

**OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 5th March 2020
MEMBERS**

Councillor Alex Jones (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.

326 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phil Wynn, Barbara Lloyd, Steven Vale, Elane Roberts and Caroline Dawson.

327 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

328 POLICE MATTERS

The meeting was attended by PCSO Sara Williams.

The monthly crime report for February was received:

Anti-Social Behaviour Issues/Trends:

- Reports of people asking for the use of phones and money on the premises of the hospital, regular patrols are being conducted along with Luke's 'cupper with a copper'.
- Maesgwyn road - on going parking issues. Lucia has spoken with Darren Green at WCBC about extending the double yellow lines on the one side to hopefully prevent the double parking. This first requires a public consultation which will be happening within the next few weeks.
- Pen y Bryn - on going reports of people sat on the bench drinking and causing ASB. Regular patrols and reassurance to local businesses is taking place. It was noted that the minimum price for alcohol has now come into effect and this may help the situation.

- Robbery at Denniz is still under investigation. No arrests have been made as of yet.

Crime Issues / Trends:

Burglaries - All are still under investigation.

- Longueville – no entry was gained.
- Attempt on Ffordd Ystrad – no entry was gained.
- Attempt on garage at Bron y dre

It was noted that the Chairman Cllr Alex Jones and Cllr Linda Subacchi took part in an initiative by North Wales Police to put flyers through the letter boxes of any properties in the Coed y Glyn area left in darkness or unsecure in the evening. The Clerk requested copies of the flyer to put in the next edition of the newsletter which goes out to all properties in Offa.

Wounding on Nelson Street – Unknown males have entered the back yard of a property and attacked a male using a knife. This is still under investigation; victim is now living out of area.

Other News/PCSO activities:

Cupper with a copper venues:

Rafa Club – Saturday 7th March 1pm

Hospital - Monday 6th April 10am

We will be looking to set up cupper with a copper in Hightown Community centre and Miners centre on Maesgwyn road in the near future, we will keep you posted with dates and times. A request was made for the dates to be advertised on the Community Councils facebook and twitter pages.

Lots of social media use showing where we are, what we are doing within the community.

Continued high visibility patrols.

Out and about with the speed gun in areas which have been brought to our attention.

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from PC Sofia Valentine for the Community Council to purchase security lights to be located in the alleys on Poyser Street, Edward Street and Hampden Road. An operation to prevent an anticipated spike in crime on these streets between May - September 2020 is being undertaken. Members asked for some further information on the reason the residents themselves are not paying for this and whether N Wales Police is also contributing to the overall cost. Members discussed a 50% contribution but they wanted the residents themselves to also contribute and take ownership of the security lights perhaps through the Victoria Rd Residents Association. Concerns were raised that a precedent may be set if the Community Council were to purchase the lights outright for residents.

329 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th February 2020 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

330 MATTERS ARISING

None raised.

331 COMMITTEE REPORTS**The Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee – 18th February 2020**

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

The Planning Committee-6th and 18th February 2020

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

332 NOTICE OF VACANCY ERDDIG WARD

It was reported that a vacancy had been declared for Erddig Ward following the resignation of Councillor Laura Dickenson.

333 POSITION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that following the resignation of Cllr Laura Dickenson the position of Vice-chair of the Community Council had now become vacant. **It was RESOLVED to leave the position vacant until the AGM in May when both the position of Chair and Vice-chair would be filled.**

334 REQUEST FOR A NEW PLAY AREA ON HIGH RIDGE DRIVE

The Clerk reported that a request had been received by Cllr Phil Wynn from a resident of High Ridge Drive off Bersham Rd for a play area on the estate. The nearest play area for children on the estate was on the Bryn Offa playing fields.

Members requested further information before a decision could be made. They asked for information on the number of children living on the estate and whether residents living near the proposed site had been consulted on the proposals. They also asked if residents would be prepared to contribute towards the overall cost of a new play area. This matter was then deferred to a future meeting.

335 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accounts were then authorized for payment as follows:

		Chq Nos
Wales Audit Office (external audit fee)	£187.75	3734
WCBC (school crossing patrols qtr3)	£2283.00	3735
Konica (qtr rent photocopier)	£132.08	3738
AJ Domestics (Com Centre cleaning)	£510.00	3739
Konica (copycharge)	£22.43	3740
WCBC (Parciau Com Centre costs)	£2182.94	3741
Wrexham Window Cleaner (3 x centres)	£95.00	3742
Caia Park Com Council (advice SLA qtr 4)	£1,512.00	3743
Brickfield FC (yth community football sessions)	£320.00	3744
WCBC (play eqpt repairs)	£775.07	3745
Police (security items for Offa event – grant)	£749.98	3746
BT (Office, LOCH and Maesgwyn accounts)	£375.64	DD
Corona Energy (electric Maesgwyn CC)	£180.71	DD
Hafren Dyfrdwy (water Maesgwyn)	£244.32	DD
Sage (annual payroll package update)	£234.00	DD
TOTAL	£9,804.92	

336 CORRESPONDENCE**WCBC**

- Information on Re-deployable CCTV cameras (previously circulated by email)- noted
- Play-work grant – notice of a grant of £463.45 off current playschemes costs - noted

Other Correspondence

- Friends of Wrexham Museum – request for a grant of £400 each from the 4 Town community councils. **It was AGREED to donate a grant up to £400 towards the project. The Clerk was asked to notify the other 3 Town Community Councils of the award.**
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – notice of finalised annual report for 2020/2021 - noted
- One Voice Wales – invite to join at a reduced cost of 50% for the first year - noted.
- One Voice Wales/SLCC Joint event at Ewloe 20th May – request for the Clerk to attend at a cost of £80. **It was AGREED for the Clerk to attend.**
- OWL Cymru – notice that the charity is to close from 31/3/20 - noted.
- Caia Park Partnership – cost of youth provision for 2020/21 - noted.

The Clerk raised the following matters:

- Defibrillator at Chapel Street Surgery – Cllr John Williams agreed to check on the defibrillator weekly to ensure it is maintained in the ‘ready’ state.
- Bron y Dre – **it was AGREED for the Community Council to pay for the hedging and for the preparation and seeding of the ground in front of the new V-hub on Bron y Dre providing confirmation is received from Virgin that they will reimburse the full cost to the Community Council.**
- Corona Virus – discussion took place on emergency measures to cover any period that the Community Council is unable to meet due to the Corona Virus. **It was RESOLVED to approve powers for the Chair and Vice-chair in consultation with the Clerk to act on any urgent matters that may arise during any period that the Community Council is unable to meet and for the Chair and Vice-chair of the Planning Committee to act on any planning matters that may arise.** Discussion also took place on measures that need to be implemented at the 2 community centres and Luke O Connor House. The Clerk was asked to ensure that there are sufficient hand washing gels and notices put up advising clients to wash their hands. Until advise is received to the contrary then the community centres and LOCH would remain open and the Community Council will continue to meet monthly.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

