

## CYNGOR CYMUNED SESSWICK/SESSWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Sesswick Community Council Meeting. Held on **Thursday March 20th 2025 at 6.00pm**, via zoom link.

Minute book 1448

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Attended by: Edwina Theunissen – Vice Chair (ET) Heather Rowland (HR) Raymond Jones (RJ)  
Dave Parry (DP) Sarah Glover (SG) Sarah Jones (SJ) John Pritchard (JP)

Number	Item	Action
25/15	<b>Apologies for absence</b> None	
25/16	Co option of 3 new councillors, update. Letter of introduction from Sarah Glover forwarded to councillors previously. SG was introduced and councillors presented some questions before she left the room to allow a brief discussion. Councillors all agreed to co-opt her and welcomed her back to the meeting. SCC still have 2 vacancies which will continue to be advertised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vacancy of clerk to the council update</li> </ul> Personnel subcommittee to start interviews	Personnel sub committee to interview
25/17	<b>Declarations of interest</b> SJ re Pickhill Planning Application	
25/18	<b>Public Participation</b> , standing orders 3e-3k. Anyone wishing to attend is requested to contact the clerk's email to receive the Zoom link in good time. Email <a href="mailto:clerk@sesswickcommunitycouncil.gov.wales">clerk@sesswickcommunitycouncil.gov.wales</a>	
25/19	<b>Confirmations of previous minutes (meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025)</b> Accepted by HR Seconded RJ	
25/20	<b>Matters arising</b> from minutes 23/01/25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed gun There is a need for more helpers with the Community Speed watch monitoring. <b>Any councillors or residents who are willing to help monitoring traffic, please contact SCC at <a href="mailto:clerk@sesswickcommunitycouncil.gov.wales">clerk@sesswickcommunitycouncil.gov.wales</a></b></li> <li>Defibrillator Defib will be mounted on SCC lamppost, which is located on the Holt Road just past the bend beyond the Co-op. Local Electrician agreed to fit it FOC. Electricity is needed to heat the cabinet, defib. runs off batteries. Once installed it needs to be registered on the circuit by the 'guardian'. Guardian needs to check the defib regularly to ensure in working order and report any concerns. We need two guardians.</li> </ul>	RJ /HR to follow up  RJ /HR to follow up.  Page 1 of 4

	<p><b>Guardians do not have to be councillors. Residents, please come forward if you can help out in this way.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maelor Works, operator’s license No further information received.</li><li>• Bank, business mandate changes.</li></ul> <p>Councillors have provided digital signatures. The process should be completed in 7-10 days. Signatories SJ, HR, RJ, DP, SH.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laptop - Await appointment of new Clerk</li></ul> <p>Will be actioned on the appointment of the clerk</p>	RJ to purchase - receipt to SCC																
25/21	<p><b>Consideration of other business.</b></p> <p><b>Decisions taken between meetings</b> as authorised under standing order 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Payment of Advert for clerk Essentials. See minute 25/22</li><li>• Letter in support of residents’ objections to RWE Butterfly Solar Farm. Deadline 17<sup>th</sup> March</li></ul> <p>A response to the consultation was needed before the meeting, therefore this was discussed with councillors via email.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that regardless of personal opinion, we represent the community and as such have a duty to champion their concerns.</p> <p>JP shared other council’s concerns regarding the proposal of the Solar Farm, which included, but not limited to Marchwiell ward and Eyton ward. JP encouraged all councillors to attend consultations if they are able to.</p> <p>DP suggested SCC share applications for planning on controversial issues as this would be seen as good practice and community working.</p>	SCC to keep in contact with other CC’s / Wards on controversial issues.																
25/22	<p><b><u>Finance.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Invoices and cheques.</u></b></li></ul> <table><thead><tr><th>Company</th><th>Invoice No</th><th>Chq. Number</th><th>Amount</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Essentials Magazine</td><td>6637</td><td>00084</td><td>£60</td></tr><tr><td>Web email hosting</td><td>19858</td><td>cancelled</td><td>£120</td></tr><tr><td>Web “ “ “ Revised</td><td>19858</td><td>000825</td><td>£24</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Web email hosting costs relate to the generic email addresses. <a href="mailto:Clerk@sesswickcommunitycouncil.gov.wales">Clerk@sesswickcommunitycouncil.gov.wales</a></p>	Company	Invoice No	Chq. Number	Amount	Essentials Magazine	6637	00084	£60	Web email hosting	19858	cancelled	£120	Web “ “ “ Revised	19858	000825	£24	To be retained for clerk only
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25/23	<p><b><u>Bank Financial Statements to date, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2024</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>At Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 Current account   £874.59</u></li><li>• <u>At Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 Reserve account   - £5,034.56</u></li><li>• <u>Interest rate on reserve acc. Change from 1.25% to 1.10% on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025</u></li></ul>																	
25/24	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>P/2024/0176 - Maelor Works certificate for an existing use or operation. (In retrospect). Pending</p> <p>P/2022/2024 /0820 - Maerlor Foods Noise mitigation on site to be carried out. Pending</p> <p>P/2023/0808 - Maelor Abattoir bedwell Rd. Pending</p>	For updated info. applic.’s can be found on Wrexham Planning Port Page 2 Of 4																

