

**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor A. Rowlands- Chairman**

**Councillor A. Davies**

**Councillor J. I. Davies**

**Councillor N.M. Davies**

**Councillor P. Griffiths**

**Councillor D. Rees**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor C. Caldwell**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**Councillor A. Parsley**

**Councillor A. Weatherall**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**County Councillor S. Copple**

**Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council**

**14/25 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS  
ON THE COUNCIL'S MEETING AGENDA**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**15/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared in respect of the business on the meeting agenda.

**16/25 MINUTES**

Proposed by Councillor P. Griffiths and seconded by Councillor J. I. Davies the minutes of the meeting held the 20<sup>TH</sup> January 2025 were approved as a correct record.

## **17/25 HOLYWELL LEISURE CENTRE**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Mark Rowlands, Trustee of Holywell Leisure Centre Management Board. Mark provided an in-depth report on the management and development of the leisure centre facilities since its creation in 2017. Annual membership was increasing at a steady pace providing a good financial foundation for future development. A number of community-based initiatives were being delivered such as the Doctors referral scheme are well supported. Mark thanked the Council for its financial contribution which enabled new initiatives and facilities to be developed.

The Chairman thanked Mark for his attendance.

## **18/25 STREETSCENE SERVICES**

### **A) POTHOLE REPAIRS**

Councillor D. Ress reported that the standard of workmanship being undertaken by the Highway Authority on repairing potholes was to a poor standard. Many repairs did not last more than a couple of months. Given that resources for such repairs were at an all-time low it made uneconomical sense. Members concurred with the view that the standard of repairs needed to improve. It was agreed that this matter be brought to the Head of Streetscene Services.

### **B) FFORDD BABELL ROAD JUNCTION BY THE BRIDGE BABELL ROAD**

Councillor A. Rowlands reported that there had been a recent vehicle accident at the highway junction with the slip road. The bridge wall appeared to have been damaged. At the slip road junction, no give-way signs or surface markings were present which may have contributed to the accident.

### **C) HIGHWAY REPAIRS ISSUES**

The following pothole location repairs were reported: -  
A 541 bottom of Wheeler Hill, Lixwm, Mold direction.  
B5121 Lixwm Village Road corner near Ffordd Walwen Junction.  
Wheller Hill, Lixwm. Boundary wall stones cascading onto verge.

### **D) PUBLIC FOOTPATH LIXWM**

Path rear of Bodawen, Ffordd Walwen, Lixwm, obstructed by overgrown hedge.

### **E) BRIDLEWAY LLYFANOD, BABELL**

The Council had received a complaint regarding damaged being caused by agricultural vehicles entering farmland via the bridleway. Councillor S. Copple advised that he had been dealing with this complaint for some time, and he had been advised that issue was a civil matter that the Council had no powers to intervene.

**F) LIXWM C.P. SCHOOL**

Councillor A. Rowlands advised that the Highway Authority had completed the re-marking of the restricted parking zone. However, vehicles were being parked causing health and safety issues for children arriving for school.

It was agreed that a further request be made to Flintshire County Council for an enforcement Officer to visit the school to give enforcement guidance to offending drivers.

**G) SWN Y BEDOL, BABELL ROAD**

Councillor A. Rowlands reported that the development at Swn Y Bedol, Babel Road, was discharging water and silt from excavations into a highway gully.

Residents had reported that this had been a persistent action and feared that the gully would become blocked.

**19/25 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**A) Notice Received - One Voice Wales – Annual General Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

**B) Nominations to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party May 2025**

**C) One Voice Wales / Planning Aid Wales joint seminar understanding the Development Planning System.**

**D) West Flintshire Town and Community Council's Working Group  
Notice of meeting to be held Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**E) Rhes -Y- Cae & Moel -Y- Crio Sheep Dog Trials & Show**

Notice had been received from the Secretary of the show committee advising that due to matters beyond their control 2024 was the last year that the show would be held.

**F) Flintshire Local Development Plan – Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance -SPG**

The Clerk advised that the correspondence had been sent to all members and this item would be placed on the agenda for the March meeting of the council.

**RESOLVED: -**

That the above correspondence be received.

## **20/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **A) FUL/000127/25**

Application for removal or variation of condition two following planning permission FUL 000718/24  
Bryn Hyfryd, Babell, Holywell, CH8 8PZ

#### **RESOLVED: -**

That the Council has no objects to the application.

## **21/25 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

Councillor S. Copple provided a report of the work being undertaken by Flintshire County Council to address the budgetary pressures for 2025/26. Some additional funding had been allocated by the Welsh Government. However, Flintshire still remained nineteenth from twenty-two unitary authorities.

He further advised that he had been dealing with housing repair issues at Bryn Tirion, Lixwm, A site meeting had been arranged with Senior Housing Managers to try and resolve the issue.

#### **Quarterly Policing Meeting, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 5.00pm at Mold Police station.**

Councillor D. Rees advised that he had not been able to attend the meeting.

## **22/25 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **A) Ysceifiog Village Hall**

The Chairman of Ysceifiog Village Hall Committee Mr Mark Jones had written to the Council setting out the committees' aspirations and improvement projects for the village hall. A major project to replace the external windows and door was in the process of being submitted to the Planning Authority.

The Chairman advised that the Council had made budgetary provision for this application. She also advised that as the hall was a major asset to the community, she would be seeking an increase in the Council budget provision 2025/26 for future support to this project.

#### **RESOLVED: -**

Proposed by Councillor J. I. Davies and seconded by Councillor N. M. Davies a grant of £2,500.00 was approved.

**23/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>1431)</b> Canon Uk Ltd – Copy Fees	£43.00
<b>1432)</b> H.M. Revenue & Customs – PAYE (Feb-March)	£481.65
<b>BACS)</b> MEGA Electrical NW Ltd - Festoon lighting Lixwm	£481.65
<b>BACS)</b> A. Roberts Microsoft Fees (Jan)	£61.32
<b>BACS)</b> A. Roberts Clerk's Salary & Establishment Allowance (Including back payment for 2024/25 pay award)	£1371.20
<b>BACS)</b> M. Turner - Supply of Christmas tree Lixwm	£260.00
<b>BACS)</b> M. Turner - Supply of Christmas tree Ysceifiog	£150.00
<b>BACS)</b> Ysceifiog Village Hall – Grant Payment	£2,5000

**24/25 DURATION OF THE MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 8.40pm. The Chairman advised that the next meeting would be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm, for 7.30pm.

She further advised that the scheduled Council meeting for April would fall on Easter Bank Holiday. It was agreed that the meeting would be held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_