

## Is-y-coed Community Council Draft Minutes (February 2026) Continued

**Correspondence** The following correspondence was received and noted:

**WCBC -Information on St David's Day Celebrations 2026, Wrexham** 'I write on behalf of Wrexham County Borough Council and Menter Iaith Flint a Wrecsam to invite you to join The Mayor of Wrexham, Cllr. Tina Mannering to take part in the St David's Day celebration parade to be held on Sunday 1st March 2026. The parade will assemble on the paths of Llwyn Isaf outside the Guildhall at 12:45pm and we will begin the parade along the streets of Wrexham at 1:00pm under the leadership of Band Cambria. We will return to Llwyn Isaf by 1:30pm to sing Calon Lân and the National Anthem together. I expect the celebrations to conclude by approx. 1:45pm. If you have a flag or standard you are very welcome to use that to identify your presence in the parade.'

**WCBC Electoral Office** – confirmation of use of hall as a polling station: The Senedd elections will be held on Thursday 7 May 2026 and the local council elections will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027.

**WCBC – Paul Rogers Street lighting:** 'Please find attached a copy of the Community Council Footway Lighting – Service Level Maintenance Agreement for 2026-27. If your council still wish to continue having your community council footway lighting maintained by Wrexham County Borough Council's street lighting section then please sign the attached agreement and return to me at your earliest convenience.' It was resolved to renew the Street Lighting SLA.

**Pride in Place Impact Fund** - the 'Pride in Place Impact Fund' received by WCBC, is to be distributed equally to all 34 Community Councils in Wrexham over 2 financial years. The total grant awarded will be £22,085.82 to each council for 2 consecutive years. The grant is for upgrading community and public spaces. An information pack will shortly be received from WCBC explaining in detail how to apply for the funding and the conditions to be met. A discussion took place at the meeting and the following works were discussed provisionally:

Community – 2 x new noticeboards (outside the school and church), benches at locations to be agreed in the community and creation of a garden area on land behind the village hall.

Village Hall – repairs to the drainage system, installation of an alarm system, refurbishment of the bar area, Hive system for the heating, disabled parking bays for car park, improvements to access to field.

No final decisions have yet been taken as to how the grant monies will be spent. **Isycoed residents are invited to submit any further suggestions to the Clerk** for consideration at the next meeting on 17th March 2026. Email: [clerk@isycoedcommunitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@isycoedcommunitycouncil.gov.uk)

**Summer Country Fair** Cllr Sandra Hinds updated members on proposals for the Isycoed Summer Country Fair to be held on Saturday 1st August at the Village Hall Field. The event is to be a celebration of the rural countryside. It will feature various farm animals in pens and also tractors and various farm equipment through the ages. The organisers are looking for vintage and modern tractors and equipment for display. It is also proposed to hold a gun dog display and archery display. There will be various food and drink stalls as well as other craft stalls. Anyone interested in attending the event with a stall please contact the organiser Cllr Sandra Hinds by email: [sandrahinds68@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandrahinds68@yahoo.co.uk)  
All proceeds from the event will go towards the local Isycoed Church and the Isycoed Community Hub held every Thursday at the village hall.

### Members Reports

Broken streetlight on Sun Lane – the Clerk to report to WCBC.

Small sink hole on the grass verge near to Old Lower Hall – the Clerk to report to WCBC.

**Date of next meeting** will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.



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### EDITORIAL

There is lots to celebrate this month with St. David's Day on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Mothering Sunday on 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the First Day of Spring on 20<sup>th</sup> (equal 12 hour day and night) which signifies the transition from winter to spring. Also this month, clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**Wrexham Mobile Library Service** will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 11am to midday.

**Our Community Agent, Annette Thomas'** next monthly visit to the Community Hub will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Unfortunately, the **Fish Fry van** will not be returning to the Village Hall in the foreseeable future. Groundwork North Wales are supporting the **Is-y-coed Community Hub** by providing a four-week Airfryer workshop until 19<sup>th</sup> March. Why not drop in to the Village Hall on Thursdays between 10am and 2pm for a cuppa, chat and learn more about the benefits of Airfrying.

The **Pride in Place Impact Fund Grant item** in the Community Council minutes **invites Isycoed residents to submit suggestions** to the Clerk for consideration at their next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 11am Morning Worship

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3pm Holy Communion

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 11am Morning Worship

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 11am Morning Worship

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11am Holy Communion

### ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

2<sup>nd</sup> March – The children will be celebrating the Eisteddfod by taking part in different activities.

5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day. The children can come to school dressed in their favourite book character.

24<sup>th</sup> March – We will be going to Bronington School for an Easter Journey Day.

26<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bingo to be held in school. Doors open at 5pm, eyes down at 5.30pm. All welcome.

27<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for the Easter Holidays.

**Deadline for the April Issue is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please notify Rachel Bellis (660275) or Marian Hughes (01829 272325) or e-mail [marianhug13@outlook.com](mailto: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.**

## Wrexham Grove Park Theatre

The next production is J. B. Priestley's classic comedy 'When we are Married'. The play runs from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March, with evening performances starting at 7.30pm and the Saturday matinee at 2pm. Book online at [www.grovetheatre.co.uk](http://www.grovetheatre.co.uk) or telephone 01978 351091.

