

YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 19th May 2025 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Rowlands: Chairman

Councillor A. Davies.

Councillor J. I. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor P. Griffiths

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor A. Weatherall

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor C. Caldwell

Councillor D. Rees

County Councillor S. Copple

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

48/25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The retiring Chairman Councillor Ann Rowlands thanked all Members for their continued support and contributions to the working procedures of the Council throughout her term of office.

Councillor A. Rowlands invited nominations for the position of Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor N. M. Davies and seconded by Councillor A. Parsley, Councillor Ann Rowlands was unanimously appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Whilst signing the Acceptance of Office Declaration, Councillor Rowlands thanked Members for their support.

49/25 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Proposed by Councillor P. Griffiths and seconded by Councillor A. Weatherall, Councillor A. Parsley was unanimously appointed as Vice Chairman.

50/25 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ONTO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Chairman advised that a copy of the current representative list had been provided for Members consideration. She invited nominations for alternative representations.

None being received the current representation was adopted for the 2025/26 ensuing year.

51/25 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL'S MEETING AGENDA

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

52/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

53/25 MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor A. Weatherall and seconded by Councillor I. Kendrick the minutes of the meeting held the 14TH April 2025 were approved as a correct record.

54/25 STREETSCENE SERVICES

A) Condition of highway road surface – Fisheries Hill – Mynydd Llan, Babel.

The Clerk reported that a local resident had written to the Council regarding condition of the above road. The issue had been reported to the Highway Authority following the April meeting of the Council. Cllr P. Griffiths advised that the Highway Authority, should undertake a safety inspection of the road as the condition was a hazard to motorists.

B) Recycling Collection Services Post Code Area CH8 8NJ

The Council had received a complaint that despite making many requests to Flintshire County Council, residents residing within the above post code area had not had their refuse collected. Members also reported that other properties in the community had also been experiencing issue with the collection services.

RESOLVED:

That the above matters be reported to Streetscene Services.

55/25 PUBLIC FOOTPATH REAR OF CROWN INN LIXWM

Further to minute number 41/25 the Public Rights of Way Officer had written to the Council advising that following an inspection of the reported issue a kissing gate would be installed within the fence line.

56/25 PROCUREMENT OF STREET LIGHTING ENERGY VIA WELSH GOVERNMENT.

Further to minute No 42/25. the Clerk advised that a further letter of complaint had been sent to Hannah Blythyn A.M. regarding the lack of response from the Welsh Government Procurement Department.

57/25 PUBLIC BUS SERVICES No 14 SERVING MOLD TO LIXWM

Further to minute No 38/25 a response had been received from the Transport Officer, Flintshire County Council.

The Officer advised that the bus stop had not been registered following its installation which would be rectified.

However, a further response had been received referring to a response received from the bus operator, advising that the bus stop could not be serviced as there was no turning facility for the bus.

The Clerk advised that a response had been sent suggesting that the layby just past the bus stop suitable for the bus to turnaround.

58/25 HALKYN MOUNTAIN JOINT CONSULTATIVE BOARD (JCB)

Mr Tom Woodall, Countryside Services Manager had written to the Council seeking its view regarding the closure of the bank accounts for the above organisation which currently was active due to the lack of administration resource. The Clerk advised that a number of Council members were in the process of trying to re-establish the JCB. Following consideration, it was agreed that a request be made for the accounts to be suspended for twelve months and reviewed thereafter.

59/25 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A) One Voice Wales Wrexham and Flintshire Area Committee Meetings**
Notice of meeting to be held the 20th May 2025. Cllr P. Griffiths advised that he would be in attendance.
- B) National Grid – Notice of works to refurbish overhead pylon lines from Connah's Quay – Bodelwyddan.**

C) Ysceifiog Village Hall.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee had written to the Council advising that grant funding applications were being made to fund restoration works to the hall. To assist with the application letter of support were required from users. The Chairman requested that a letter of support be provided as the hall was a major asset to the community.

60/25 UPGRADING OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA LIXWM

Cllr Ann Rowlands reported that a meeting had been arranged with the School Council of Lixwm C. P. School and an Officer from Flintshire County Council to discuss proposed upgrading of the play area. The meeting would be held on Tuesday 20th May 2025. It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr I. Kedrick, and the Clerk would be in attendance.

61/25 PLANNING

Cllr P. Griffiths reported that he had received complaint from constituents that the recently erected agricultural building at the rear of Ffordd Walwen, Lixwm, was being used for a commercial plant hire business.

Further complaints had also been received that the property Craig Heulog, Ffordd Walwen, Lixwm, was being used as a business premises.

RESOLVED:

That an enquiry be sent to the Planning Authority, requesting confirmation that the properties are being used in accordance with the stipulated planning conditions.

62/25 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A) Caerwys Agricultural Show 2025

Proposed by Cllr J. I. Davies and seconded by Cllr A. Davies a grant for £125.00 was approved.

B) Ysceifiog Village Hall – Provision of festoon lighting Ysceifiog Village.

Members reported that the Council had made provision for the supply and erection of Christmas trees and lighting at Lixwm, and Ysceifiog . The Council agreed that any additional festoon lighting required in these communities would be a matter for residents to resolve.

63/25 PROVISION OF COUNCIL WEBSITE.

Further to minute No 45/25 the Clerk reported that had attended a meeting with Mr P. Jones, Holywell Computers, and representatives from Aubergine Ltd. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the operating and administration of the site. A further meeting had been arranged with NetWise Ltd for the 23rd May 2025 to undertake a comparison of both systems. Cllr A. Parsley advised that as the current website would cease to be serviced as from September it would be prudent to have a preferred system in place by August.

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman and Cllr A. Parsley be granted delegated powers on behalf of the Council to finalise the selection and appointment of the preferred Web Hosting Company and report back to the Council at its June meeting.

64/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

1439) H.M. Revenue & Customs – PAYE (June)	£348.67
1440) Arthur J Gallagher - Insurance Renewal	£1,564.36
BACS) Society Local Council Clerks – Membership Fees	£120.00
BACS) A. Roberts Microsoft Fees (April)	£61.32
BACS) A. Roberts Clerk's Salary & Establishment Allowance	£965.93
BACS) Philip Jones Computers – I. T. Admin Fees	£105.00
BACS) Lixwm C. P. School – Grant Payment	£375.00
BACS) Canon Uk Ltd Copy Fees	£42.08

65/25 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and was closed at 8.55pm. The Chairman advised that the next meeting would be held on Monday 16th June 2025, at Ysceifiog Village Hall, for 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN
