

OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19th July 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

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-chair the meeting was chaired by Cllr Barbara Lloyd.

106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Sarah Roberts, John Williams, David Jones, Kenn Palmer, Linda Subacchi and Phil Wynn.

107 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

108 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 21st June 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

109 MATTERS ARISING

1. Lease on Parciau Community- the Clerk is still waiting for a reply from WCBC to her last email regarding requested amendments to the Heads of Terms.

110 COMMUNITY CENTRES

The meeting was attended by Helen McCarthy the Community Centre and Admin Officer. A report on the income for the last quarter was distributed. The Clerk was asked to circulate a comparative report on the expenditure for the 3 centres before a decision is taken in September on an increase in hire charges. Helen was asked to write to all groups advising that the Community Council is considering an increase in hire charges effective from April 2023 which would be the first increase in 4 years.

111 OFFA CARNIVAL

The Clerk gave a report to members on this year's successful Offa Carnival which took place on Sat 16th July at Bellevue Park. The event was very well attended helped by the sunny warm weather. Queues were long at many of the attractions including the land-train and the Clerk will ask for additional carriages at next year's event. It was agreed that the PA system needed additional speakers as it was difficult to hear announcements over the noise from attractions. Thanks were extended to all Councillors and staff who volunteered on the day.

It was AGREED to hold a meeting of the events committee early in September to start confirming arrangements and bookings for next years event on Saturday 15th July 2023.

112 RWF PROJECT

The Clerk updated members on the project. Further funding had been received from Gresford CC and SP Energy Networks. The Clerk was asked to produce a report on expected expenditure and income received so far.

A trip is being arranged on wed 10th August up to Llandudno to see the sculpture. Cllr Graham Rogers is proposing another raffle to be drawn at the Xmas Lights Switch on event in Nov.

113 FOODBANKS

A presentation was given by Cllr Barbara Lloyd and Cllr Andrew Ranger on a presentation they had attended on the work of the Wrexham Foodbanks. The video presentation had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

To raise funds it was proposed by Wrexham Foodbanks for a sponsored 30 minute walk every day throughout September to take place. **It was AGREED for the Community Council to join in the sponsored walk and Cllr Barbara Jones will circulate further information to members and staff. Cllr Andrew Ranger will set up a collective funding page.**

The Clerk was asked to place this item on the next agenda in September and to write to the WCBC Chief Executive and Cllr Mark Pritchard the Leader of the Council to ask about their strategy for tackling food and fuel poverty and how they propose to raise awareness of access to benefits.

114 ZERO CARBON POLICY

The Clerk was asked to circulate to all members again the Community Council's policy on Zero Carbon. A further meeting will be held for the Environment Group during the summer – and all members will be invited to attend.

115 LITTLE VAWNOG BRIDGE

The Clerk reported to members on a site visit to the footbridge attended by Cllrs Phil Wynn and Katie Wilkinson and Mr Kerry Williams Head of the Parks Dept at WCBC. It was advised that Offa Community Council contact as a matter of urgency the recommended contractor by WCBC Marc Willesden Construction to arrange for a quotation for repairs. To attempt to close the bridge off with barriers again would be ineffective because of the vandalism to the previous barriers.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mr Willesden and a further site meeting with him was arranged for the next morning. The Clerk will circulate the quotation as soon as it is received for members to approve works to take place during the summer recess.

116 BELLEVUE PARK

Cllrs Barbara Lloyd and Phil Wynn had asked for this agenda item to discuss replacing the fencing around the basketball courts which had been removed last autumn for the Xmas Lights Switch on Event. **It was AGREED that the fencing needed to be replaced for the courts to be utilised again for more tennis facilities. The fencing should be secure but capable of being taken down for events.** The Clerk will contact Cllr Phil Wynn with regard to costings and possible grant funding.

A further request had been made for the Music in the Park events, which were extremely popular pre covid, to be re-started in 2023. **It was AGREED for the events committee, when they meet in September, to start discussions on this in association with the Friends of Bellevue Park who had previously helped to fund the bands.**

117 BRYNYCABANAU PLAYAREA

A report was given by the Clerk from a recent site visit to the play-area on Brynycabanau Rd. The site visit was also attended by Cllrs Graham Rogers and Graham Wynne, representatives from the police, Carla Hughes and Paul Rogers from WCBC and Caroline Dawson. Discussion took place on the on-going problems with drinking, drug use, smoking, dog fouling and general anti-social behaviour in the play-area. The Community Council had erected signage in 4 languages showing that drinking, smoking, and dogs were prohibited but the signs inside the park had been removed within 24 hrs of being erected.

It had been agreed that these signs needed to be replaced and erected on double metal poles more securely. Also to request costings for a column to be erected to locate a CCTV camera with signage. The CCTV camera from outside Bodhyfryd School could be relocated here.

The police were asked to conduct more patrols of the area especially early morning to combat dogs in the play-area and late evening when the drinkers congregated there.

118 EXPENSE CLAIMS

Expense claims for July were reported as follows:

The Clerk	£199.11
The Community Agent	£46.89

119 SALARY DETAILS

Salary details totalling £7,036.52 were reported to the Committee for July to include the NALC Pay Award effective 1st April 2021 for the Clerk and Admin Officer, the increase in hours effective 1st July 2022 for the Admin Officer and the Community Agent, and the monthly payment to the Clwyd Pension Fund.

It was AGREED to oppose an application by Shell UK, Mold Rd for the sale of alcohol 24hrs a day, 7 days a week on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. The Clerk was also asked to contact the police to ask for their support.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

