

**BANGOR ON DEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BANGOR ISYCOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING
16th January 2024 (AT 19.30hrs)**

Present:

**Cllr N Amyes (Chair)
Cllr C Dawson
Cllr J Grice
Cllr Morrison (Vice Chair)
Cllr S Sharp
Cllr Williams (from 20.00hrs)**

Katrina Chalk – Clerk

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr M Humphries, Cllr T Nicholls

48. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – Five members of the public present, the following questions were raised:

- a) Blocked drains at properties off Overton Road - They mentioned inability to use bathroom facilities during the times of high river levels. Also, during heavy rainfall when the drains struggle to cope with the amount of surface water. They also advised that they neighbour has also experienced the same problems. This must be approached as a public health issue.
- b) Poor mobile signal in Bangor on Dee – WCBC will be approached to find out how this can be improved.

Action: The Chair advised these questions would be passed onto County Councillor Williams to raise with Wrexham Council.

- c) Two members of the public raised their concerns about the new noticeboard which has been placed outside the village hall.

This item was due to be discussed under item 51. a. Members agreed to move the discussion forward.

The Chair acknowledged that planning permission should have been submitted as the noticeboard is within the Conservation Area. A retrospective application has now been submitted to the Planning Department.

The Chair apologised to the residents who were not consulted prior to the noticeboard being installed.

Recommendation: The Clerk recommended the noticeboard is removed and all the necessary snagging/repairs are carried out. Once this is completed and the outcome of the retrospective planning application is known, the Community Council (CC) will consider suitable locations. The CC will ensure planning permission is sought, if required and any residents who need to be consulted will be.

Resolution: Members agreed to have the noticeboard removed and repaired. After which the location can be discussed.

Proposed by Cllr Grice, Seconded by Cllr Sharp – all in favour.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations of personal or pecuniary interests were made.

50. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th December 2023 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Sharp and Seconded by Cllr Morrison – All in favour.

51. TO NOTE ACTIONS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) New noticeboard – a retrospective planning application has been issued by WCBC Planning Department – **discussed under item 48.**
- b) Recalibration of VAS – TWM confirmed the recalibration will not affect the warranty on the equipment.

Action: Cllr Amyes will investigate the recalibration – Cllr Grice offered to assist.

- c) Removal of dove enclosure and coup – **it is due to be removed this week.**
- d) The clerk contacted the Royal Oak regarding the pothole which is near the entrance to their car park. It is unclear who is responsible for the tarmac area.

Action: The Clerk will contact the owners of the Royal Oak to ascertain which areas they own/are responsible for.

52. Members APPROVED Budget for 2024-2025

Members discussed the final budget figures, taking into consideration the reports from the Internal and External Auditors relating to the level of General and Earmarked Reserves accumulated for year ending 31st March 2023 and agreed on the following:

The earmarked reserve for street lighting upgrades will be reduced from £14k to £9k. This reduction is possible as only two of the four lanterns and columns need to be replaced during 2025/26. The remaining two can be replaced the following year. Members agreed the work required in 2024/25 will be sent out for tender as the only one price has been received for this work.

The earmarked reserve for the village signs will be reduced from £5 to £4k. This allows for a maximum of four village signs, posts, and installation. It is hoped this price can be improved on.

Earmarked Reserves are now £13K.

The total budget **APPROVED** by Members was **£22,895.00**.

Members **APPROVED** to set the Precept at **£20,396**, which is at the same level as the previous financial year. The difference between the budget and the Precept will come out of the end of year balance 31st March 2024.

Resolution: Proposed by Cllr Dawson, seconded by Cllr Sharp – all in favour.

53. RECEIVE REPORTS / ISSUES FROM

a) Village Environment

Friars Field – new quote for bark £150.00 plus VAT delivery in February 2024 – local supplier.

Members approved the additional £30 increase in the bark order.

b) Clerk

Confirmation of the meeting dates for 2024 and a request to move the October meeting date to 7th October.

Members noted the dates and the altered date in October.

c) Engagement of Internal Auditor for year-end 31st March 2024

Action: The Clerk will upload Engagement letter to Internal Auditor

Resolved: Members approved the Engagement letter.

d) Wrexham and Flintshire Area meeting

Cllr Amyes advised the meeting that the recommendation is for all councillors to have dedicated Council emails. And the requirement for hybrid attendance at meetings should be researched to ascertain if it is possible.

