

**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**107/12DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Councillor N.M. Davies declared an interest in agenda item No. 8 'D' Planning Application Ref: CZR/049316

**108/12MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2011 were approved as a correct record.

**109/12HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

Councillor D. Williams reported that following hedge cutting along Ysceifiog village road damage had been caused to the highway verge.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that a large vehicle had travelled from Ysceifiog village to Ddol Chapel causing severe damage to road side verges.

Councillor D. Williams reported that the highway outside the Fox Inn, Ysceifiog leading to Ysceifiog Church was in need of cleaning.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above matters be reported to the Highway Authority.

**110/12A541 TRAFFIC SPEED REDUCTION SCHEME – MELYN-Y-WERN.**

Following the deputation of local residents who attended the November meeting of Council, Members discussed the concerns that had been raised.

Councillor J. Falshaw advised that the concerns over speeding traffic was being considered by senior traffic officers, Flintshire County Council.

The Clerk advised that the 2 street lamps that were maintained by the Council had been inspected by the Council's lighting contractor. One was in working order but the other had a Manweb supply fault which could only be repaired by Manweb engineers. This fault had been reported to Manweb.

**RESOLVED:**

That a letter of support for a traffic speed reduction scheme be sent from the Council to the Highway Authority.

**111/12RECYCLING WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.**

Members reported that had they received several complaints regarding properties being missed by the collection teams on several occasions. Litter was being left on roads following the collection of bins.

A caged collection vehicle used for collecting refuse in the Babell area had been seen to be losing its contents of litter whilst travelling, leaving its deposit on roadside verges.

**RESOLVED:**

That a letter of complaints be sent to the Refuse Authority.

**112/12QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 FIELDS CHALLENGE.**

Mr. I. Bud, Director of Lifelong Learning, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising of the outcome of the County Councils consultation about nominations for the above challenge.

At the meeting of the County Council's Executive meeting held the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 17 sites which had been nominated by Town & Community Councils were approved. One of the nominated sites was Lixwm Play Area.

The Council will send its nominations to Fields in Trust for their further consideration. Members welcomed the news that Lixwm Play Area had been approved for further consideration.

#### **113/12 WAR MEMORIALS – LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITY.**

The Chief Planning Services Officer, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising that the Conservation Department was compiling a list of all war memorials within Flintshire and who was responsible for them.

Members advised that they were only aware of one being located at St. Mary's Church, Ysceifiog which is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk responds on this matter.

#### **114/12 CHANGES TO ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012.**

Hacker Young the Council's appointed external auditor had written to the Council advising that the accounts approval and audit deadline dates have been brought forward. The accounts will now have to be approved in Council no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (previously 30<sup>th</sup> September). The audit will have to be signed off by Hacker Young no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (previously 31<sup>st</sup> December).

The Clerk advised that he had concerns as to whether he could achieve this new time table given that he was a part time employee and that final banking statement required for the completion of the audit are not received until May of each year.

Members expressed their concerns at the further changes being introduced and greater burdens being placed upon small Councils to fall in line with much larger Councils who have greater resources.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council notes the concerns of the Clerk.

The Council will endeavour to meet the new time table. However if it can not, will advise Hacker Young of the date it can meet.

That the Clerk write to One Voice Wales expressing the Council's concerns to the further burden on small Councils.

#### **115/12CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) Flintshire County Council – Induction Training for Town & Community Councils.
- B) County Forum – Copy of minutes meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.  
Flintshire Charter and Draft Action Plan.
- C) Community Health Council - An opt-out system for organ donations.
- D) North Wales Police Authority - Launch of Estates Review.
- E) Register of Electors for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the above correspondence be received.

#### **116/12PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- A) CZR/049188  
Removal of condition No. 1: Use of bungalow to provide chefs accommodation.  
Lake Lodge, The Fisheries, Felingonglog, Afonwen.
- B) BMK/228  
Addition of roof dormer and window to create a first floor office and re-building of front porch with pitched roof lights.  
Bryn Barug, Ysceifiog.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the above 2 applications be received as the Council had been notified by the Planning Authority that the applications had been approved.

- C) BMK/049256  
Erection of building for use of milking parlour and collection yard.  
Gelli Lyfdy, Babell.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections.

- D) CZR/049316  
Formation of vehicular access to the agricultural land off Groes Road.  
Land off Ffordd Groes and Berthen Road, Lixwm.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections subject to the access meeting Highway Safety Standards.

**117/12 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

- A) Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod – Received.  
B) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – Received.  
C) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Grant of £50.00 approved.  
D) Marie Curie Cancer Care – Grant of £50.00 approved.

**118/12 FINANCIAL BUDGET ESTIMATES AND SETTING OF PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2012-13.**

The Clerk had prepared a draft budget report setting out estimated expenditure for this year and budget requirements for the year 2012-13.

A further report showing options of precept setting and income generation had also been prepared for member's consideration.

Members were mindful that they were being approached by Flintshire County Council to participate in match funding schemes to improve local facilities and feel that this should be maintained to improve the services to the community.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Draft Budget for the year 2012-13 be approved.

That the precept for 2012-13 be set at £17,347.00.

That the Clerks salary for 2012/13 would be £5,092.00 less P.A.Y.E. deductions.

