

Is-y-coed Community Council Draft Minutes (November 2025)

Details of some items discussed at the Council Meeting held on 18th November 2025 at the Is-y-coed Village Hall.

Matters Arising

1. Village Hall – the Clerk reported that the 2 x electric hand driers had been returned and refunded as they were too powerful for the electricity supply in the washrooms.
2. P/2025/0719 – Lower Oak Farm, Oak Rd, lawful development certificate for existing use- siting of 2 storage containers. It was noted that comments submitted relating to this application had since been withdrawn with WCBC as the wrong containers had been identified at the meeting.

Finance

b) Draft Budget 2026-27. The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2026-2027, together with information on the required precept to meet that budget. This was considered and following discussion the draft budget and precept were approved. The budget for 2026-2027 was agreed at £22,760. The precept was agreed at £21,000 which equates to £90.13 per band D property. The slight shortfall in precept against budget coming from reserves.

Village Hall

Members were updated on hall bookings.

It was agreed to purchase better paper towel dispensers for the washrooms.

Improvements to the exterior car park lighting have been made.

The 'Carols around the Christmas tree' event takes place on Sunday 7th Dec starting at 6pm with lights switch on at 6.30pm. Free mulled wine, mince pies and hot dogs will be available.

The Hub volunteers were congratulated on the successful £1,200 grant application to WCBC warm spaces. This will provide additional equipment for the kitchen.

It was agreed for the Clerk to apply for a PRS Licence for the hall.

Planning Applications The following pre-planning consultation was received:

Telecycle Europe for the former McCarthy Haulage site on Wrexham Ind. Estate for change of use from haulage yard storage to a waste recycling facility for the shredding of components.

Members raised a concern over potential excessive noise levels that may be incurred, especially when the plant goes from a single 8-hour shift per day initially, to a double shift per day when the plant is more established. Members would like to know more details about how sound levels will be monitored.

St Paul's VA School

It was agreed to nominate Cllr Sandra Hinds as the Community Council's representative on the Governing Body.

Correspondence The following correspondence was received and noted:

a. Paul Rogers, WCBC – We received notification that unit 4 outside St Paul's Church was faulty. Our electrician has attended and reported back that the lantern is beyond repair and requires a replacement. If acceptable to you I will instruct the electrician to replace the lantern with a new LED unit. Estimated cost for the lantern - £120. It was agreed to fund the replacement lantern.

b. Andrew Ranger MP – info on: 'As you may be aware, the UK Government will be giving £1.5 million of additional funding to Wrexham through the Pride in Place Impact funding. The funding is for the following areas: Community Spaces: creating extending, improving or refurbishing existing community facilities and enabling community organisations to take control or ownership of underused but valued local assets.' It was agreed to pursue a grant application for the village hall when the funding becomes available.

c. WCBC – 'Following on from the 2025 National Eisteddfod, Wrexham Council are working with external groups to create a legacy of the National Eisteddfod here in Wrexham. We are holding some walk in sessions over the next few months for members of the public who wish to share their ideas. I have posters I can drop off and I would be grateful if you could share them across your community.'

Date of next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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Thank you to Jenny Baker and Family for sponsoring this month's Issue in loving memory of Gerald.

EDITORIAL

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

The **Fish Fry van's** next visit to the Village Hall will be on Tuesday 9th December from 4.30pm until 6.30pm.

Wrexham Mobile Library Service will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 11th December from 11am to midday.

Our Community Agent, Annette Thomas's next visit to the Community Hub will be on Thursday 11th December.

Don't forget to come along to the Village Hall on Sunday 7th December from 6pm for the **lighting up of the Village Christmas Tree** at 6.30pm. Get into the Christmas spirit with singing carols and enjoy free mince pies, mulled wine, tea or coffee and soft drinks. Hot dogs also available to purchase.

A local farming workplace opportunity is being offered to a young individual who is seeking paid work experience, with an application closing date of 8th December. Please see the enclosed article for further details.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

4th December – Coverdale puppets will be performing for the children.

5th December – Own clothes day in return for chocolate donations for our Christmas Fayre.

10th December – Christmas Concert to be held in Church with performances at 2pm and 6pm. Everyone welcome.

11th December – Christmas jumper day.

15th December – All the children are going to Theatre Clwyd in Mold to see 'There's a monster in my Christmas Play'.

Also on 15th we will be holding our Christmas Fayre in school from 2.30pm to 4pm.

17th December – Christmas party day. 19th December – School closes for the Christmas holiday.

5th January – Teacher training day. 6th January – School reopens for everyone.



