

CYNGOR CYMUNED SESSWICK/SESSWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Sesswick Community Council Meeting held on **Thursday January 23rd 2025 at 6.00pm**, via Teams.

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Present: Edwina Theunissen Vice Chair (ET), Raymond Jones (RJ), Heather Rowland (HR), Dave Parry (DP), Sarah Jones (SJ), John Pritchard (JP) County Councillor for Marchwiel Ward.

Minute No	Title	Action
25/00	Apologies for Absence PCSO Lisa Marie Davies	Copy of minutes to be sent
25/01	Co option of 2 new councillors. No responses to date. Vacancy for one councillor. No response to date Vacancy of clerk to the council. Advert has gone out for new clerk on SCC website, community notice board and the Essentials magazine (February edition), Marchwiel face book and Wrexham Job centre to follow. Considering contacting SLCC, but SCC would like to see what interest emerges from the locality and neighbouring areas first. Personnel Sub Committee to oversee applications and report back to Council. DP and HR existing. RJ nominated to re-join Sub Committee HR nominated RJ, seconded by DP.	HR to contact Wrexham job centre. SJ to put advert on Bangor On Dee Facebook
25/02	Declaration of Interest None	
25/03	Public Participation, None	
25/04	Confirmations of previous minutes (meeting of 18th Dec.2024) HR confirmed and RJ seconded	
25/05	Matters arising from minutes 18/12/24 Speed gun purchase HR proposed. DP seconded. Defibrillator Email has been sent to all members regarding an update on this. Defib was attached to a WCBC lamp post. Following WCBC request, it has now been removed and in safe keeping. Defib can only be attached on a metal post belonging to SCC, in consultation with WCBC and Scottish Power. SCC is considering options.	RJ to purchase and forward invoice for payment to SCC HR to investigate further.