**119/12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts be approved for payment:-

632)	Royal British Legion (L.G.A.1972s137)	Supply of wreath	£60.00
633)	Viking Direct (L.G.A.1972s111)	Supply of stationery	£139.68
634)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957,s3)	Energy charges	£243.43

**120/12 DURATION OFR MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor T. Jones – Chairman  
Councillor J.I. Davies  
Councillor N.E. Davies  
Councillor N.M. Davies  
Councillor A. Parsley  
Councillor W. Williams

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor I. Kendrick  
Councillor A. Rowlands  
Councillor D. Williams  
Councillor G. Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**121/12DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Councillor J.I. Davies declared an interest in agenda No. 8A Planning Application  
Ref: KCS/049379

**122/12MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 were approved as a correct record.

### **123/12 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE.**

Members reported that pot hole repairs and road surface improvements were required at:-

Single track lane leading from Mynydd Llan, Babell.  
Garneddwen lane leading from Ffordd-Y-Craig, Lixwm.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would report these to the Highway Authority.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that residents had been advised by the Highway Authority that Temperance Hill, Ysceifiog had been included on the re-surfacing works programme for this year.

### **124/12 PROPOSED TRAFFIC SPEED REDUCTION SCHEME A541 MELIN-Y-WERN.**

The Council had received a response from the Head of Highways, Flintshire County Council advising that the Authority is currently proposing to review the speed limits on the A and B roads within the County. This is currently programmed to start in the next few months. The review will look at conditions on the A541 and make recommendations if a lower speed limit is assessed as appropriate on sections of the road.

The Chairman requested that a copy of the letter be sent to the action group at Melin-Y-Wern.

### **125/12 RECYCLING WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.**

Further to minute No. 110/12 the Council had received a detailed response from the Head of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council, Mr. Jones apologised for the difficulties that some residents in local communities had experienced with the new collection arrangements and assured that the waste management team are working hard to address the issues that had been raised.

Mr. Jones further advised that following Executive approval to introduce a new customer focused environmental service, Flintshire County Council will be launching its new Streetscene service on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. An invitation to attend the launch event to be held at 1pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 at Altami Depot had been extended to the Council.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the above information be received.



### **126/12COMMUNITY POLICING.**

Chief Inspector D. Wareing had written to the Council advising that Flintshire would be recruiting an additional 17 Police Community Support Officers (P.C.S.O's). The funding for these additional officers has been made available by Welsh Government and recruitment had already started.

Councillor D. Williams had kindly provided a written report to the Council on the Police Community Meeting she had attended on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2012, the contents of which was reported to members.

### **127/12COMMUNITY COUNCIL STREET LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS.**

A letter had been received from Mr. S. Jones, Head of Streetscene advising that a Task and Finish Group had been established to look at street lighting generally across the County.

Within the Terms of Reference one aspect that will be considered is Town & Community Council lighting and the links to the wider street lighting services provided by the County.

Members considered the lighting service currently provided and felt at the present time it should remain in the control of Community Council. However given the current high escalation of energy charges for street lighting could the County consider forming a consortium for the purchase of energy which may help to reduce energy charges.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would respond on this matter.

### **128/12COUNCIL WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT.**

Councillor A. Parsley gave a presentation on the draft proposal to develop the website. The design would enable users access information on the roll and business that the Council conducts on behalf of the community.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That members supported the proposal.

**129/12 BERTHEN CHAPEL, LIXWM –**  
**RESTORATION OF SCROLLS OF HONOUR WORLD WAR 1**

Councillor W. Williams reported that the chapel had displayed the rolls of honour to Local Veterans of World War 1. However given the long period of time the scrolls were in urgent need of major restoration. Estimates of costs were being sought by the Deans of the chapel.

The Council discussed on how best it could support this important initiative to safeguard this local artefact.

Members suggested that firm estimations of costs should be obtained and that the Deans of the chapel write to local funding bodies such as The British Legion, Cadwyn Clwyd and also the Community Council at which time further consideration could be given.

**130/12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) Consultation on the proposal to transfer the Council's Housing Stock.
- B) One Voice Wales – Training Programme Feb – April 2012.
- C) Proposal to alter the date of Local Government Elections in Wales from - May 2016 to May 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above correspondence be received.

**131/12 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY SUMMER PLAY SCHEME PROGRAMME 2012.**

The Play Development Officer, Flintshire County Council, Mrs. J. Roberts had written to the Council advising that the above programme would be operating from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012. Based on last years attendance figures the cost to the Council should it decide to support the scheme would be £898.00.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council would support the scheme.

### **132/12 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY FORUM.**

The Clerk reported that he had attended the Forum meeting held the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. The purpose of the meeting was to formally adopt the Draft Charter which the Council had previously considered.

The Clerk further advised that in the absence of any members he had been requested to sign the Charter on the Council's behalf which he had done.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the actions of the Clerk be noted.

### **133/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- A) KCS/049379  
Construction of mass concrete slurry pit.  
Graig Fadog Farm, Ffordd-Y-Graig, Lixwm.
- B) CZR/049348  
Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement building.  
Trout Farm, The Fisheries, Felingonglog Road, Afonwen.
- C) CZR/049349  
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling.  
Lake Lodge, The Fisheries, Felingonglog Road, Afonwen.
- D) KCS/049368  
Erection of single rear extension.  
Rock View, Babell, Holywell.
- E) KCS/049387  
Erection of a single storey pitched roof extension to front of dwelling.  
Rhdegfa, Babell Road, Pantasaph, Nr. Holywell.
- F) CZR/09325  
Erection of a single storey extension.  
Greenacres, Waen Isa Lane, Babell.
- G) BMK/049398  
Change of use of first floor storage into bedroom accommodation.  
Blue Bell Cottage, Mynydd Llan, Babell, Holywell, CH8 8QD.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections to the above 6 applications providing they are in-keeping with existing dwelling.

#### **134/12APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

A) Caerwys Agricultural Show 2012.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £100.00 was approved.

#### **135/12FORMAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2012.**

The Clerk reported that as recommended by the Council's Internal Auditor – JDH Business Services Ltd he had completed the Risk Assessment Report 2012. Copy of the Report had been circulated to all members with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

He further advised that amendments had been made to the Report to reflect the changes introduced by H.M. Revenue & Customs P.A.Y.E.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council approved the Formal Risk Assessment for 2012.