Action: The Clerk will obtain a quote for dedicated email addresses

54. Flood Warden Report

Cllr Grice thanked County Councillor Williams for obtaining WCBCs agreement to remove all the debris from under the arches of the bridge.

Cllr Grice asked County Councillor Williams to enquire about the following issues (detailed under minute item 58.)

- Pump availability.
- Diversion signs

55. Advert notice for two Community Councillor vacancies

Action: The Clerk will forward the advert to Cllr Grice to upload on FB. The advert will be advertised locally and on the BOD website.

56. Draft Tender document for street light replacements in Abbeygate Walk

Action: The Clerk will contact Worthenbury CC to seek advice regarding the tender.

57. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM PCSO AND CRIME STATS

- a) Update from PCSO Dean Sawyer: Members noted the report received from PCSO Sawyer

Crime Stats – November 2023

- 3 Anti-Social Behaviour
- 1 Theft from person

Members noted the crime statistics and report received.

58. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR R WILLIAMS

- Feedback regarding the current speed limit on the A525 where walkers cross to join a footpath.
- Clarification (from WCBC) on the availability of the pump used to clear any flooding on Overton Road by the ditch alongside Maes Y Groes.
- During the last storm the A525 was closed. It appeared there were no diversion signs in operation causing many lorries to come into the village and getting stuck by the old bridge. Additional signage was displayed in Hanmer, but this doesn't seem to be the case now. It would be invaluable to road users to be made aware when the A525, a main road, used by many drivers travelling to Wrexham Industrial Estate.

Action: County Councillor Williams to follow up.

59. TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS: No applications received

No objections

- P/2023/0857 - Works to trees protected by tree preservation order WCBC 168 - 7 Abbey Gardens Bangor on Dee, Wrexham

Planning application – retrospective

- P/2024/0001 - Installation of wooden noticeboards within a conservation area (in retrospect) village hall Overton Road Bangor Isycoed, Wrexham

60. TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE – all the documents listed below were forwarded to Members.

- Wrexham Council Newsletter
- Older People Wales Newsletter
- Update on the Review into Emergency Cover in North Wales
- Cost of Living Information for residents
- Training Modules – courses run by OVW.
- Countryside Code Newsletter
- Free Digital Training Course
- Notification the LDP has been approved by WCBC.
- Community Speed Watch

Members to consider the D Day 80th Anniversary taking place 6th June 2024

Action: The Clerk to contact Overton British Legion to find out how they plan to mark the event.

61. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF INCOME AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

a) Income and payments

- i. Members to APPROVE setting up a D/D for Scottish Power (payment of unmetered electricity charges) – deferred due to supplier change
- ii. Members noted Inv Ref 14 and 15 were paid at the beginning of January 2024
- iii. Income and payments

Inv Ref	Invoice/Payment reference	Description	Total
14.	Scottish Power	1 st Nov to 1 st December 2023 electricity supply – unmetered	£ 132.09
15.	Audit Wales – External Audit	ARINV/010029	£ 730.00
16.	BODVHMC	Hire of Village Hall for CC Meetings Sept – Nov 2023	£ 36.00
17.	Wages	Wages and expenses (December)	£ 458.48
18.	Scottish Power	1 st December 2023 to 1 st January 2024 electricity supply – unmetered 408083311	£ 172.68
19.	Scottish Power	30 th September 2023 to 31 st December 2032 electricity supply – unmetered 423999333	£ 55.02

Resolved: Payments approved – Proposed by Cllr Grice, seconded by Cllr Dawson, all in favour.

62. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR TO DATE

Account	Expenditure to end Dec 23	Income to end of Dec 23	Total in Accounts
Account 1	£16,388.09	£21,750.77	£ 28,128.63
Account 2		£ 12.71	£ 2,647.66
Totals			£ 30,776.29

Members **NOTED** the financial statement year to date.

**63. TO RECEIVE ANY AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MEETING AND CONFIRM DATE
(20th February 2024)**

Presentation from representatives from the Rainbow Foundation on Community Agents
Policy Reviews