	<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>11/11/2024 Goods Vehicle Operators Licence – C &amp; M Transport, Maelor Works site.</p> <p>No further information received. Residents’ observations support that there has been an increase in C&amp;M transport and other business vehicles. DP has received an email from Planning stating this issue is under investigation. DP felt reassured by this. RJ has received letters to SCC highlighting concerns from residents.</p> <p>P/2025/0211 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. Pickhill Farm, Cross Lanes, LL13 OUL</p> <p>P/2025/0242 Listed building consent for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. Pickhill Farm, Cross Lanes, 13 OUL</p> <p>SJ left the meeting, during which there was a brief discussion. This application comes under special rules related to listed building consent and conservation. It will be under the control of the Planning Department.</p> <p>P/2025/ 0048 Single storey side extension, replacement of flat roof with pitched roof and replace one window to door. 4 bedwell crescent Cross lanes LL13 OTT</p> <p>No comments required from councillors</p> <p>P/2025/0133 Lawful development certificate for existing use, Single storey rear extension. Woodlea, Kiln Lane, Cross Lanes. LL13 OSY</p> <p>No comments required from councillors</p>	<p>SCC to forward letter to update Enforcement and Planning, of residents’ concerns</p>
25/25	<p>Residents’ letters of concern about increase in HGV traffic on B5130</p> <p>Discussed above minute 25/24</p>	
25/26	<p>Residents’ letters of concern re. RWE Butterfly Solar Farm</p> <p>After discussion amongst councillors between meetings, a letter of objection was forwarded to RWE to meet the deadline, 17<sup>th</sup> March. Some areas for further exploration were raised by councillors. All agreed that the priority was to support local residents. JP has attended consultations and shared that concerned members of the public will form a campaign group. JP highlighted that the solar panels are ‘on the doorstep’ of local residents. He also highlighted that the preparation of the infrastructure will have a huge impact on all wards and asked to share SCC’s letter of objection with other concerned parties. SCC agreed.</p>	<p>SCC agreed for letter to be shared and to remain in contact with action group.</p>
25/27	<p>Street lighting Service maintenance Agreement 2025 -26</p> <p>SCC agreed to continue with maintenance plan with LA. Cost has reduced from £32.80 -£ 30.79. per unit. SCC have 4 lamp posts to maintain.</p>	

	JP suggested SCC liaise with Paul Rogers from LA to inform him of the council's wish to position defib on a lamppost, which although is the responsibility of SCC, is maintained by LA.	HR to action
25/28	County Councillors report Consultation on 20mph and 30 mph roads. JP suggested to read the leaflets on the lampposts and comment individually on the consultation regarding Holt Road and Kiln Lane if members feel they need to remain 20mph.	SCC to write a letter to LA asking for update and to re iterate concerns.
25/29	Police Report HR has forwarded the top 3 concerns of local residents to PCSO Lisa Marie Davies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increasing HGVs,</li> <li>• Speeding</li> <li>• Parking on Spine Road Nant Clwyd Park</li> </ul>	RJ to email PCSO and request speed checks and Go Safe support.
25/30	Future of Play equipment. A member of the community has this stored in her property but wishes to relinquish the responsibility. <b>Assistance from resident members would be helpful and appreciated.</b>	DP to look after short term and SJ to look after long term.
25/31	Reports from other meetings. None	
25/32	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future meeting dates and venues or online.</li> </ul> AGM May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2025 6pm. Via Zoom. HR acknowledged that councillors are busy with other responsibilities but politely requested all members to reply promptly to emails and thanked everyone for their contributions and efforts. Meeting ended 19:37hrs	Page 4 of 4