#### **136/12ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

635)	Marie Curie (L.G.A.1972s137)	Grant	£50.00
636)	Urdd Gobaith Cymru (L.G.A.1972s145)	Grant	£50.00
637)	Flintshire County Council (L.G.)Miscellaneous Provisions)Act1976s19)	Match Funding Ysceifiog Play Area Improvements	£2,500
638)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£251.52

641)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerk's salary	£485.00
642)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£250.92
643)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£697.00

**137/12 DURATION OF MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor A. Rowlands - Chairman  
Councillor J.I. Davies  
Councillor N.E. Davies  
Councillor N.M. Davies  
Councillor T. Jones  
Councillor I. Kendrick  
Councillor A. Parsley  
Councillor D. Williams  
Councillor G. Williams  
Councillor W. Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**138/12DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Councillor N.M. Davies, I. Kendrick and W. Williams declared an interest in agenda 8.6 Planning Application Ref: BMK/049483.

**139/12MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 were approved as a correct record.

**140/12HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE.**

Members reported the following issues:-

De-littering highway verges:-

Lixwm Village Road

Berthen Road, Lixwm

Babell Road, Black Lion Inn to Groesffordd Crossroads

Temperance Hill – H.G.V. are using the road which is unsuitable for large vehicles.  
Could a" NO H.G.V." sign be provided at the road junction from the B541?

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would report the above issues to the Highway Authority.

**141/12 DOG FOULING VERGE, YSCEIFIOG.**

Members reported that there was a persistent problem of dogs being allowed to foul on the verge and seating area outside the play area at Ysceifiog.

**RESOLVED:**

That a letter be sent to the Dog Warden Service requesting site visits.

**142/12 DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL WEBSITE.**

Councillor A. Parsley had provided the Council further information for the development of the site and a request for the Council to endorse and allow - dottydirectory.com advertise on the Council's web site. Members expressed some reservations to the proposal and raised concern as to any liability that may arise should complaints be made about services being advertised on the web site.

**RESOLVED:**

The Council would not agree to the proposal at this time.

That the Clerk would write to One Voice Wales seeking advise on any similar modules that may have been deployed in Wales.

**143/12 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012.**

The Clerk reported that Hacker Young the Council's External Auditor had written to the Council advising that the Council had been selected for a Detailed Audit to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012. Members expressed their concern as to the short time table and further impact it would have on the Clerk's time resources and felt that the Council should consider financial reimbursement for the additional time the Clerk would need to complete the audit.

The Clerk advised that he would undertake the audit process monitoring his time and report back to the Council upon completion.



**144/12****CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) Flintshire County Forum – Update letter.
- B) One Voice Wales, Wrexham/Flint Area Committee – Notice of meeting.
- C) Flintshire Local Access Forum – Councillor A. Rowlands confirmed her attendance.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above information be received.

**145/12****PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- A) BMK/049256  
Erection of building for use as milking parlour and collecting yard.  
Gelli Lyfydy, Babell, Holywell.

**RESOLVED:**

No objections.

- B) RMH/049430  
Removal of existing garage, barns and temporary caravan and erection of a single building for use of garage and accommodation for grooms.  
Merllyn Farm, Babell.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections subject to the accommodation being conditioned to be used only for the purpose for equestrian business.

- C) SCB/DS/049416  
Notification to fell 1 no. sycamore within Ysceifiog Conservation area.  
Glas-Y-Gors, Ysceifiog.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections.

- D) RMH/049391  
Erection of 2 no. warehouse units.  
Merllyn Farm, Babell, CH8 8PZ.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council objects to the application due to the existing highway and access being unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles.

- E) CZR/049349  
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling.  
Lake Lodge, The Fisheries, Felingonglog Road, Afonwen.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections.

- F) BMK/049483  
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use -  
Erection of 2 no. conservatories.  
Crud-Yr-Awel, Lixwm, CH8 8NF.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections.

**146/12 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

- A) Berthen Chapel, Lixwm – Restoration of Roll of Honour.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council would provide £300.00 towards the scheme.

- B) St. Mary's Church, Ysceifiog – Electrical Repair Work.

**RESOLVED:**

That a request be made for further information on the costings for the proposed works.

C) Denbighshire & Flintshire Agricultural Show 2012.

**RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £50.00 be approved.

**147/12ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved:-

644)	Caerwys Agricultural Show 2012 (L.G.A.1972s145)	Grant	£100.00
645)	Society of Local Councils (L.G.A.1972s143,111)	Clerk's membership	£61.50
646)	Deeco Lighting Engineering Ltd (P.C.A.1957s3)	Lighting maintenance	£2347.20
647)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£234.74
648)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£291.00
649)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,115)	Clerk's salary	£485.00
649)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s133)	Clerk's office expenses	£250.00
650)	Refurbit Computers (L.G.A.1972s111)	Payroll Services	£150.00

**148/12DURATION OF MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor A. Rowlands – Chairman

Councillor N.E. Davies

Councillor N.M. Davies

Councillor T. Jones

Councillor I. Kendrick

Councillor A. Parsley

Councillor G. Williams

Councillor W. Williams

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor J.I. Davies

Councillor D. Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

**149/12DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

None declared in respect of the business of the Council.

**150/12MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 were approved as a correct record.

**151/12 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE.**

Members reported the following issues:-

Lixwm Road, Vehicles being parked on highway verge near junction to Walwen Road  
Horse box being parked at junction of Walwen road.  
Provision of pedestrian footway Lixwm village road.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would report the above matters to the Highway Authority.

