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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF THE RHOSDDU COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON THE 26th March 2025 AT 6.30 pm AT BETHEL CHURCH, KENYON AVENUE, GARDEN VILLAGE, WREXHAM

Members Present – Councillors — Mrs L Lewis, Mrs M Lynch, Mrs W O’Grady, Mrs J Ryan, Mrs C Smith, J Billington, ID Bithell MBE, B Chowdhury, B Murray

Chair – Councillor S Gittins

Clerk – S Roberts

Apologies – Councillor M Jones, Councillor A Williams

192	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were given and accepted
193	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr I D Bithell in respect of the Licencing Application.
194	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD. The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15 th January 2025, and the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 15 th January 2025 were APPROVED as an accurate record. Chairman signed minutes as a correct record (copies attached)
195	MATTERS ARISING/ONGOING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES To consider any matters arising from the Minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WASTE BINS - waste bins by Garden Village shops have now been replaced by double bins. Awaiting invoices.• TREE PLANTING - work completed. 50 trees planted Prices Lane field, Colliery Road, Wats Dyke and Ffordd Meirionydd. Tree purchasing and planting have been covered by a WCBC grant, ongoing maintenance and watering is covered by WCBC. RESOLVED
196	COMMUNITY AGENT (rhosdducommunityagent@gmail.com Mobile – 07780253985) (a) To receive the Community Agent's monthly report. (b) To receive a verbal report from the Community Agent. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NEST PENSION – Clerk shared projected payroll figures with the Councillors based on an increase of Community Agent hours from 16/17 hours per week and with enrolment into NEST pensions. Councillors approved the change of hours and request the working contract be amended to 17 hours per week from 1/4/2025. Clerk to contact Avow and WCBC Commissioning Agent to advise. RESOLVED• COMMUNITY AGENT BUDGET – Clerk shared Community Agent budget to date. Community Agent would like to purchase games/activities for service user events going forward. Councillors requested a list of costs to be shared and emailed – Councillors RESOLVED purchase by email confirmation.• DESIGNATED PRACTITIONER (SAFEGUARDING) – CA has agreed to be the identified safeguarding officer for Rhosddu Community Council. Clerk to gain advice (AVOW) on what additional payment is required to cover the role.• TAI CHI CLASSES CA has secured a Tai Chi coach for a new group set up in Bethel Church Hall. Sian (WCBC co-ordinator - Wales National Exercise Referral Scheme, has agreed funding to cover 5 sessions up to this year end, then a further 24 sessions from 1st April @ £40 per session, totalling £1,160. This would be paid directly to Rhosddu Community Council, then RCC would pay the coach directly on receipt of invoices. WCBC are keen to pay us asap so that all costs come out of this year's budget.

