

Cyngor Cymuned COEDPOETH Community Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in The Old Carnegie Library
at 19.30 on Tuesday 2 March 2010

<p>6</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Canslo Carbon Coedpoeth</p> <p>The Chairman raised the issue of the letter that the Council had received from Ground Work inviting Coedpoeth Council to support Canslo Carbon Coedpoeth. Jeanette Blackford had already delivered 300 flyers to home addresses in the village.</p> <p>Cllr Mandy Bostwick suggested writing a letter of support.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that a letter of support should not commit the Council to financial expenditure.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Whitby asked what the benefits might be. The Chairman replied to help the village people to save energy, fuel and money.</p> <p>Cllr George Williams commented our resources will run out one day and that we need to recycle our waste. Jeanette Blackford had seen something that was good for our village.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Whitby recommended that the people of Coedpoeth buy locally manufactured and sourced goods to save polluting the atmosphere any more. Cllr Beatrice Williams replied that is a good idea but a difficult one to carry out.</p> <p>Amended proposal to write to the development committee offering our support, as saving energy and fuel is better for our village, using the very full and detailed draft offered by Cllr Whitby.</p> <p>Amended proposal: Cllr Beatrice Williams Seconded: Cllr Steven Lee In favour: 2 Against: 6</p> <p>Jeanette Blackford commented that we were not here to save the planet, but to try to help Coedpoeth.</p> <p>Cllr Carol Edwards replied we were mainly concerned with what goes on in Coedpoeth.</p> <p>Cllr Mandy Bostwick commented that the Carbon Footprint could go on and on and would prefer more of a general statement which gives us a wider issue than the statement Cllr Mike Whitby had made.</p> <p>Original Proposal: 8 Against: 2</p> <p>The Chairman to write letter of support to Jeanette Blackford concerning the energy of Coedpoeth.</p>	<p>MD</p>
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<p>The Chairman outlined the schedule of invoices to be paid on behalf of the Council and requested approval for payment.</p>	MD
<p>The Chairman again sought agreement to utter the cheque (£5,000) to open the Unity Trust Account so enabling us to pay in cash at and support the local Post Office.</p>	
<p>Cllr Derek Unwin raised the issue that at the last meeting it was said that we need to clarify that the Post office could accept such credits. The Chairman passed round the Post Office paying-in book.</p>	
<p>Proposal: Cllr Carol Edwards Seconded: Cllr Mike Whitby All in favour</p>	
<p>Cllr Beatrice Williams enquired whether we had yet quantified how much money we have saved by not employing a full-time clerk? The Chairman explained that the extra costs of investigating the Cemetery and sorting out pay and pensions arrangements needed to be included.</p>	
<p>A general discussion took place about various schemes that might be feasible, with the necessity of drawing up a list – with the four-year plan so enabling us to address safety and disabled issues.</p>	
<p>The Chairman had established that the Council's new photocopier was actually bought second-hand and not to the original high specification that the Council had agreed. Madam Clerk had ignored the specification in order to save the Council money, but it was agreed that the machine was not working well and that the lacking facilities were sorely missed. Madam Clerk had subsequently purchased an extra scanner and colour printer rather than set up the "new" copier as originally intended.</p>	
<p>Following the option to move the Clerk's Office to the Domino Room the Chairman was to ask Ian Ashcroft for detailed specifications for rewiring the Cemetery Lodge and the Old Carnegie Library. These specifications were then to be used to obtain three quotations, Ian Ashcroft's among them. Cllr George Price suggested to have the 3 quotes in sealed envelopes and to be opened all together.</p>	
<p>Proposed: Cllr Mike Williams Seconded: Cllr Mandy Bostwick All in favour</p>	MD
<p>The Chairman suggested that the Council buy Non Value Indicator (NVI) postage stamps before the price increased in April. £100 agreed.</p>	MD
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	<p>The Chairman raised the issue of the renew contract with Wrexham County Borough Council to empty the Commercial bins at the Old Carnegie Library and the Cemetery Lodge. Cllr George Williams suggested that we review other contractors and the Council agreed to research this during the year.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Mandy Bostwick Seconded: Cllr Carol Edwards All in favour</p>	MD
8	<p>Planning</p> <p>P/2010/ 0113 received no objections and all in support.</p>	MD
9	<p>Wrexham Boundary Review</p> <p>Cllr Mike Whitby had attended the meeting at the Guildhall and had previously circulated a report, for which the Council thanked him. During discussions this Council agreed that merging villages or parts of villages to reduce or equalise the numbers of Councillors could not be seen as an improvement to democracy or local services.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Whitby agreed to draft a letter saying we need more Councillors not fewer.</p>	MW
10	<p>AVOW Key Fund result</p> <p>We have been successful in our £10,000 application for the Youth Centre for furniture. However the WAG changes mean that the Youth service can not add £3,333 worth of volunteer time to gain the £10,000 grant and that AVOW would only grant £7,500 with a shortfall of £2,500 arising. The Council could offer £2,500, funds being available, subject to the Council's overall plans.</p> <p>The Chairman will invite Juliet Mckenzie (WCBC Zone Leader) to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Carol Edwards said we would not be able to have any involvement in the management of the Youth Club. Cllr George Williams raised the issue that we need discipline and respect back from the children.</p> <p>Cllr Carol Edwards raised the issue about when the Youth Club had new tables and chairs, they were just destroyed. Tina and Michelle ran the Youth Club but urgently need more staff.</p> <p>Cllr Carol Edwards Children suggested that children from other villages would be using the Youth Club as well.</p> <p>Cllr Mandy Bostwick offered a meeting with Cllr Arfon Jones.</p>	MD