## Wrexham Farmers Ladies section

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30pm with a presentation by Alison Utting, writer-actor-speaker telling the story of 'Aggie', Dame Agnes Hunt who co-founded Gobowen Hospital. Visitors are always welcome to join us with a £3 admission charge which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

## Film Night at Kenyon Hall in Holt

The next film night is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March with the showing of 'The Roses' which stars Benedict Cumberbatch and Olivia Colman as a successful couple, whose seemingly picture-perfect marriage begins falling apart. Doors open at 6.45pm for 7.30pm start with a £5 per person entrance charge (cash only) pay at the door. Tea/coffee, soft and alcoholic drinks and snacks are available to purchase before the film or during the interval.

## Erddig Hall Events

### Celebrate St Davids' Day

Join us on 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March from 10am-4pm for a lively celebration of Welsh culture featuring live music, children's crafts (11am-3pm), bilingual storytelling (11am-1pm), facepainting (Saturday only) and tours with a Welsh twist. Learn some Welsh, uncover fascinating Welsh stories in the house, tuck into some delicious Welsh food and listen to harpist Hero Douglas on the Saturday (11.30am-2.30pm), Lleisiau Clywedog (2.30pm Sunday) and the Denbigh Male Voice Choir (11.30am-2.15pm) on the Sunday. Activities are free-normal admission applies on 28<sup>th</sup> February, with free entry for members and under 5s. **Free entry for everyone on 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

### Mother's Day Children's Craft Activity

Create the perfect and personal gift for Mother's Day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March by creating your own bouquet picture using your child's handprints in our drop-in art session. Drop into the ground floor Education Room anytime between 11am and 3pm to take part. This activity involves paint and we recommend wearing old clothing and wrapping up warm. This event is free, but normal admission charges apply. Booking is not required.

### Easter Egg Hunt

This Spring make your way along the Easter trail to a world of adventure and find activities for the whole family. The trail takes place every day between 21<sup>st</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> April (from 10am-4pm until 27<sup>th</sup> March- with last entry at 3.30pm and 10am-5pm from 28<sup>th</sup> March-with last entry at 4.30pm). Prices are £3.50 per trail which includes an Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and dairy or vegan and Free From chocolate egg.

Inspired by the animal alphabet cards in the collection in the house, follow the map and complete all 10 stations before collecting your egg. Can you jump over hurdles and be the first to ring the cowbell, or balance a bean bag on your back like a turtle? Challenge your friends and family and see if you can jump as far as a hare or find the hooting owl blind folded. Then complete an egg and spoon race with giant ostrich eggs!

Booking is not required and normal admission charges apply. This is an outdoor event so dress according to the weather.

Contact Erddig on 01978 355314 or email [erddig@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:erddig@nationaltrust.org.uk) for further details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happy birthday wishes to:

Edward Morris: 13<sup>th</sup> March

Shelagh Morris: 21<sup>st</sup> March

Linda Lunt: 24<sup>th</sup> March

Jenny O'Neil: 28<sup>th</sup> March

Rory Hinkley: 17 on 30<sup>th</sup> March

And to all those who celebrate their birthdays this month

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### Afternoon tea at Is-y-coed Village Hall

This will be the third year that this popular fund-raising event in aid of St Paul's Church takes place in the Village Hall. The Afternoon Tea will be served from 3 pm. on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April and tickets, which cost £15 per person, are available from Rachel on 07970 519037.

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Details of some items discussed at the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the Is-y-coed Village Hall.

### Matters Arising

1. Buckingham Palace garden party – an opportunity to nominate individual to attend. The Clerk confirmed that former Cllr Dennis Edwards had nominated Rachel Bellis in recognition of her work with the Church and local community and the nomination had been submitted.

### Finance Report

**b) Grants Budget 2025/26.** The Clerk confirmed that the grants budget for 25/26 was £300. Six grant applications had been received. It was resolved to award the following: Wales Air Ambulance £100, Nightingale House Hospice £100 and Isycoed Community Hub £100.

### Village Hall

Members were updated on hall bookings. A review of current hire charges took place. It was agreed for hire charges to remain the same for 2026/27. It was agreed to charge the bowling club £10 a month for the use of the storage room for their equipment - £120 annually.

The Chairman Cllr Peter Jones had met with the Clerk and the Caretaker to undertake the 2026 Hall risk assessment and the Caretakers annual review. Additional matters arising from the 2026 review included:

- Enquiries needed into cost of a replacement floor polisher
- Signage required for store room in relation to safe stacking of the tables
- PAT testing to be renewed
- Signage needed for car park (vehicles parked at own risk)
- Stop required for gates to stop them blowing back and to in windy weather potentially damaging vehicles.

PPL Music Licence – it had been confirmed that a music licence is not required for social occasions at the village hall.

A report on plumbing work undertaken at the hall was received and considered.

The Clerk had purchased the new hand towel dispensers.

The Clerk reported that an enquiry for hall hire had been received for dog training classes. The Clerk was asked to consult with the caretaker. Providing there were no objections it was agreed to trial the classes for 1 month, with the proviso that thorough cleaning of the hall floor takes place after each class by the hirer and there is no access to the kitchen area for dogs.

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