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	<p>f) To consider a donation to Rhosddu School. Councillors APPROVED the donation of £150 RESOLVED</p> <p>g) To consider a donation to UareUK (United to assist refugees UK) the award will be used to support the merge of Wrexham's multicultural choir with UareUK. . Councillors APPROVED the donation of £150 on receipt of Uare accounts RESOLVED</p> <p>h) To approve the payment for 5x sessions of Tai Chi in March 2025 and a further 24 sessions ongoing. Instructor charge is £40 per session. Total cost £1160. RESOLVED</p> <p>i) To consider the increase in direct debit to Tesco Mobile (Clerk's mobile from £8.63 to £9.18) APPROVED</p> <p>j) To consider a donation to Bethel Chapel to support the centre with internet access. Councillors requested the Chair and Vice Chair to contact Bethel Chapel to discuss the financial support of internet connection as the Chapel accommodate the Community Council with their monthly meetings and Community Agent event bookings.</p> <p>k) To approve the payment of £1269.00 to One Voice Wales for membership 2025/2026 . Councillors APPROVED the payment RESOLVED</p>
198	<p>CITIZENS ADVICE 'DROP IN' SERVICE – WEDNESDAY WEEKLY AT SALVATION ARMY 1-2.30 – Following first 2 weeks of no engagement in early January, to date 5 Rhosddu clients (Stansty and Grosvenor wards) have accessed the service. Over the period to date Citizens Advice has provided a £20,518.80 income gain for clients. Councillors AGREED to continue the provision on approval from Councillor M Jones initially for the next 12 months. (Councillor M Jones has approved) Clerk to advise Citizens Advice and Salvation Army room booking RESOLVED</p>
199	<p>PROGRESS ON RHOSDDU COMMUNITY CENTRE – FEBRUARY 2025 Councillors Gittins, Lewis and Lynch and the clerk attended a meeting with WCBC Assets team. WCBC agreed for Prices Lane Community Centre to be handed back to WCBC on their receipt of full insurance monies. WCBC will draw up a Deed of Surrender for completion by the Community Council, an end date of 30/4/2025 has been set. Rhosddu Community Council have approached GHP Legal for support in reviewing paperwork and confirming signatories, Fiona Mclardie (costs £275.00 +VAT 1 hour maximum). Aspray Insurance have submitted a formal request for the claim to be settled on a full and final basis. MARCH 2025 Chair has confirmed approval to proceed with the Deed of Surrender for Rhosddu Community Centre with Paula Hayward WCBC. Chair has been in contact with Aspray Insurance, Aspray confirm they are currently working towards finalising the claim. WCBC confirmed Council's Legal Service have shared draft documents with the Community Council's solicitor</p>
200	<p>CCTV UPDATE Cllr Williams has approached Grosvenor Aptec, Wrexham for costings to replace 3x existing security cameras and an additional battery/solar camera for Prices Lane play area. Awaiting response.</p>
201	<p>PREPARATION FOR RHOSDDU FUNDAY AND GARDEN VILLAGE FETE 2025 Cllr Lewis confirmed Garden Village fete date has been set for 28th June 2025. Cllrs agreed to pay £258 for booking the Garden Village fete skip. RESOLVED Cllr Smith confirmed Rhosddu Funday 14/6. Event planning is progressing well.</p>
202	<p>PAYMENT OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: annual report 2024 to 2025 GOV.WALES The Clerk reported that the Independent Remuneration Panel had produced the Annual Review of Allowances for Community Councillors for 2024 /2025. Some Allowances were Mandatory, whilst others were Discretionary. It was RESOLVED that the Council formally adopt the Mandatory Payments i.e. ▪ Annual Allowance of £156 per annum) and</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Care Costs to facilitate Members carrying out Council duties. <p>Members also RESOLVED to adopt the following Discretionary Payments that Councillors could claim in appropriate circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Determination 4 of 2023) The cost incurred for Office consumables used in connection with Council duties (Receipts required) £52 • (Determination 46 and 47 of 2022) The cost of travel for approved Council duties. • (Determination 46 and 47 Of 2022) If the Council resolves that an overnight stay is required, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses. (up to a limit)(Receipts required) • (Determination 48 of 2022) Payment of Financial Loss Allowance (up to a limit) where loss has actually occurred due to approved Council duties <p>Members RESOLVED not to adopt and pay in respect of the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (Determination 49 of 2022) Payment of Attendance Allowance. ▪ (Determination 50 of 2022 uprated by the 2023 report) Additional payment for carrying out the role of Chairman of the Council. ▪ (Determination 51 of 2022 as uprated by the 2023 report) Additional payment for carrying out the role of Vice Chairman of the Council. ▪ (Determination 53 of 2022) Certain payments to Senior Members of a principal Council <p>Councillors were asked to consider if they wished to claim their Councillor Allowances for the Municipal year 2024 – 2025 £156.00. The Council RESOLVED to complete the related paperwork for the Independent Remuneration Panel of Wales. It was RESOLVED by the Council that all Councillors Allowances not claimed will be transferred to both Rhosddu Community Council Environmental funds and respective ward funds.</p>
203	<p>ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES The clerk reported changes had been made to the Risk and Internal Controls Policy in line with the Councils current Financial Regulations Policy. It was RESOLVED with updates that this policy be APPROVED by Councillors</p>
204	<p>COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. The Clerk reminded Members of their obligation to keep their Declarations of Interest up to date. RESOLVED that Members will provide the clerk with up to date information.</p>
205	<p>GARDEN VILLAGE FETE DONATIONS – following changes in Garden Village Fete committee members there has been a delay in amending/changing bank details. As a result the agreement for total income £1200.00 (the Fete Committee have already donated £250 for the benefit of Garden Village residents) £950.00 remaining. (Minutes 24th July 2024 item 87)</p>
206	<p>WCBC COMMUNITY REVIEW The Council has a duty under s22 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (“the Act”) to report every ten years on a community review having regard to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (LDBCW) timetable for conducting the reviews of principal areas’ electoral arrangements required by section 29 (1) of the Act. The last Community review was carried out in 2013.</p> <p>In order for the Council to identify which type of review should be carried out, Community Councils have been asked to complete a questionnaire and return via e-mail by Thursday 27 March 2025. Councillors provided information at the meeting and the Clerk will ensure the questionnaire is forwarded to WCBC. RESOLVED</p>
207	<p>TO APPROVE WATS DYKE PANEL/NOTICEBOARD Councillors approved the format of the new Wats Dyke noticeboard. Quotation received £3050.00 with an additional £75.00 for installation. Site meeting with WCBC has been arranged. Template shared with Councillors (4/6 weeks completion time) RESOLVED</p>

