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

HELD ON THE 22 July 2026 AT 6.30 pm AT BETHEL CHURCH, KENYON AVENUE, GARDEN VILLAGE, WREXHAM

Members Present – Councillors – Mrs L Lewis, Mrs W O’Grady, Mrs J Ryan, Mrs C Smith, S Gittins, ID Bithell

Chair – Councillor J Billington

Clerk – M Williams

Apologies – Cllr M Lynch, Cllr B Murray, Cllr B Chowdhury, Cllr A Williams,

56	CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS Welcome and thank you to all Councillors.
57	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were given and accepted
58	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Bithell in respect of licencing and planning applications.
59	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no members of the public present at the meeting to make any representations as set out in Standing Order No. 3(e).
60	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 June 2026 were received. RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 June 2026 be received and confirmed as a correct record. Chairman signed minutes. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24 June 2026 were received. RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 24 June 2026 be received and confirmed as a correct record. Chairman signed minutes.
61	MATTERS ARISING/ONGOING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES To consider any matters arising from the Minutes. a) GRITTING BINS: Councillor Bithell provided an update. The bin had been delivered to Holyrood Crescent. b) COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT SPRING GARDENS: The Chair had discovered that the land was owned by Castlemead Group Ltd and he had emailed them to ask permission to site the play equipment on the land. A further update would be provided at the next Council meeting. c) GOSAFE SPEED SURVEY, NEW ROAD: The Police Officer that the Chair had met with was not involved with GoSafe. RESOLVED - that the Clerk contact GoSafe and submit a request for a speed survey on New Road, Wrexham. d) BLUE HERITAGE PLAQUE: Councillor Gittins had been unable to meet with the franchisee as the restaurant was not open. He would continue to try and make contact and would provide another update at the September 2026 meeting. e) CCTV INSTALLATION: Councillors discussed the ongoing fly tipping issues on the junction of Walnut Street and New Road, and the potential costs to site the CCTV Camera, as provided by Wrexham CBC Officer Jo Rodgers. RESOLVED – to continue with the plan to site a CCTV Camera at the top of Walnut Street and to pay the costs which might be incurred as follows: Structural integrity test - £1000 Commando Socket - £100 Cost to place the camera