**152/12 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2012.**

The Clerk reported that the Returning Officer had written to all candidates who are unopposed advising them that they come into office four days after the day of election and before they can act as a Councillor they have to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

The Clerk further advised that following the above exercise the Council had two vacancies that could be filled by co-option, which would be agendered for Annual General Meeting of the Council to be held Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2012.

**153/12 DOG FOULING – HIGHWAY VERGE YSCEIFIOG VILLAGE.**

Further to the Council letter sent to the County Council a reply had been received advising that the location had been added to the Council's hot spots list and would be subject to regular inspections by the dog warden services.

**154/12 INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2012.**

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor J.D.H. Business Services Ltd had written to the Council advising that the internal audit would be 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

The Clerk had sent to all members copies of the Draft Audit Return and supporting evidence.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Draft Audit Return be approved.

### **155/12 H.S.B.C. BANKING MANDATE FOR MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL ACCOUNTS.**

The Clerk reported that he had been advised that the existing mandate with H.S.B.C. did not allow the Clerk to manage the 2 accounts current and deposit by moving money between the accounts as and when required.

Following a meeting with H.S.B.C. staff, he had been advised the most convenient way would be to allow the Clerk to have access to Internet Banking Services giving the Clerk access to move money between the accounts but not being a signature for withdrawal of funds.

The Clerk presented to the Council a mandate from H.S.B.C. which needed approval by the Council for this provision.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the mandate was approved.

### **156/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- A) BMK/049612  
Erection of a single storey extension to the rear side of the house.  
Swn-Y-Bedell, Babel Road, Holywell.
- B) CZR/049374  
Erection of new agricultural building with ancillary residential use.  
Four Acre, Ysceifiog.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections to the above 2 applications subject to no residential use being permitted to application CZR/049374

### **157/12 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

Holywell and District Twinning Association.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £50.00 be approved.

**158/12****ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.****RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved:-

651)	Canon UK Ltd	Copy charges	£36.07
652)	Denbigh & Flintshire Agricultural Show 2012 (L.G.A.1972s145)	Grant	£50.00
653)	One Voice Wales (L.G.A. 1972s140,111)	Membership Fees	£134.00
654)	Viking Direct (L.G.A. 1972S111)	Supply of stationery	£44.29
655)	Scottish Power (P.C.A. 1957s3)	Energy Charges	£250.92
656)	Greenlion Insights & Solutions (L.G.A.1972143,111)	Web Hosting	£200.64
657)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s140,111)	Supply of Computer I.T.	£200.00
658)	A. Roberts (L.G.A. 1972s112,151)	Clerks Salary	£407.40
659)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£85.00

**159/12****DURATION OF MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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## **YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Ysceifiog Community Council held 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2012  
at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

#### **PRESENT:**

**Councillor A. Rowlands – Chairman**

**Councillor J.I. Davies**

**Councillor N.E. Davies**

**Councillor N.M. Davies**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**Councillor A. Parsley**

**Councillor D. Williams**

**Councillor G. Williams**

**Councillor W. Williams**

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor T. Jones**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council**

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

#### **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.**

All members of the Council had signed and presented the above Declaration to the Clerk.

#### **01/12 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.**

Due to the absence of the Vice Chairman Councillor T. Jones Councillor A. Rowlands was appointed as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor J.I. Davies and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor G. Williams, Councillor T. Jones was unanimously appointed as Chairman for the Council for the ensuing year.

**02/12 FILLING OF VACANCIES TO THE COUNCIL BY CO-OPTION.**

Following the recent Notice of Elections the Council has 2 vacancies due to insufficient nominations. The Council has received two expressions of interest to be co-opted onto the Council:-

Mr. Andy Parsley and Mr. Gwyn Williams.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above 2 nominations were unanimously co-opted onto the Council and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms.

**03/12 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

None declared in respect of the business of the Council.

**04/12 MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 were approved as a correct record.

**05/12 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.**

Proposed by Councillor W. Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councillor G. Williams, Councillor A. Parsley was unanimously appointed as Vice Chairman.

**06/12 APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ONTO OUTSIDE BODIES.**

That the current list of representatives be approved with the addition of Councillor D. Williams being appointed to represent the Council for North Wales Policing meetings.

**07/12 APPLICATION BY YSCEFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR MODIFICATION ORDER TO CREATE NEW BRIDLEWAY – TEGFAN TO FFYNNON-Y-CYFF, LIXWM.**

Councillor J. Falshaw reported that he had recently attended a site meeting with Mr. E. Davies of Ffynnon-Y-Cyff and Mr. P. McGreevy of Wheeler Grange, Lixwm at which the above application was discussed. Councillor Falshaw presented to the Council copy correspondence that he had received from the 2 gentlemen which had been sent to the Director of Environment, Flintshire County Council in defence of the above application.

Members thanked Councillor Falshaw for the information but felt as this application was now being considered by Flintshire County Council that it would be inappropriate to make any further comments at this time.

**08/12 INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2012.**

The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor, JDH Business Services Ltd had concluded the above audit, a copy of his report and recommendations had been provided with the agenda for members consideration and action.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council notes the findings of the audit and will put in place the recommendations.

**09/12 EXTERNAL AUDIT YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2012.**

The Clerk presented to the Council the Draft Audit Annual Return for the above year for approval together with a list of additional information the Auditor had requested for the in depth audit being undertaken. The Clerk reported that all the additional information could be evidence by the Council with the exception of 2 questions relating to the re-appointment of the Council's internal auditor. As the Council was introduced to the existing internal auditor in 1996 when the new financial regulations were introduced the Council had not had any cause to re-evaluate this appointment.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Chairman duly signed the supplementary audit information request form.