208	LCC FUNDING WCBC, ZACHARY JONES Additional funding £3000 is available from WCBC to support Low Carbon activities within Rhosddu Community Council wards. There is currently a remaining £5000 from previous WCBC Low Carbon Community funding making £8000 in total. Councillors will discuss activities to benefit the wards. Ongoing.
209	WREXHAM YEAR OF WONDER In 2026, activities are being planned in Wrexham for the 150 year Anniversary of 1876 (the formation of the Football Association of Wales, opening of Ruabon Road Cemetery, Art Treasures and Industrial Exhibition and the National Eisteddfod)
210	<p>RHOSDDU IN BLOOM DATES Members considered holding a Rhosddu in Bloom competition this year.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Council hold a Rhosddu in Bloom Competition this year on the same lines as last year.</p> <p>- Categories for entry - same 4 as previously, Large Garden; Small Garden; Display of Hanging Baskets, Planters, or Tubs (or any combination); and Single Hanging Basket, Planter or Tub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for receipt of entries - 5.00pm on Friday 18th July 2025 • Preliminary Judging - Week commencing Monday 21st July 2025 • Final Judging -Week commencing 28th July 2025 • Presentation of Prizes to take place from 11.00 am on Saturday 30th in August 2025 (subject to availability of Bethel Church Hall, Garden Village Fete, or other suitable venue) <p>- Prizes</p> <p>Preliminary Rounds –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner in each Category £25.00 • Runner Up in each Category £20.00 <p>Final Round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner in each Category £40.00 • Runner Up in each Category £30.00 <p>- Judges: To be discussed at the June meeting.</p> <p>- Presentation - Arrange for tea and cakes to be available for the presentation.</p> <p>Chair to arrange advertising posters.</p> <p>Councillors also APPROVED the continuation of the Rhosddu Community Champion award. Presentation day to coincide with Rhosddu in Bloom award ceremony, 30th August 2025.</p>
211	BUDGET OUTCOME FOR 2024/2025 Clerk shared the budget spends up to 23/3/2025 RESOLVED
212	<p>ANNUAL REVIEW OF INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND RESERVES POLICY 2025/2026 The clerk shared details of the current funds invested. Councillors discussed the following remain/to be included in Earmarked/Specific Reserves with 10% contingency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive and Events £32,000 • Rhosddu in Bloom and Community Champion Event £1000 • Future Proof Playground £50,000 <p>It was RESOLVED that this policy be approved.</p>
213	ACTION PLAN FOR BUDGET SPEND 2025/2026 Ongoing, to be discussed at next meeting.
214	SECTION 137 PAYMENTS The Clerk reported that he had received notification that the appropriate sum for the purposes of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the financial year 2025 – 2026 will be £11.10 per elector within Rhosddu.
215	GARDEN VILLAGE & DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE – Donation to Rhosddu Community Council. Councillor Williams has received a written update from M Kendrick. HMRC have confirmed that