	Costs to remove the camera f) RHOSDDU IN BLOOM / COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS: Councillors discussed potential judges, judging dates and a buffet for the presentation ceremony on 29 August 2026. The prize amounts are as agreed at the April 2026 Council Meeting, Minute 258 refers. However, the prizes could not be awarded as cheques due to the Clerk not being set up as a signatory on the Unity Trust Bank Account. RESOLVED – that i. A buffet be ordered from caterers, Top Nosh for 20 people at a cost of £8.50 per head, total £170.00. ii. Councillors S Gittins and C Smith to visit and judge all competition entrants. iii. The prizes be awarded as Vouchers, purchased from The Range, Wrexham. iv. The Clerk to arrange the purchase of the Community Champion trophies from Macron, Wrexham. v. The Clerk make the necessary arrangements to add herself as a signatory on the Unity Trust Bank Account. g) CHANGE OF WEBSITE DOMAIN: The Clerk provided an update. Vision ICT had registered the new Domain name, www.rhosdducommunitycouncil.gov.uk on the 14 July 2026, this normally takes 10 days to complete. The Clerk’s new email address clerk@rhosdducommunitycouncil.gov.uk had been set up. RESOLVED – that the Clerk now transfer all the historical emails from Rhosddu@gmail.com to the new email address. h) PLAY AND YOUTH PROJECT: The Clerk confirmed the SLA costs for a further six months to 31 March 2027 would be £4120.40. Councillors discussed the costs and the latest report circulated prior to the Meeting. RESOLVED – that i. The Clerk email the Wrexham CBC Play Team to confirm that Rhosddu Community Council wish to extend the Play and Youth Project for a further six months, to 31 March 2027, at a cost of £4120.40. ii. The Clerk check if the SLA needs to be re-signed as there is a new Chair and Clerk in post since the SLA was originally signed.								
62	COMMUNITY AGENT (rhosdducommunityagent@gmail.com Mobile – 07780253985) Monthly update received from the Community Agent. a. CHRISTMAS LUNCH: The Community Agent discussed with Councillors whether a charge should be made as a deposit for the tickets for the Pensioner’s Christmas lunch and what the process should be for residents outside the Rhosddu Wards. RESOLVED – that the Christmas meal be funded by RCC and a charge of £5 per person be used to purchase gifts/prizes. Councillors approved for payment for the event to be taken from the Rhosddu Community Council budget specifically earmarked for the Christmas event. A charge of £15 to be made for non-Rhosddu residents. b. GARDEN VILLAGE HUB: The Community Agent provided an update on her work with Garden Village Hub. She is keen to do mobile phone workshops with the residents and the Hub would be ideal as it has WiFi. c. GARDEN VILLAGE INSTITUTE: The monthly sessions at the Institute are very popular and there are plans to hold a fund-raising session. Due to the end of the Community Agent funding and model, the remaining Community Agents are seeing an increased number of calls.								
63	FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNT PAYMENTS RESOLVED - To note the payments received and to approve the making of payments for July 2026 as set out in the Payment Approval Report below. a. <table><tr><th>Ref</th><th>Payment To</th><th>Reason</th><th>Amount £</th></tr><tr><td></td><td colspan="3">EXPENDITURE</td></tr></table>	Ref	Payment To	Reason	Amount £		EXPENDITURE		
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63	Clerk – (July 26)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 16 contracted hours	
	Community Agent - (July 26)	Community Agent salary (17 contracted hours)	
	46 Andy Hickie	Rhosddu Funday – Band/Live Music	£150.00
47	Thornccliffe Building Supplies	Garden Village Fete – Skip Hire	£288.00
48	Unity Trust Bank (June 2026)	Service Charge	- £9.55
49	Tesco Mobile	DD Clerk Mobile Phone	£9.73
50	Jon and Dan (DP Griffiths)	Band Garden Village Fete 2026	£300.00
51	Nightingale House Hospice	S137 Financial Assistance Grant June 2026	£150.00
52	Wrexham Trefoil Guild	S137 Financial Assistance Grant June 2026	£150.00
53	Wrexham CBC	Play and Youth Project GV Hub	- £4120.40
54	ASAP Signs	Banner for Garden Village Fete	£210.00
55	Orbis	CA Lone working Security App	£4.79
56	Wrexham Methodist Church	CA Sessions x 4 (@£25)– May and June 2026	£100.00
57	Ryan Lightwood	Band Garden Village Fete 2026	£100.00
58	St John Ambulance	First Aid Provision at Garden Village Fete 2026	£162.00
59	Sam Felgate	Band Garden Village Fete 2026	£100.00
60	1 st Acton Rainbows	S137 Financial Assistance Grant June 2026	£150.00
61	ASAP Signs	Banner for Garden Village Fete (Raffle)	£60.00
62	M Woodfine Jones	CA Expenses for May 2026	£57.58
64	Citizens Advice Wrexham	Outreach Service Quarter 1 (April – June 2026)	- £1111.50
65	Wrexham CBC	Inspection & Maintenance of Play Areas as per SLA April – September 2026	- £6577.20
66	The Salvation Army	Room Hire CAB Sessions x 5 July 2026	£125.00
67	Viking Office UK Ltd	Clerks Stationary – A4 Printer Paper x 3, Punched Pockets A4	£21.14
68	Pivotal Sound & Lighting Ltd	Garden Village Fete – Stage Hire	- £4106.59
69	Garden Village & District Community Association	Community Agent Garden Village Hall Hire – 2 hours at £16.00 per hour	£32.00
70	NEST Pension	CA & Clerk pension July 2026	£70.90
INCOME			
R11	Rhosddu Funday	Donations from Stalls	£4.50
R12	Rhosddu Funday	Donation from Drunken Monk	£150.00
R13	Rhosddu Funday	Donation from Wrexham Round Table	£100.00
R14	Unity Bank Credit Interest	June Credit Interest	£917.71
R15	HSBC Bank Credit Interest	July Credit Interest	£89.42
R16	Rhosddu Funday	Donation from Stalls	£25.00
b. Q1 PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2026/27 BUDGET: The first quarter bank reconciliation and accounts together with progress against the Budget as now submitted be received and noted, and that apart from the potential Election expenses, there are currently no other new areas for consideration or review for the 2026/27 budget; c. BABY BASICS: To consider a donation to Baby Basics Wrexham. RESOLVED: Councillors approved a grant of £150.00 under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 d. CHARRIOTS: To consider a donation to Charriots. RESOLVED: Councillors approved a grant of £150.00 under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972			