**10/12 INDUCTION TRAINING FOR TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS.**

Copy correspondence had been sent to all members. Councillor A. Parsley advised that he would attend the session on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2012.

**11/12 BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2012.**

An invitation had been received from Flintshire County Council to enter into the above competition. Councillor D. Williams reported that she had been disappointed with some of the judge's comments from last year's entry feeling that they were inappropriate for the category which Ysceifiog had entered.

**RESOLVED:**

That Ysceifiog Village would be entered for this year.

That a letter be sent setting out the Council's concerns regarding the judge's comments.

**12/12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

County Forum – Meeting to be held 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 – Councillor N.M. Davies will attend.

Notice of Temporary Traffic Order A541 Sarn Mill.

Meeting with Members of the Standards Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2012.

Halkyn Mountain Common Joint Consultation Board.

Commission on Devolution in Wales - Meeting at Flint Library, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 – 13.30-14.30pm.

Civic Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 – Chairman of Flintshire County Council.

One Voice Wales – Notice of Conference and A.G.M. – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above information be received.

### **13/12 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.**

Councillor G. Williams and Councillor N. Davies reported on the meeting of Halkyn Mountain Common Joint Consultative Board.

Councillor A. Parsley reported on the recent inspection of Lixwm C.P. School which had the status of Good across all areas.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That a letter of congratulations be sent to the Head Teacher of Lixwm C.P. School.

### **14/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- A) CZR/049646  
Erection of an agricultural building (part retrospective)  
Greenacres, Waen Isa Lane, Babell, Holywell.
- B) CZR/049676  
Demolition of outbuildings and alterations to elevations.  
Donadea Lodge, Mynydd Llan, Babell.
- C) CZR/049679  
Extension to form enlarged kitchen and staircase and internal alterations.  
Donadea Cottage, Mynydd Llan, Babell.
- D) BMK/049730  
Erection of single storey side kitchen extension.  
Llys Ifor, Lixwm.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections to the above 4 applications.

## **15/12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved:-

660)	Holywell & District Twinning's Association (L.G.A.1972s145)	Grant	£50.00
661)	JDH Business Services Ltd (L.G.A.1972s111)	Audit fees	£96.00
662)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£243.29
663)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (l.g.a.1972S112)	P.A.Y.E.	£85.00
664)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerk's Salary	£407.40

### **DURATION OF THE MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor T. Jones – Chairman**

**Councillor J.I. Davies**

**Councillor N.M. Davies**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**Councillor A. Parsley**

**Councillor A. Rowlands**

**Councillor G. Williams**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor N.E. Davies**

**Councillor D. Williams**

**Councillor W. Williams**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council**

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

**16/12 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

**17/12 MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2012 were approved as a correct record.



**18/12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) One Voice Wales – Training Programmes.
- B) Aberdo and Bryn Mawr Quarry Liaison Group meeting – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.
- C) Welsh Government White Paper – Promoting Local Democracy.
- D) One Voice Wales – Notice of Area Meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above information be received.

**19/12 PROPOSED COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME.**

Councillor A. Rowlands presented a draft working paper outlining the age groups and criteria for the proposed award scheme. Members discussed the proposal at length and decided to formulate a working group to develop the scheme.

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillors A. Rowlands, N.M. Davies, I. Kendrick and Councillor A. Parsley would report back to the Council in September, 2012.

**20/12 MAES-Y-GORON, LIXWM – CONDITION OF ROADWAY AND VERGE.**

The Clerk reported that he had received concerns from local residents regarding the condition of the road and entrance verge to the avenue. Residents reported that the construction of all the properties had been completed and felt that the road should now be brought up to an adoptional standard for adoption by the Highway Authority.

**RESOLVED:**

That a letter be sent to Leason Homes Ltd bringing this matter to their attention.

## **21/12 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.**

Councillor N.M. Davies reported that she and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Flintshire Forum at which a presentation had been given by Betsi Cadwalader Health Board on the restructuring programme being undertaken for local health care.

## **22/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

BMK/049805

Removal of existing LPG tank and installation of a new LPG tank with associated works.

Crown Inn, Lixwm, Holywell.

TGE/012070

The Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) England and Wales) Regulations 1999 – Regulation 10 Scoping Opinion for Proposed extension to Ddol Uchaf Quarry, Afonwen.

DGJ/049777

Variation of Condition No. 11 attached to planning permission 046406 to remove the requirement for the hedgerow to be transplanted and amend to require a replacement hedge to be planted.

Land side of Llwyn Onn, Lixwm, Holywell.

BMK/049800

Removal of an agricultural occupancy condition of application.

Nampara, Holywell, CH8 8PP.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council had no objections to the above 4 applications.

## **23/12 STREETSCENE – FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. D. Charlton, Area Manager and Mr. Wayne Jones, Area Supervisor of Streetscene.

Mr. Charlton introduced Wayne who would be responsible for co-ordinating street scene services in the community. Mr. Charter gave an overview of all the services that were being delivered and information on how to contact the service centre.

Mr. Jones advised that he was happy to attend Council meetings every 3-4 months in the future.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their attendance.

**24/12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts be approved for payment:-

665)	Broker Network Ltd (L.G.A.1972s140,111)	Insurance Premium	£1024.28
666)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£121.00
667)	Scottish Power Ltd (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£251.39
668)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerks salary	£349.20

**25/12 DURATION OF MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor T. Jones – Chairman**

**Councillor J.I. Davies**

**Councillor N.E. Davies**

**Councillor A. Parsley**

**Councillor D. Williams**

**Councillor G. Williams**

**Councillor W. Williams**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor N.M. Davies**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**Councillor A. Rowlands**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council**

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

**26/12 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

**27/12 MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 at Ysceifiog Village Hall were approved as a correct record.