	Garden Village Youth Club can donate the closing balance to Rhosddu Community Council without the deduction of corporation tax (£10,863.73 at 31 st Dec 2024) with the reduction of £150.00 (costs for tax advice). Councillors fully approved the donation of funds and would like to thank M Kendrick and Garden Village Youth Club for the generous funds. RESOLVED
216	LICENSING APPLICATION An application has been received from Mr Ali Salam for a new premises licence at Family Rhosddu Market, 104 to 106 Rhosddu Road, Wrexham. He is requesting Sale of Alcohol (Off Sales only) Monday to Sunday 00:00 to 00:00. Councillors OBJECTED to the application.
217	80th ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY - CHURCH SERVICE AND PARADE. Thursday 8 May 2025 at 12.30 p.m. To be attended by ID Bithell RESOLVED
218	COUNCILLOR REPORTS Councillor ID Bithell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Bithell has met with North and Mid Wales Highway Department, plans are in place to re-plant saplings in Ty Gwyn lane. Street Lighting – A new lighting column is in place on Stansty Bridge. Discussions are in place with WCBC for solar powered lights on the steps around Stansty Bridge. Bus shelter, New Road – repairs are planned.
219	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors raised concerns about parking on Ty Gwyn Lane during children’s football matches. Chair will contact the football team managers to express concerns. Skateboard Park, Prices Lane – Councillor Bithell to contact WCBC to discuss repairs to the existing skate park. DONATIONS – Councillors agreed that general donations should remain at £150.00 per request per year. However, it was agreed that organisations within Rhosddu geographical wards with specific, increased requests will be considered by the full Community Council.
	Date of next Full Council meeting - 23 rd April 2025

AGENDA - PLANNING COMMITTEE 26th March 2025

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Clerk – S Roberts

Apologies – Councillor M Jones, Councillor A Williams, Councillor ID Bithell MBE, Councillor W O’Grady

28	APOLOGIES were given and accepted
29	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest received
30	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>Please note: It is possible to view the Planning Application and Plans held by the Wrexham Council by clicking on the line which starts Planning Application and clicking on Control and Click to activate the link to the Wrexham Council Planning website) or view documents in advance of the meeting on Wrexham Council Planning portal): https://wrexhamcbc.my.site.com/pr/s/register-view?c_r=Arcus_BE_Public_Register&language=en_GB</p> <p>DATES 14/1/2025- 24/3/2025</p> <p>To consider the following Planning Applications:</p>