64	FINAL BUDGETS FOR RHOSDDU FUNDAY AND GARDEN VILLAGE FETE: • Garden Village Fete raised £1,070 from the stalls and food outlets, all monies will be divided up between the following: Garden Village Institute, Bethel Chapel, Bridge Club, Andy's Man Club, and Wrexham Litter Pickers. • Rhosddu Funday raised £2,098.61 from the stalls and food outlets. RESOLVED - all monies will be donated to Wrexham Outreach.
65	COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR VACANCY IN STANSTY WARD: Following the publication of the Community Councillor Vacancy in Stansty Ward, the Clerk had been notified by Wrexham CBC Electoral Office, that a request for an election had been made in writing to the Returning Officer, by TEN electors for the Community Ward. This meant a one-week window would be open for nominations. If only one nomination is received, that candidate would be returned unopposed, more than one candidate would result in an election. Councillors discussed the potential costs for an election, which would include, Poll cards, ballot papers, Polling stations and staff, count staff and Returning Officer expenses. RESOLVED – that i. The Clerk publish the Notice of Election on the Rhosddu Community Council website and Noticeboards. ii. The Clerk arrange the virement of funds from the Community Development Officer budget allocation to the Election allocation if required.
66	SALVATION ARMY – YOUTH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS: The Chair had been contacted by the Salvation Army regarding 40/50 young people who would be in the Wrexham area on the 5 August and available to do community work. He had arranged through the Tennis Centre, on Plas Coch Road that the young people would be litter picking in Ashfield Park. RESOLVED – that Councillor Ryan would visit Ashfield Park to meet with the young people in the Chair's absence.
67	LETTER FROM ANDREW RANGER MP: The Clerk had received a letter from MP Andrew Rangers office outlining the potential opportunity for additional funding in the Pride in Place Impact Fund. Councillors discussed a potential scheme in Ashfield Park for a tarmacked path and ramp to the Wheelchair Swing. RESOLVED – the Chair to discuss this with the Tennis Centre at his meeting on 11 August 2026.
68	RHOSDDU CP SCHOOL WALKING BUS: Councillor Gittins updated Councillors on the details of the Walking Bus Scheme. Thirty-three children had met at the Prices Lane Community Centre and walked to School with volunteers, a teacher and a PCSO. This would resolve the parking issue by the school but funding would be required to continue with the Scheme. The present position was noted.
69	GARDEN VILLAGE INSTITUTE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT: Councillors considered providing financial support to the Institute towards the purchase of an air conditioning or cooling unit. RESOLVED – that the Clerk contact Mr Ian Simon, Chairman and Trustee of Garden Village and District Community Association for more information.
70	SLA AGREEMENT BETWEEN WREXHAM CAB AND RHOSDDU COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The SLA FOR 2026/2027, between the Community Council and Wrexham Citizens Advice had been circulated with the agenda. RESOLVED: To continue with the SLA for 2026/2027 for Citizens Advice Wrexham to provide an Outreach Advice Service for a 1.5-hour duration for 47 weeks of the year for the period 1st April 2026 to March 2027 plus 1.5 hours follow up time. This agreement is for a 1-year period with the option of extending subject to an annual percentage increase, to be agreed on an annual basis (usually 5%) at a cost of £4,446.00, payable on a quarterly basis.
71	COMMUNITY AGENT: The Clerk had received an email from Acton Community Council enquiring if Rhosddu Community Council would be prepared host, manage and support an Acton Community Agent via an SLA agreement, following the cessation of the Community Agent service with Rainbow Foundation. Councillors discussed the number of hours currently worked by the Rhosddu Community Agent and her existing and future workload. RESOLVED – that