**28/12 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE.**

Councillor D. Williams reported that a number of highway road signs were not visible to motorists due to them being obscured by hedge vegetation. Councillor T. Jones reported that the hedge vegetation at Groesffordd Crossroads was obstructing drivers vision onto the Lixwm/Brynford road.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above matters be reported to the Highway Authority.

**29/12 COMMUNITY POLICING.**

The Clerk advised that Councillor A. Rowlands had requested that members be advised that there had been a spate of local dwelling burglaries. The Police had been carrying out local investigations.

The Chairman advised members that any local information should be forwarded onto the Police Authority.

**30/12 MAES-Y-GORON, LIXWM – COMPLETION OF ROAD AND PATH SURFACES.**

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from Leason Homes Ltd advising that the completion of road and paths would be undertaken upon the sale of all dwellings. Currently there were 3 remaining unsold.

**31/12 CLWYD COMMUNITY CHEST – A.G.M. AND MEMBERSHIP.**

The Council had received notice that the A.G.M. would be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 and that the Council's current membership was due for renewal.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council renew its membership.

### **32/12 ST. MARY'S CHURCH, YSCEIFIOG – GRANT APPLICATION.**

Further to the application the Council had received in March 2012 further information had been received from The Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) as to the costs and nature of the repairs required.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That an offer of grant of £250.00 be made to the P.C.C.
- 2) That should the P.C.C. require further grant aid for this scheme of works a full set of audited accounts will need to be submitted with the applications.
- 3) That the Council will consider making an annual maintenance grant to both St. Mary's Church and Berthen Chapel at its budget and precept meeting in January 2013.

### **33/12 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.**

Councillor J.I. Davies reported on the meeting of the Bryn Mawr Quarry Liaison Group meeting he had attended.

### **34/12 PLANNING APPLICATION.**

RMH/049391

Erection of 2 no. warehouse units.

Merlyn Farm, Babell.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council has no objections subject to:-

1. That the construction materials being used are suitable for a rural location.
2. That all landscaping species being used are indigenous to the local area.
3. That all landscaping is completed during the first planting season upon completion of the development.

**35/12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

669)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£97.00
670)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£243.29
671)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerk's salary	£388.00

**36/12 DURATION OF MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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## **YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

#### **PRESENT:**

**Councillor T. Jones – Chairman**

**Councillor J.I. Davies**

**Councillor N.E. Davies**

**Councillor N.M. Davies**

**Councillor A. Parsley**

**Councillor D. Williams**

**Councillor G. Williams**

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**Councillor A. Rowlands**

**Councillor W. Williams**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council**

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

#### **ITEMS RAISED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENT.**

The Chairman welcomed 4 local residents to the meeting inviting them to raise any matters regarding Council business. The residents advised that they all lived on Temperance Road, Ysceifiog. A bridle way that was used for access to local properties and in the past had been surfaced by the County Council had fallen into disrepair. During heavy rain, gravel from the bridle way washed onto the highway making driving conditions very hazardous.

Councillor J. Falshaw reported that he was aware of this issue and had brought it to the Highway Authority some months ago.

The Chairman reported that the Council had just received a road closure Notice from 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 for 3 days from the Highway Authority but it did not advise of the extent of the road repairs that would be undertaken at Temperance Hill.

**RESOLVED:**

Councillor J. Falshaw agreed to contact the Highway Authority on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 and raise this issue on the residents behalf and report back to Mr. Andy Wallbank, local resident.

**37/12 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

**38/12 MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm were approved as a correct record.

**39/12 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE.**

The Clerk reported that Councillor I. Kendrick had requested that the Council give consideration to requesting the Highway Authority to relocate the existing 30mph signs at the lower end of Lixwm. Councillor Kendrick advised it would help improve pedestrian safety if the 30mph signs were located the other side of the Ffordd-Y-Graig, Lixwm. Members considered the proposal and suggested that it would be appropriate to request the Highways Authority to survey all the 30mph gateways to Lixwm, with a view of extending as further back as possible from their existing locations as you enter the settlement.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would write to the Director of Highways on this matter.

Councillor N.E. Davies reported that the road surface at Garneddwen, Lixwm was in need of repairs.

Councillor J.I. Davies reported that the hedges on the highway, School Lane to Ysceifiog were in need of cutting back.

Councillor T. Jones reported that the road surface at Graeanna Lane, Babell was in need of repairs.

Forma Warden's Bungalow, Lixwm-members reported that a vehicle had been parked on the grass area to the front of the dwelling for some time and was looking very unsightly.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would report the above issues.

**40/12 COMMUNITY POLICING.**

Members reported that there had been a spate of garage break ins in the community. Residents had made enquiries with North Wales Police but had found it very difficult obtaining information on the progress of their investigations.

**RESOLVED:**

That an invitation be sent to North Wales Police for a representative to attend a future meeting of the Council to discuss communications with the Police Authority.

**41/12 BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2012.**

The Council had been notified that Ysceifiog Village had been awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in this year's competition. Councillor D. Williams reported that she had represented the Council at its awards evening at County Hall where the Council was presented with a Certificate and awarded prize money of £75.00. Councillor Parsley advised that he would place the information on the Council's Web Site.

**42/12 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2012.**

The Clerk reported that UHY Hacker Young had completed the Draft Annual Return and had found no findings to report to the Council and that the Council should formally approve the Annual Return and return it to UHY Hacker Young by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2012. The Auditor had reported one matter outside the scope of the Annual Return, that the appointment of the Council's Internal Auditor had not been minuted. The Clerk reported that he would include this item onto the Council's Risk Assessment to be considered by the Council in February, 2013.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Draft Annual Return was approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **43/12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) Flintshire Local Access Forum – Notice of further meetings.
- B) Fields In Trust – Lixwm Play Area.
- C) Halkyn Mountain Common Joint Consultative Board – Minutes and Notice of meeting.
- D) One Voice Wales – Training Programme 2012.

