

OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 21st June 2022

MEMBERS

Councillor Sarah Roberts (Chairman)

“ John Williams (Vice-Chairman)*

“ Christine Griffiths

“ R Alun Jenkins

“ Alex Jones

“ Angela Jones

“ David Jones*

“ Barbara Lloyd

“ Kenneth Palmer*

“ John Ramm

“ Andrew Ranger*

“ Graham Rogers

“ Jim Steele

“ Linda Subacchi

“ Steven Vale

“ Keith Williams

“ Graham Wynn

“ Phillip Wynn

* Absent

70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs John Williams, Kenn Palmer and Andrew Ranger.

71 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

72 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 24th May 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

73 MATTERS ARISING

1. Empress Rd – the Clerk had written to the police with regard to a request for stronger action when dealing with incidents of ASB.
2. Lease on Parciau Community- the Clerk is still waiting for a reply to her last email regarding requested amendments to the Heads of Terms
3. PA System – the Clerk reported that Scott of the Wrexham Music Service had very kindly donated a new PA System to the Community Council for use in upcoming events. The Clerk was asked to write to him to thank him for the PA System.
4. Offa Community Agent report – the Clerk confirmed that the Community Agent had attended a meeting with Cllr Graham Rogers at the Evergreen Club.
5. Admin Officer report – the Clerk reported that the Bellevue Playgroup would shortly be vacating the Parciau Community Centre to go to new premises in the Church Hall on Poyser Street.

6. Little Vawnog – The Clerk reported that the noticeboard had been delivered and would be erected on site by the Probation Team. The bridge at Little Vawnog had now been closed off by WCBC because of safety concerns. The Clerk had contacted both Network Rail and WCBC regarding responsibility for repairs and both parties were denying responsibility. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Darren Williams Head of Environment at WCBC and also Mr Joe Bickerton regarding this matter. To inform them that the bridge which is part of the Clywedog Trail is now closed and that repairs need to be carried out as soon as practicable. The Clerk was also asked to contact Natural Resources Wales and the Clywedog Trail Partnership to make enquiries into ownership of the bridge.

74 KINGS MILL VISITOR CENTRE

The meeting was attended by Mr Stefan Coghlan of Not-for-Profit Company 'Draigliving.wales'.

Stefan reported to members on the proposals to convert the top two floors of the Nant Mill Visitor Centre into 5 supported living units for young people with autism. Each unit would consist of a 1-bedroom apartment. The ground floor would remain a visitor centre with café and a 'go fund me' page had raised £1000 so far towards the opening of a café there.

The property had been bought with a director's loan and now funds were being sought to fund a freelance grant writer for the re-development costs.

The Community Council were supportive of the proposals and agreed to help where possible. Cllr Graham Rogers congratulated Stefan on what had been achieved in 12 months and wished him well with the project which would be an asset to the area. Cllr Phil Wynn offered to contact Children's Services on Stefan's behalf.

The Clerk was asked to enquire if a business plan had been produced before a grant could be considered.

75 OFFA CARNIVAL

The Clerk gave a further update to members on this years Offa Carnival which will take place on Sat 16th July at Bellevue Park. Hack Horse Sanctuary had confirmed they will be running the dog show at the event. Confirmed attractions are:

Stokes Amusements

Land train

Cheshire Falconry

Punch and Judy

Donkey Rides

Circus Skills Workshop

Dog Show

Brickfield Football

Bulgarian Dancing

Morris Dancing

Wrexham Concert Band

Stalls and Refreshments

The Clerk will be contacting all Councillors to request volunteers for the day.

76 RWF PROJECT

The Clerk updated members on the project. A site meeting had been arranged for Monday 27th at 11am for all groundworks contractors and the electrician to meet together on site.

77 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – in view of the confidential nature of this agenda item it was agreed for all members of the press and public to be excluded.

78 EXPENSE CLAIMS

Expense claims for June were reported as follows:

The Clerk	£69.18
The Community Agent	£41.66

79 SALARY DETAILS

Standard salary details totalling £5,424.71 were reported to the Committee for June to include the monthly payment to the Clwyd Pension Fund

Cllr Phil Wynn requested financial assistance for the hire of a skip for Bellevue Park and this was AGREED.

It was AGREED for Cllr John Ramm to represent the Community Council on Sunday 10th July at the Mayor's Civic Visit to St Giles Church.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

