Royal British Legion (L.G.A.1972s137)	Grant	£60.00
1004) Deeco Lighting (P.C.A.1957s3)	LED Upgrades	£5688.00
1005) A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£342.00
1006) H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£228.00
1007) Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£253.16
1008) Flintshire County Council (L.G.A.1972s111)	Supply of Poppies	£3.75
1009) A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s214)	Supply of paint for kiosk	£72.47

89/17 DURATION OF THE MEETING.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 9.10pm.

CHAIRMAN