	i. The Clerk write to Acton Community Council and inform them that although Councillors could see the advantages in this working arrangement, they felt that the Rhosddu Community Agent does not have the capacity, at this time, to replicate her role as a Community Agent for Acton. ii. The number of hours currently worked by the Rhosddu Community Agent be increased from 17 hours per week to 20 hours per week with effect from the 1 August 2026; and iii. the Clerk email the Community Council's payroll Agent, AVOW, to inform them of this change to the Community Agent's salary.
72	ASHFIELD PARK: Councillor Ryan updated Councillors on the continuing problems at Ashfield Park involving fly tipping. Ashfield Park is a Field in Trust, Councillor Ryan had complained to Fields in Trust, however, Ashfield Park was now under a lease with Wrexham Tennis Centre. RESOLVED – that Councillor Ryan would accompany the Chair to a meeting with the Tennis Centre on the 11 August 2026.
73	AUGUST RECESS ARRANGEMENTS: The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Council should have arrangements in place to deal with any urgent business that arises during the August 2026 recess. RESOLVED – that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair be authorised to deal with any urgent matters that arise during the August 2026 recess and report back in September 2026 on any actions and delegated decisions taken.
74	COUNCILLOR REPORTS Councillor ID Bithell (Stansty): • the demolition of Prices Lane Community Centre had been approved, all site surveys had been completed. Parking at the new building would include disabled spaces and charging points for electric vehicles. • Work on the new Skate Park was progressing well. • New Play Area – there is a small green area at the top of Colliery Road, near Cae Glo. Councillor Bithell would like to install a toddler's play area on this site. RESOLVED – that Councillor Bithell would contact Wrexham CBC Officer, Carla Hinde for costings and report back to the next Community Council meeting. Councillor J Billington (Grosvenor): • UK City of Culture 2029 bid • County Councillor (Brynyffynnon ward) Phil Wynn – project for parking permits for residents on Wrexham FC Match days. • Rhosddu School Governors have approved parking at the school on match days, with all profit from this parking going to the school.
75	COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDING PROGRAMME: The Clerk provided details of an email received from the British Heart Foundation Cymru with details of a free defibrillator. Members discussed the numbers of defibrillators already available in the Rhosddu Community. RESOLVED – Not to proceed with an application at this time as there were already ample defibrillators available within the Wards.
76	ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS: The Annual Play Area Inspection Reports had been received and circulated prior to the Meeting. RESOLVED - to receive and note the Inspection Reports.
	Date of next Full Council meeting – 23 September 2026

MINUTES - PLANNING COMMITTEE 22 JULY 2026

Members Present – Councillors — Mrs L Lewis, Mrs W O’Grady, Mrs J Ryan, Mrs C Smith, S Gittens, Cllr ID Bithell

Chair – Councillor J Billington

Clerk – M Williams

Apologies – Councillors Mrs M Lynch, B Chowdhury, B Murray, A Williams

7	APOLOGIES were given and accepted
8	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were made at this stage of the proceedings
9	PLANNING MATTERS <i>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</i> <i>DATES 25 June 2026 – 21 July 2026</i> The following Planning Applications were considered: Reference: P/2026/0258 Proposal: SITING OF 3 CONTAINERS Location: LAND OFF TY GWYN LANE NOTED: Councillor Bithell informed Councillors that this application had been withdrawn. Reference: P/2026/0405 Proposal: PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR DEMOLITION OF BUILDING Location: SPRINGFIELD, GARDEN ROAD, WREXHAM, LL11 2PA RESOLVED – No observations Reference: P/2026/0408 Proposal: ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2 FASCIA SIGNS AND 1 PROJECTING SIGN (ILLUMINATED AND NON-ILLUMINATED) Location: 37 HOPE STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1BB RESOLVED – No observations Reference: P/2026/0421 Proposal: WORKS TO TREES PROTECTED BY TREE PRESERVATION ORDER WCBC 255 Location: 45 MAES GLYNDWR, WREXHAM, LL11 2DJ RESOLVED – No observations Reference: P/2026/0429 Proposal: INSTALLATION OF 3 RECYCLING HUBS Location: WREXHAM GENERAL RAILWAY STATION, STATION APPROACH, WREXHAM, LL11 2AA RESOLVED – No observations Pre application Consultation Notice: Cassidy&Ashton Land Off Maes Glyndwr, Plas Coch Campus C+A Proposal: Erection of 3no. 6-storey blocks of student accommodation (315 beds), including reconfigured parking area. Location: Land off Maes Glyndwr, Plas Coch Campus, Wrexham LL11 2HT RESOLVED – No observations
	Date of next planning meeting 23 September 2026

The meeting was declared closed at 20:53