

# ISYCOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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

**Min 31 - Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Williams

**Min 32 – 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 33 – 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.) The meeting was attended by 2 members of the public to hear the presentation on the National Eisteddfod.*

**Min 34 – Minutes:** The draft minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were considered and approved as a true and accurate record.

### **Min 35 – Matters Arising:**

- a) The 2 remembrance statues (1 each of army and navy) had been received and would be put in place outside the Village Hall. The 2 smaller statues had been presented to the Church to be located in the Church grounds.
- b) The planter has been finished and placed outside the foyer at the village hall. The planter was built by the Chairman Cllr Peter Jones and he was thanked by members for doing such an excellent job.
- c) The bi-lingual signs 'Home of the National Eisteddfod 2025' have now been put in place on 3 of the current Isycoed signs as you enter the community.

**Min 36 – Crime Report:** The crime report circulated by PCSO Emma Maddocks was received and noted with no matters raised.

### **Min 37 – National Eisteddfod 2025:**

The meeting was attended by the Chief Executive of the National Eisteddfod Betsan Moses to update members on finalised proposals for the event which runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Preparations were well underway on the site and proceeding according to plan. A temporary one way traffic system will be introduced from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> August along Francis Lane with a 20 mph speed limit. Signage has started to go up.

A flyer will be produced by the Eisteddfod Committee for the next edition of the Issue to be distributed to all residents. (Thanks to the Issue Committee for agreeing for this edition to be distributed early in time for the Eisteddfod) This will give further details of any highways changes in the community and information on the Eisteddfod helpline number which will be available 24/7 to residents with any concerns during the event. It will also incorporate a site map.

The arrival on site of the expected 1,000 caravans and numerous stall holders is being managed by phased arrival times to cause as least congestion as possible.

All entry and exit points created into the site will be fully re-instated by the end of August.

The Maes B youth camp will run from tues 5<sup>th</sup> August to the end of the event for 16 plus years. There will be noise restrictions after 11pm each night.

A free shuttle service will be available from 8am to midnight to and from the General Station in Wrexham.

### **Min 38 – Hotel Wrexham**

Mr Peter Schriewersmann, co-owner of ‘Hotel Wrexham’ was welcomed to the meeting. Peter introduced himself and gave background information on how his group decided to purchase the former Holt Lodge Hotel. A great deal of money has already been spent on the refurbishment of the re-named ‘Hotel Wrexham.’ The total refurbishments are now almost complete, with a new play area to be completed in the grounds in the next few weeks.

Hotel Wrexham management are keen to forge strong links with the local community. The Community Hub, which meets weekly in the Village Hall, will travel to Hotel Wrexham on thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July for their weekly meeting. Management have kindly offered to provide them with free refreshments and provide space in one of their conference suites. They hope to make this a regular outing for the Community Hub and have offered to host a meeting each month.

### **Min 39 –**

#### **a) Finance report.**

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

| <b>Accounts for Payment</b>               | <b>Chq No</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| AVOW (July staff payroll)                 | Bacs          | £618.75       |
| Community Hub                             | Bacs          | £87.82        |
| JP Harris (metal sculptures)              | Bacs          | £200.00       |
| Wrexham Window Cleaners (VH windows)      | Bacs          | £16.00        |
| British Telecom (June broadband incl vat) | DD            | £39.54        |
| Scottishpower (June account)              | Bacs          | £85.90        |
| K Benfield (clerks expenses June/July)    | Bacs          | £112.86       |

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|------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Audit Wales (21/22 audit fee)            | Bacs          | £250.00          |
| Walker Fire (fire extinguishers service) | Bacs          | £335.43          |
| Bryn Valley Supplies ( VH supplies)      | Bacs          | £16.80           |
| HSBC Bank Charges 24/6/25                |               | £5.40            |
|                                          | <b>Total:</b> | <b>£1,768.50</b> |

#### **Income (May-June 2025)**

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| HSBC Interest 30/6/25 | £2.92 |
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### **b) Income and Expenditure Report 2025-26**

The first quarterly report for the financial year 2025-26 was received and accepted.

- c) SPF Grant** – The Clerk confirmed that the grant submitted to WCBC for refurbishment of the bar area in the village hall, works to the septic tank and additional exterior lighting in the car park had unfortunately been turned down. The Clerk will enquire into further funding streams during the August recess.

### **Min 40 – Village Hall**

Bookings: National Eisteddfod block booking 30<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August. It was agreed to request that the caretaker check each day at the hall that all is in order and there's no damage been caused (so that we will know what group may have been responsible if it's checked each day.) It was agreed for the Council to refund the caretakers travel expenses.

An enquiry for the Village Hall to be used as a welfare unit by security at the Eisteddfod site was declined due to bookings already confirmed at the hall.

It was agreed for the Community Hub to have permission to put a freezer in the hall for storage.

### **Min 41 – Planning Applications**

There were no Planning Applications received. Members were updated on planning decisions by WCBC.

### **Min 42 – Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

Wrexham Civic Society Awards - Wrexham Area Civic Society's Awards Scheme, for the best contributions to Wrexham's environment, heritage or quality of life, was suspended during Covid restrictions. It was revived successfully in 2023 and is now held biennially. The 2025 Awards presentation will take place on Thursday 20 November, and we are seeking nominations from community councils, in the categories listed in the attached prospectus – deferred to sept meeting.

HSBC - As part of our commitment to supporting small charitable organisations, we're removing the £5 monthly account fee from your Charitable Bank Account(s).

This means as a valued customer, you'll no longer be charged the monthly account fee from your first charging cycle that begins on or after **1 July 2025**.

**Rainbow Foundation** - I'm writing to share an important update regarding the financial challenges we are currently facing, and the potential impact on several of our free community services. [Request for £1,000 in support](#)

### **Min 43 – Members reports**

Concerns were raised about speed cyclists in the community on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. There had been an incident recently of a horse being spooked and badly injuring itself and also of a cyclist that was nearly killed overtaking a HGV. Video evidence was presented to the Council.

Cyclists are from the Deeside Olympic group and there are concerns some of the riders are causing a danger to themselves and the public due to the speed they are riding and that of the outriders on motor bikes.

The Clerk will contact the Deeside Olympic Group to raise the Community Councils concerns.

### **Min 44 – Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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

Dated.....