Is-y-coed Community Hub News

The Hub would like to thank Kellogg's for recently visiting the Hub and donating some of their products. The last get together this year will be on Thursday 18th December when we will celebrate with a Christmas Party. **The Hub will re-open on Thursday 15th January 2026**

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS

Farming Paid Work Experience Opportunity

An article in the Wrexham Leader on 20th November provided details of a farming work placement opportunity for a young individual who is seeking paid work experience. This opportunity is offered by Farming Connect and is open to anyone, as no previous farming experience is required, just a willingness to learn, enthusiasm, positive attitude and a love of the outdoors. Woodcraft Farm at Bangor-on-Dee are currently seeking an individual for placement on their beef farm, which will provide a chance to build confidence, develop new skills and gain practical experience in animal care and teamwork in supporting smooth farm operations. The application window will close on Monday 8th December. For more information on Start to Farm work placement opportunities contact Farming Connect on 03456 000 813.

Did You Know?

Did you know Wrexham's libraries have a wide range of smartphone and tablet help guides? If you're struggling to get to grips with your new technology call in to your local library and borrow a self-help guide.

Erlas Victorian Walled Garden Christmas Fayre

Step into a winter wonderland at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December from 10am to 2pm. Seasonal handmade wreaths and crafts will be on sale, Santa's Grotto, children's activity bags and refreshments available. Entrance is £1 per adult with free entry for children.

Congratulations to all at Erlas who recently won the **National RHS Gardening for Health and Wellbeing Award 2025** title and were presented with their Trophy at the RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals Ceremony in Brighton.

Bellis's Country Market Christmas Table Arrangement Workshop

Join Nigel Whyles, NAFAS Area Demonstrator, for a festive hands-on workshop where you will create and take home your own Christmas-themed table arrangement. This event will be held on Wednesday 17th December, from 9.30 to 11.30am, in the Strawberry Fields Restaurant and the cost is £35.95 per person, which includes all materials, tea or coffee and a piece of cake. (Please bring your own secateurs). Please see a member of the restaurant staff to book your place and make full payment. NB. We will need to sell a minimum of 8 places for this event.

Bellis's Festive Afternoon Tea is available from 8th to 23rd December, Monday to Friday from 2.30pm and costs £19.50 per person.

Deadline for the January Issue is Sunday 21st December. Please notify Rachel Bellis (660275) or Marian Hughes (01829 272325) or e-mail marianhug13@outlook.com with all your news, birthdays, fundraising and other social events.

We strive to give as much up to date information as we can, but sometimes events are cancelled or amended after our publication, which is out of our control.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday wishes to:

Sam Ellis : 6th December Elliot Nield : 20th December Jane Bowyer-Jones : 23rd December
Francesca Worsnop : 27th December



And to all those who celebrate their birthdays this month

Best Wishes

To Howard Foster who is feeling much better after his 9 week stay in hospital. It is good to know that he is now home.

To Fiona Hinds who is now home after a recent stay in hospital.

To Howard Mapp for his ongoing recovery after his recent knee operation.

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to Gwyneth Taylor and family on hearing that Gwyneth's husband Ron has sadly passed away.



Wrexham Farmers Ladies Section

The next meeting will be held in Is-y-coed Village Hall on Tuesday 9th December when Rosie Lee from Weaver Dairy House Farm in Winsford will be talking about her project 'Let's Farm'. This provides farming-related opportunities to adults with learning disabilities. There is a £3 charge for visitors, which includes tea, coffee or mulled wine and mince pies. We look forward to welcoming you.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising evening with Simon McCleave at the village hall when the fantastic amount of £1,144 was raised for the Wales Air Ambulance Charity. Thank you also to Net World Sports and Hotel Wrexham who recently provided prizes for our raffle in aid of the Wales Air Ambulance which raised an additional £200 at our annual dinner at Hotel Wrexham.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th December 11am Morning Worship

Sunday 14th December 3pm Holy Communion

Sunday 21st December 11am Carol Service

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service

Sunday 28th December 11am Holy Communion



Cheese and Wine Evening

Thank you to Louise and Roger for setting the quiz which gave everyone a chance to be involved.

Thank you also to everyone who helped make the evening a success. The total raised for St Paul's Church was £1008.23 which included £250 made on the raffle.

Christmas at Erddig

There are lots of activities on throughout December and we have itemised just a few. For more information you can contact the national Trust on 01978 355314 or email erddig@nationaltrust.org.uk. Christmas Tree Decoration. Christmas Ornament Decorating Workshop. Storytelling with Jake Evans. Festive Ranger Walk. Supper with Father Christmas.