#### **44/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

BMK/049899

Retrospective application for the erection of an ancillary building.

Ael-Y-Bryn, Babell, CH8 8PP

Members reported that supportive statements provided with the planning application were in conflict with the application description. The supportive statement referred to the building being used as a dwelling which would be a departure from current planning policy. A number of applications have been received over the past few years for similar development in the community which have been refused by the Planning Authority.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council would not support the application and that should the Planning Authority approve the application a condition of planning for none residential use should be placed on the application.

CZR/050014

Erection of a single 5kw domestic-scale micro wind turbine.

Moss Giel, Calcoed Lane, Babell.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

That the Planning Authority, in their consideration of this application should ensure that they are satisfied that all relevant guide line recommendations for the construction and sighting of the turbine have been complied to and that there would be no detrimental impact on any adjacent dwellings.

BMK/049997

Existing flat roofed attached garage to have new pitched roof and to be converted to study and erection of a single storey extension to provide lounge and extended bedroom with en-suite shower room.

Joleen, Bryn-Y-Berthen, Lixwm. CH8 8LT.

Notice of Planning Authority Approval Received.

#### **45/12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved:-

672)	Ysceifiog P.C.C. (L.G.A.1972s214)	Grant	£250.00
673)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy charges	£251.39
674)	Viking Direct (L.G.A.1972s111)	Supply of stationery	£194.13
675)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy charges	£251.39
676)	Clwyd Community Chest (L.G.A.1972s143,111)	Membership fees	£10.00
677)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£97.00
678)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerks salary	£388.00
679)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s133)	Office expenses	£272.00

#### **46/12 DURATION OF THE MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at Berthen Chapel, Lixwm.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor T. Jones – Chairman**

**Councillor N.E. Davies**

**Councillor N.M. Davies**

**Councillor I. Kendrick**

**Councillor A. Rowlands**

**Councillor D. Williams**

**Councillor G. Williams**

**Councillor W. Williams**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor J.I. Davies**

**Councillor A. Parsley**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Councillor J. Falshaw – Flintshire County Council**

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

**47/12 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

**48/12 MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 were approved as a correct record.



#### **49/12 COMMUNITY POLICING.**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Community Beat-Manager (CBM) S. Carrington and P.C.S.O. Rob Hill. North Wales Police C.B.M. Carrington advised that they were in attendance following the letter received from the Council regarding feedback from the recent house burglary at Lixwm.

Members discussed local policing issues in the community, P.C.S.O. Rob Hill advised that he does carry out local walkabout patrols and that he could be contacted on 07880156907 regarding any issues local residents may have.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance.

#### **50/12 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE.**

- A) Councillor J. Falshaw reported that following the concerns local residents had raised at the September meeting of the Council, the Highway Authority had undertaken works to stabilise the surface of the bridle-way.
- B) Councillor D. Williams reported that the recent road surface repairs to Temperance Hill had not been completed, areas of the highway had been marked and identified for works but not completed.
- C) Councillor N.M. Davies reported that the hedge at the lower end of Lixwm was overhanging the pedestrian pavement causing obstructions to pedestrians.
- D) Councillor T. Jones reported that vegetation at Groesffordd Crossroads on the B5121 was causing visibility obstructions.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the above matter be reported to the Highway Authority.

**51/12 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2012.**

The Clerk reported that UHY Hacker Young had returned the Annual Return for the above year duly signed and completed. The Audit fees for the Return was £162.00

**RESOLVED:**

That the above information be received.

**52/12 B5121 EXTENSION OF 30MPH GATEWAYS, LIXWM.**

Further to the Council's letter sent to the Highway Authority the Head of Assets & Transportation had responded to the Council advising:-

Consultants had recently been commissioned to undertake a review of speed limits on all County A & B Roads in accordance with the guidance contained in "Setting Local Speed Limits Wales." Their findings were expected very soon at which point any recommendations to raise, lower or extend speed limits on the County A & B road network would be considered.

The B5121 through Lixwm formed part of the review and it would not be appropriate to predict the outcome of the review at this time.

**RESOLVED:**

Members requested that this matter be agendered for the January meeting of the Council.

**53/12 PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BINS – BRYN SION HILL AND DDOL UCHAF.**

The Clerk reported that a local resident had requested the provision of 2 dog waste bins to the entrance of the country-side walk way. The area was well used by local dog walkers but no facilities for dog waste had been provided.

**RESOLVED:**

That a letter be sent to the Streetscene co-ordinator requesting their views and policy for this type of provision.

**54/12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) Flintshire County Forum – Notice of meeting.
- B) Notice of Police and Crime Commissioner Election.
- C) Caerwys Town Council – Notice of Civic Sunday.
- D) Community Health Council – Health Watchdog.
- E) Aberdo & Bryn Mawr Quarry Liaison Group Meeting.
- F) Flintshire Local Access Forum.
- G) Flintshire County Council – Summer Play Scheme Report.
- H) One Voice Wales – Wrexham & Flintshire area meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above information be received.

**55/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

CZR/050029

Erection of a garage/store.

Greenacres, Waen Isa Lane, Babell.

Application and Notice Approval received from the Planning Authority.

**56/12 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

- A) Ysceifiog Church Hall – Best Kept Village Competition –  
Grant of £75.00 approved.
- B) Lixwm Senior Citizen's Club –  
Grant of £200.00 approved.
- C) Babell & Ysceifiog Senior Citizen's Club –  
Grant of £200.00 approved.