<p>Reference: P/2025/0031</p> <p>Proposal :ESTYNIADAU UNLLAWR I'R OCHR A'R CEFN/SINGLE STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS</p> <p>Location: 8 CAMBRIDGE SQUARE, WREXHAM, LL11 2YG</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
<p>Reference: P/2025/0050</p> <p>Proposal :NEWID DEFNYDD O DŶ AMLFEDDIANNAETH DOSBARTH C4 I DŶ AMLFEDDIANNAETH (SUI GENERIS) - 9 TENANTIAID/CHANGE OF USE FROM CLASS C4 HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION TO HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (SUI GENERIS) - 9 TENANTS</p> <p>Location: 18 GERALD STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1EL</p> <p>COUNCILLORS RAISED OBJECTIONS</p>
<p>Reference: P/2025/0047</p> <p>Proposal :ESTYNIADAU OCHR A BLAEN DEULAWR/TWO STOREY SIDE AND FRONT EXTENSIONS</p> <p>Location: 3 PLAS ACTON CLOSE, WREXHAM, LL12 8ED</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
<p>Reference: P/2025/0090</p> <p>Proposal :AMRYWIO AMOD 2 CANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO P/2023/0776 I DDIWYGIO DYLUNIAD/VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION P/2023/0776 TO AMEND DESIGN</p> <p>Location: THE RACECOURSE, MOLD ROAD, WREXHAM, LL11 2AH</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
<p>Reference: P/2025/0134</p> <p>Proposal :GWAITH I GOED A DDIOGELIR GAN ORCHYMYN CADW COED WCBC 254/WORKS TO TREES PROTECTED BY TREE PRESERVATION ORDER WCBC 254</p> <p>Location: 9 WATS DYKE WAY, WREXHAM, LL11 2TE</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
<p>Reference: P/2025/0109</p> <p>Proposal :CANIATÂD ADEILAD RHESTREDIG AR GYFER NEWID DEFNYDD ADEILAD O DDOSBARTH D1 (DDEFNYDD ADDYSGOL) I DDOSBARTH SUI GENERIS (HMO)/LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING FROM CLASS D1 (EDUCATION) TO CLASS SUI GENERIS (HMO) – 9 TENANTS</p> <p>Location: 67 KING STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1HR</p> <p>COUNCILLORS RAISED OBJECTIONS</p>
<p>Reference: P/2025/0021</p> <p>Proposal :ESTYNIAD I GAREG AC ADDASU'N ANECS/EXTENSION TO GARAGE AND CONVERSION TO ANNEXE</p> <p>Location: 4 PLAS ACTON CLOSE, WREXHAM, LL12 8ED</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
<p>Reference: P/2025/0236</p> <p>Proposal :ADDASU'R LLAWR CYNTAF I 1 FFLAT AC 1 FFLAT UN YSTAFELL AC ADDASU RHAN O'R LLAWR GWAELOD I 1 FFLAT UN YSTAFELL A CHADW UNED FASNACHOL AR Y LLAWR GWAELOD/CONVERSION OF FIRST FLOOR TO 1 NO APARTMENT AND 1 NO BEDSIT AND PARTIAL CONVERSION OF GROUND FLOOR TO 1 NO BEDSIT WITH RETENTION OF GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL UNIT</p> <p>Location: 11 LORD STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1LH</p>

	<p>COUNCILLORS RAISED OBJECTIONS</p> <p>Reference: P/2025/0254 Proposal :CANIATÂD HYSBYSEB AR GYFER ARWYDD DIGIDOL (WEDI'I OLEUO)/ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR DIGITAL DISPLAY SIGN (ILLUMINATED) Location: LAND OUTSIDE 16, LORD STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1LG COUNCILLORS RAISED OBJECTIONS</p> <p>Reference: P/2025/0226 Proposal :GOSOD CIOG CYFATHREBU DIGIDOL/DIFFIBRILIWR/INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS KIOSK/DEFIBRILLATOR Location: LAND OUTSIDE 16, LORD STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1LG APPROVED</p> <p>Reference: P/2025/0252 Proposal :CANIATÂD HYSBYSEB AR GYFER ARWYDD DIGIDOL (WEDI'I OLEUO)/ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR DIGITAL DISPLAY SIGN (ILLUMINATED) Location: LAND OUTSIDE 16, QUEEN STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1AP COUNCILLORS RAISED OBJECTIONS</p> <p>Reference: P/2025/0224 Proposal :GOSOD CIOG CYFATHREBU DIGIDOL/DIFFIBRILIWR/INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS KIOSK/DEFIBRILLATOR Location: LAND OUTSIDE 16, QUEEN STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1AP APPROVED</p> <p>Reference: P/2025/0225 Proposal :GOSOD CIOG CYFATHREBU DIGIDOL/DIFFIBRILIWR/INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS KIOSK/DEFIBRILLATOR Location: LAND OUTSIDE LADBROKES, LORD STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1LF APPROVED</p> <p>Reference: P/2025/0253 Proposal :CANIATÂD HYSBYSEB AR GYFER ARWYDD DIGIDOL (WEDI'I OLEUO)/ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR DIGITAL DISPLAY SIGN (ILLUMINATED) Location: LAND OUTSIDE LADBROKES, LORD STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1LF COUNCILLORS RAISED OBJECTIONS</p>
	Date of next planning meeting 23 rd April 2025

The meeting was declared closed at 20.18