

ISYCOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the full Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2025

Present: Councillors Peter Jones (Chairman) Sharon Worsnop (Vice-chair), Jack Brereton-Thomas, Mike Morris, Angela Rhodes and Sandra Hinds.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Angela Rhodes onto the Community Council.

Min 111 - Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Williams, Cllr Stephen Ellis, and PCSO Emma Maddocks.

Min 112 – Declarations of Interest: *The Chair will remind all Members of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda, either at the beginning of the meeting or when the relevant item arises*

There were no declarations of interest.

Min 113 – Public Participation: *The Council should adjourn for 5 minutes to allow members of the public to ask questions or make statements (NB Councillors should not enter discussion with the public at this time as to do so would be contrary to the advice of the Welsh Government.)*

A member of the public attended to hear the presentation by the National Eisteddfod Committee representatives.

Min 114 – Minutes: The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2025 were considered and approved as a true and accurate record.

Min 115 – Matters Arising:

A reply had been received from WCBC in regard to the complaint of noise issues from James Jones & Sons Ltd. Further investigations are taking place.

Min 116 – National Eisteddfod

The meeting was attended by Betsan Moses and her colleague Gwenllian from the National Eisteddfod Committee. Both were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

The National Eisteddfod will take place in Isycoed on 35 acres of land opposite the old Nags Head Public House from 2nd to the 9th of August this year.

Members were concerned how the traffic management would be arranged for such a major event, which could attract up to 50,000 visitors per day during the week. It was explained that with the help of Transport of Wales and WCBC, a co-ordinated traffic plan was being drawn up. It was proposed to make the event as ‘green’ as possible by operating shuttle services between the train stations and taxi ranks to cut down on car travel and ease traffic in the area. A communications plan prior to the event will ensure all Isycoed residents are fully informed of final traffic arrangements.

On the Eisteddfod site there will be parking for up to 5,000 vehicles and a 1,000 pitch caravan park. A schedule of time slots will be drawn up allocating caravans arrival and exit times to cause as little congestion as possible to the area. Access and Exit sites are still to be finalised but any hedges requiring removal for access splays will be fully re-instated after the event by the National Eisteddfod. There will be various pavilions on the site as well as a youth village for camping. Sound checks will be ongoing during the event to cause as few noise issues as possible.

The BBC will be present for the entire event with approx 75 hours of live broadcasting planned.

Cllr Mike Morris questioned whether the ecology of the 35 acre site would be protected and assurance was given that this was the case.

The Chairman questioned whether the overgrown grass verges on roads in the village can be cut back prior to the event for site traffic to pass any local traffic as easily as possible.

Min 117 – Isycoed Community Agent

The meeting was attended by the new Isycoed Community Agent Tom Martin. Tom explained his role to members and how he is able to help the over 50s in the community in applying for bus passes and blue badges, and also signposting them for relevant financial help with benefit or debt support.

Tom is going to be calling at the Community Hub on Thursday mornings at the Village Hall to offer support. He left flyers to be distributed with the next copy of the Issue with his contact details on.

Min 118 – Crime Report: The crime report circulated by PCSO Emma Maddocks was received with no matters raised.

Min 119 –

a) Finance report.

The financial report for the February/March period was received and accepted. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following accounts for payment:

Accounts for Payment	Chq No	Amount
Scottishpower (electric village hall)	Bacs	£158.50
Melvyn Clarke (boiler service VH)	Bacs	£116.00
Community Hub (donation)	Bacs	£520.00
AVOW (March staff payroll)	Bacs	£619.71
British Telecom (February broadband incl vat)	DD	£35.94
Neil Archer Electrical (PAT testing VH)	Bacs	£78.00
Wales Air Ambulance (donation)	Bacs	£50.00
Wrexham Litter Pickers (donation)	Bacs	£50.00
WCBC (election fees)	Bacs	£158.04

Clerk's expenses	£91.65
WCBC (SLA street lighting 2024)	£401.98
Certas (oil VH)	£515.42
P Jones (defib batteries +community hub donation £100)	£155.60
Hafren Dyfrdwy (water VH)	£198.86
HSBC Bank Charges 24/2/25	£5.80
Total:	£3,155.50

Income (Feb/March 2025)

HSBC Interest 28/2/25	£2.91
Hall income	£930.00

It was RESOLVED to use the £100 remaining in the Community Fund budget for the Community Hub.

Min 120 – Village Hall

- a) Bookings: The Clerk updated members on bookings and enquiries received. It was agreed to contact the National Eisteddfod Committee with regard to using the field behind the village hall for caravan parking during the Eisteddfod week.

Min 121 – Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications were considered:

P/2025/0143 - LAND SOUTH OF BRYN LANE, WREXHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WREXHAM, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND ERECTION OF EMPLOYMENT FACILITIES (CLASS B2/B8) WITH ANCILLARY OFFICE ACCOMMODATION (CLASS B1A) INCLUDING LANDSCAPING, PARKING, ACCESS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORK

RESOLVED - NOTED WITH NO OBJECTIONS

P/2025/0170 - FACTORY, ASH ROAD SOUTH, WREXHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WREXHAM, DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 3 (ECOLOGY) OF PLANNING PERMISSION P/2024/0247

RESOLVED - NOTED

P/2024/1525 - APRIL COTTAGE, SUN LANE BOWLING BANK, ERECTION OF GARAGE WITH WORKSHOP ABOVE

RESOLVED – NOTED

Planning Decisions:

P/2024/1638 - Entrec, Redwither Rd, WXM Ind Estate, siting of portacabin – officer delegated decision

P/2025/0142 - 5 Ridley Wood Court, relocation of existing LV Pole, installation of 40 metre HV Line to new pole with stays – granted 12/3

Min 122 – Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and noted:

Senedd Review Final Determination for the 2026 Review of Senedd constituencies

PSOW Independent Review Decision

One Voice Wales membership renewal invite – it was AGREED to renew at a cost of £100 per annum

WCBC – Street lighting SLA – noted this had been renewed for the next financial year.

Min 123 – VE Day Celebrations

An update was given by the Chairman on preparations for VE Day celebrations on the 8th May:

Flags and bunting have been ordered, Wine and soft drinks still to be purchased

The Clerk will contact the chip van to request he stays later on that evening, Cllr Brereton Thomas has contacted the school. The beacon for lighting at 7.30 is being prepared.

Min 124 – Members reports

The Clerk was asked to contact both F1 and Wockhards to request they alter the angle of their lights which are dazzling motorists causing a hazard.

Min 125 – Date of Next meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday the 15th April 2025 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed.....Cllr Peter Jones (Chair)

Dated.....