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	<p>Best Kept Village</p> <p>The Chairman suggested entering for the best kept village. Agreed</p>	MD
12	<p>Admin report, including recruitment of Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Mandy Bostwick handed out a Job Description for the new clerk's position. Cllr George Williams had been working on the job description beforehand and the Chairman thanked them both for their considerable efforts on behalf of all Councillors – and the village.</p> <p>Cllr Mandy Bostwick wanted all Councillors to go away and have a look at the job description and email any comments back to her.</p> <p>Cllr Mandy Bostwick to set up a meeting with Steve Hibbert, as the Cemetery Superintendent Allan Lloyd's house required work.</p> <p>The Chairman touched on what appeared to be a long ago decision to pay the Cemetery Superintendent a low wage, apparently by a low rent, although this made no difference to the Council and reduced the Cemetery Superintendent's pension. Cllr George Price said the Cemetery Superintendent Allan Lloyd gets a lot of out of hours hassle, hence the original arrangement.</p>	
13	<p>Buildings</p> <p>Cllr Mike Whitby raised the issue that he is still waiting on the Caretaker Ray Williams' to make a wish list of all the repairs for the Parish Hall. He is going to send him an email to remind him.</p> <p>Cllr Mandy Bostwick is going to meet with the care taker Ray Williams regarding his job description.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded Councillors of the earlier suggestions to move the clerk's office downstairs, so releasing a bigger meeting room and making the office more convenient.</p>	
14	<p>Cemetery Report</p> <p>Nothing to report aside from the Chairman's investigations with the Internal Auditor addressed above.</p>	
15	<p>Advance notice</p> <p>Councillors would like to advance warning of topics for future agendas. Councillors' reports was not to be used for reporting matters that should more effectively go to Streetscene (29 89 89) or to fixmystreet.com</p> <p>Cllr Mike Whitby raised the issue that the Royal House Kebab House</p>	

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<p>had now opened, without any apparent need for planning or notification.</p> <p>Cllr George Price raised the issue of windows being altered without planning permission and the windows downstairs being altered and enlarged. Whilst these might not be Planning matters the Chairman would inform the planning officer for her to investigate.</p> <p>The Chairman raised the issue that a date is needed for the next AGM</p> <p>Cllr Carol Edwards raised the issue of the state of the roads around Coedpoeth.</p> <p>Cllr Derek Unwin advised that at the last meeting that Cllr George Williams was to send a letter to the Wrexham Council to ascertain WCBC's plans for future adverse weather after the serious failures this year. The Chairman was to add some comments in discussion with Cllr George Williams.</p> <p>Date and Time of the Next Meeting Tuesday 16 March 2009 at 19.30 in The Old Carnegie Library.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 10:05 p.m. with the Chairman thanking all present for their attendance and input.</p> <p>Please send items for the agenda for the next meeting to clerk@coedpoeth.com by 2 p.m. on Wednesday 10 March 2010, together with supporting and background papers.</p>	<p>MD GW</p>
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