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	<p>Maelor Works, operator’s license</p> <p>RJ reported back on Traffic Commissioner’s (TC) response to objections.</p> <p>It stated that SCC can only object on environmental grounds in the vicinity of the site, which SCC has done. It stated that it was for statutory bodies to make comment, eg Highways, Planning, NRW etc.</p> <p>It also stated that only residents situated near to the site can make an objection on environmental grounds eg. noise nuisance, visual intrusion and any impact on their amenity.</p> <p>RJ has also written to object on environmental grounds.</p> <p>Responses from the TC have been confusing and contradictory.</p> <p>HR contacted all relevant statutory bodies. Ken Skates has responded and has written to the TC on behalf of SCC and residents. SCC feels that all we can do is wait and see the outcome. The overriding issue is that commercial developments are already established on the site without authorisations and environmental damage has occurred and it is affecting the wellbeing and amenity of the community. After over three years of investigations and nearly five year of existence little appears to have changed</p> <p>Bank</p> <p>HR has agreed to have the bank statements forwarded to her address temporarily until a new Clerk is appointed. New signatories were agreed at the previous meeting, with DP added.</p> <p>Laptop. Quotes</p> <p>Option 1. The ACER (decent standard), 17inch screen and has all the necessary pieces of equipment and connectivity etc. at £499, plus software at £119 plus set up £70 = £688 in total. Cost more due to larger screen.</p> <p>Option 2. The Hewlett Packard is £368 plus £119 software, plus £70 set up at £557 in total and within the £600 budget. This has a higher specification but a 15inch screen. Curry’s considered this a better build quality.</p> <p>RJ proposed purchase of option 2. DP seconded</p> <p>All councillors agreed.</p> <p>FOI</p> <p>JP suggested we should approach OVW for further advice</p>	<p>HR to carry out process with the Bank</p> <p>RJ to purchase option 2</p>																								
25/06	<p>Consideration of other business.</p> <p>Decisions taken between meetings as authorised under standing order 27</p> <p>Finance.</p> <p>Invoices and cheques.</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Company</th><th>Invoice</th><th>Chq.</th><th>Amount</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Grass cutting</td><td>111124</td><td>000822</td><td>£90</td></tr><tr><td>Jub. Stone</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Vision ICT Website & support</td><td>19399</td><td>000822</td><td>£210</td></tr><tr><td>£114,48</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>J, Gallanders</td><td>000823</td><td></td><td>£114,48</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Accepted</p>	Company	Invoice	Chq.	Amount	Grass cutting	111124	000822	£90	Jub. Stone				Vision ICT Website & support	19399	000822	£210	£114,48				J, Gallanders	000823		£114,48	
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25/07	<p>Bank Financial Statements to date 31.12.2024 Current account - £1,413.78 Reserve account - £5,024.18</p> <p>Accepted</p>	
25/08	<p>Planning P/2024/0176 - Maelor Works Certificate for an existing use of operation (In retrospect). Pending</p> <p>P/2022/2024 /0820 - Maelor Foods (MF). Pending Results of another noise survey carried out more recently has indicated that noise emanating from the site is impacting on residents' amenity and is not within acceptable limits and mitigation on site is required. Noise mitigation on site is recommended.</p> <p>It is unlikely that anything can be done about the noise from the HGV trucks, particularly at night causing sleep disturbance and impacting on residents' amenity. If MF acquires permission to increase production from 1 million to 2 million chickens per week, HGV traffic will increase significantly. Any complaints about noise, odours etc need to be reported to NRW, and to Public Protection WCBC for noise nuisance and odour, beyond the site.</p> <p>Contact NRW. Tel. 0300 065 3000 Email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk Or NRW. Contact us online Public Protection Service WCBC. Tel 01978 315300</p> <p>P/2023/0808 - Maelor Abattoir Farm Fresh Bedwell Rd. Pending</p> <p>P/2024/1601- NE of Maelor Works Solar Farm Pending</p> <p>P/2024/1270 : Plas Fron Pending</p> <p>2024/0129 Plas Fron Lodge Pending</p> <p>Maelor Works site Goods Vehicle Operators Licence – C & M Transport. Update See minute 25/05</p> <p>Details of planning applications/developments can be found on the WCBC Planning Portal. View it as a Web page.</p>	
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25/09	Zurich Insurance No changes to policy are needed for public liability for employees and volunteers working on behalf of SCC.	
25/10	Speed Watch DP and other councillors noted no significant reduction of speed on the B5130. DP was asked if he can download the data off the speed camera temporarily in the absence of the clerk, but his laptop will not allow him to do this. It was agreed that data can be downloaded once the new laptop is purchased.	
25/11	County Councillors Report JP left the meeting and was not able to re join due to technical difficulty, but forwarded his apology and sent an email report relating to a complaint of flooding of a car park belonging to a factory at the industrial site end of Bedwell Road. WCBC has carried out some action. A bund has been put in place which could affect flooding at the nearby cottage and other premises, in future. NRW has been informed.	
25/12	Police Report No Information to share on their report SCC can approach PCSO with any problems. Residents can make contact via this email address Lisa-marie.davies@northwales.police.uk	
25/13	Reports from other meetings None	
25/14	AOB Precept of £6000 set for 2025 /2026 Brief discussion regarding budget costs and the importance of being able to justify precept to the auditor. Anti sociable behaviour Some members of the public were reported to an SCC councillor, due to drinking/disturbance on the bench located on the Crescent, Bedwell Road. Eisteddfod this year is taking place in Ridley Wood by the old Nags Head. A local person approached DP and asked about bilingual road signs. SCC would need to request this from WCBC. Some SCC members were unsure as to the need for this, and the probable cost to SCC. Some SCC members felt that this is important for promoting the Welsh identity. Future meeting dates and venues. Zoom to be used instead of Teams, which has caused some issues. Next meeting 20th March 6-8pm via zoom Meeting ended 7.35pm Signed	SJ and RJ to meet to discuss. and report back. DP to pursue with PCSO DP to contact WCBC to investigate the situation and report back to SCC DP to set up and forward invites