

**OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 6th February 2020
MEMBERS**

Councillor Alex Jones (Chairman)
“ Laura Dickenson (Vice-Chairman)*

“ Caroline Dawson*
“ Christine Griffiths
“ Kevin Hughes
“ R Alun Jenkins
“ David Jones*
“ Barbara Lloyd
“ Elane Roberts
“ Sarah Roberts
“ Graham Rogers
“ Jim Steele
“ Linda Subacchi*
“ Steven Vale*
“ John Williams
“ Keith Williams
“ Graham Wynn*
“ Phillip Wynn*

*Absent

The meeting was also attended by WCBC Paul Roberts.

290 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Laura Dickenson, Linda Subacchi, Phil Wynn and David Jones.

291 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

292 POLICE MATTERS

The meeting was attended by PCSO Sara Williams.

The monthly crime report for January was received:

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/Trends:

Reports of anti-social behaviour and a group congregating on Pen-Y-Bryn, regular patrols are being conducted and group moved on. Reassurance has been given to local businesses.

Couple of reports of off-road bikes around the Hightown area - a section 59 notice has been issued to one of the suspects on one occasion.

Increased patrols around the hospital due to reports of suspicious behaviour, reassurance has also been given to surrounding businesses.

Crime Issues / Trends:

Unfortunately there has been 4 reports of burglaries around the area, leaflet drops have been done by PCSO's and community safety. High visibility patrols have been conducted and reassurance is on-going.

A request to remove a bench on Penybryn was discussed and it was agreed that although several people used the bench and contributed to anti-social behaviour in the area the bench is also used by elderly waiting for buses. It was agreed to retain the bench and to ask trading standards to investigate the sale of individual cans of high strength alcohol in the area.

Comments were made with regard to the police drop-in sessions and the need to better advertise them. The Clerk was asked to contact Inspector Vic Powell regarding this.

It was agreed to give a grant of £250 towards the purchase of security and safety freebies to be handed out by the police at the Community event on the 21st March. The Clerk will also investigate applying for a community cohesion grant.

293 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd January 2020 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

294 MATTERS ARISING

1. Funding of mobile library provision – the Clerk had contacted Mr Steve Bayley at WCBC to enquire into the location in Offa that the mobile library visits and how many times per week but had received no reply. It was agreed to defer this until a reply has been received.

295 COMMITTEE REPORTS**The Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee – 14th January 2020**

The report of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee was received and accepted.

The Planning Committee-2nd and 14th January 2020

The reports of the Planning Committee were received and accepted by the Council.

296 DRAFT BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales have completed the first stage of the review of Wrexham and the draft proposals for Offa were circulated prior to the meeting.

It was RESOLVED to support the proposals for the boundary ward changes in Offa to balance out the number of electorate in each ward. It was also RESOLVED that there should be no increase in the number of Wrexham County Borough Councillors or to the number of 2 member wards.

297 TRAFFIC WARNING SIGNS

This agenda item was removed as the item had been resolved prior to the meeting by the Residents group.

298 FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Copies of the annual financial risk assessment had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting along with copies of the current insurance policy.

It was AGREED that the internal controls in place for the protection of the physical assets of the Council and for the protection of its employees were approved. It was AGREED that the internal controls in place for the financial risk assessment were approved.

It was agreed to investigate the purchase of electric metal shutters for the Maesgwyn Community Centre.

299 INTERNAL AUDITOR

The effectiveness of the internal audit procedure was approved. **It was AGREED to re-appoint J D Henry of Mold to undertake the 2019/20 internal audit and the Chairman was authorised to sign the letter of confirmation of appointment.**

300 RESERVES POLICY

The draft Reserves Policy for 2020/2021 was approved and adopted.

301 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Annual Investment Strategy for 2020/2021 was approved and accepted.

302 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accounts were then authorized for payment as follows:

		Chq Nos
AJ Domestics (Com centre cleaning-dec)	£450.00	3722
Brickfield Rangers Fc (community football Dec)	£320.00	3724
WCBC (play areas 6mth SLA)	£7999.98	3725
Currys (Community agent laptop)	£502.98	3726
Caia Park Partnership (SLA qtr 4)	£7790.56	3727
Arrow County Supplies (com centre supplies)	£582.48	3728
Vision ICT (website part payment)	£840.00	3730
AJ Domestics (com centre cleaning-Jan)	£435.00	3731
Brickfield Rangers FC (community football Jan)	£400.00	3732
Derwen Computers (printer cartridges LOCH)	£44.00	3733
TOTAL	£19,365	

303 CORRESPONDENCE**WCBC**

- Renewal of WCBC dog control and dog fouling public space protection order – **it was agreed to support the proposals but to enquire into the method of enforcement**
- Frisky Pudding, 38-41 High St application for grant of a premises licence – it was agreed to support but to enquire into the times on the licence.

Other Correspondence

OWL Cymru – copy correspondence circulated prior to meeting. A request had been made by OWL Cymru for all community councils in Wrexham to contribute financially to maintain the service. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries amongst Clerks and invite a representative from OWL Cymru to a future meeting

FCC Environment – community liaison meeting wed 12th Feb at 5.30pm at Wrexham Recycling Park – noted

Network Rail – notice of engineering work at Wrexham General Station - noted

Letter of thanks for grant received from:
Cllr Graham Wynn on behalf of Hightown Environment Group

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