## **57/12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved:-

680)	UHY Hacker Young (L.G.A.1972s111)	Audit Fees	£162.00
681)	Flintshire County Council (L.G.M.P.A.1976s19)	Summer Play Scheme	£898.20
682)	Flintshire County Council (Representation of the People Act 1983,1985)	Election Fees	£182.12
683)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerks Salary	£388.00
684)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£97.00

## **58/12 DURATION OF MEETING.**

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and was closed at 8.40pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

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**YSCEIFIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED YSCEIFIOG**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at Ysceifiog Village Hall.

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGISE FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor W. Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**59/12 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

**60/12 MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 were approved subject to amending item 50/12 from Councillor N.M. Davies to N.E. Davies.

#### **61/12 COMMUNITY POLICING.**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Community Beat Manager (CBM) S. Carrington and Police Community Special Officer (P.C.S.O.) Rob Hill, North Wales Police. C.B.M. Carrington reported that she would be leaving her post as C.B.M. and would be re-locating within the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit for Flintshire and Wrexham as from December, 2012.

P.C.S.O. Hill advised that he would still be undertaking his duties in the community and would welcome any issues of policing concern to be reported to him.

The Chairman and members thanked C.B.M. Carrington for her service over the past years and wished her all the very best in her new posting.

#### **62/12 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE/STREETSCENE ISSUES.**

Councillor I. Kendrick reported that Berthen Lane, Lixwm had some areas covered in mud and was in need of cleaning.

Councillor A. Parsley reported that the property of Tan-Y-Coed, Temperance Hill, Ysceifiog was persistently being missed by the refuse collection services.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would report the above matters to the Head of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council.

#### **63/12 STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE – FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The Clerk reported that a further letter had been received from the Head of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council requesting detailed information on the location, maintenance schedules and type of lamps the Council maintain. The Clerk advised that whilst the Council holds some of the above information it did not have it in the format or detail that was being requested. The Clerk further advised that this letter had been sent to all Town and Community Councils in Flintshire and that it had been discussed by members of the Clwyd Clerk's Association. It had been reported that as the Council had its own Public Lighting Powers there was no requirement to provide the information to the County Council.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would write to the Council's Lighting Contractor seeking an estimation of cost to provide the information being requested.

**64/12 COUNCIL TAX BASE SETTING AND IMPACT OF WELFARE REFORM.**

The Head of Finance, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising that the calculation of the Tax Base has always included a small adjustment to allow for bad debts and over past years the Council has assured a collection rate of 99% allowing a 1% provision within the Tax Base for bad debt.

In light of the changes being made under Welfare Reforms the Council is working on credible assumptions that there will need to be a slightly higher bad debt provision when calculating the Tax Base.

The Tax Band "D" Base for 2012/13 is 662.91 but for 2013/14 it is likely to be in the region of 660.37 a decrease of 0.38% a loss of 2.54 band D equivalent properties. Members discussed this matter at some length and felt that the full impact of this change would be best reflected when the Council sets its precept at the January meeting of the Council.

**65/12 OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH OPPOSITE THE DISUSED CHAPEL, LIXWM.**

The Council had received a request from Mr. R. Williams, Flintshire Ramblers Association to report the above matter to the Public Rights of Way, Flintshire County Council.

Members confirmed that they were aware of the public right of way and that a letter should be sent.

**66/12 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – SUMMER PLAYScheme PROGRAMME 2013/14.**

A letter had been received from the Head of Culture and Leisure, Mr. Lawrence Rawsthorne advising that the grant from Welsh Government the Cymarth grant had now ceased and has been replaced by Families First grant. This grant has different objectives and different terms and conditions to Cymarth. In light of the above changes the Summer Play Scheme Programme for 2013/14 has had its funding reduced by some £100,000. Following careful consideration a number of options had been prepared for the Council's further consideration on funding and level of Services.

The Council considered the number of options that had been offered and decided that it was important to continue with a level of service that was affordable and meet community needs.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council would approve that a scheme be provided at Lixwm for a period of 3 weeks instead of 5 weeks at a cost of some £900.00 to the Council.



**67/12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.**

- A) Mold Town Council – Civic Sunday
- B) Flintshire County Council – Library Opening Hours Survey.
- C) North Wales Police – Consultation meeting

**RESOLVED:**

That the above correspondence be received.

**68/12 PROPOSE COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME.**

Councillor A. Rowlands presented the draft proposals for developing a community award scheme to members for their further consideration. Members considered the draft proposals and suggested a number of modifications that may wish to be considered.

The Chairman thanked the working group for the good progress being made on this initiative.

**69/12 MERLLYN FARM, BABELL – USE OF HIGHWAY BY H.G.V. DELIVERING MATERIALS.**

Councillor T. Jones reported that a number of H.G.V. accessing the above property were being directed by their sat nav systems along Caerwys Road and then being forced to reverse a considerable distance. Councillor Jones further reported that the Access Statement provided by the company at the time of planning application stated that a traffic management system would be deployed ensuring that H.G.V accessed the property via Groesffordd Crossroads.

**RESOLVED:**

That a letter be sent to Planning Enforcement on this issue.

**70/12 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

686)	Ysceifiog Village Hall (L.G.A.1972S144,145)	Best Kept Village Competition	£75.00
687)	Royal British Legion (L.G.A.1972s137)		£60.00
688)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957,s3)	Energy Charges	£251.39
689)	Ysceifiog Village Hall (L.G.A.1972s137)	O.A.P's Lunch Club	£200.00
690)	Lixwm (L.G.A.1972s137)	O.A.P's Lunch Club	£200.00
691)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£97.00
692)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s,112,151)	Clerk's salary	£388.00

**71/12 DURATION OF THE MEETING.**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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