

ISYCOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the full Council meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2025

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

Min 45 - Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Stephen Ellis.

Min 46 – 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 47 – 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.)*

Min 48 – Minutes: The draft minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15th July 2025 were considered and approved as a true and accurate record.

Min 49 – Matters Arising:

1. Members were all in agreement that the National Eisteddfod, which had been held in the community from the 2nd to the 9th of August, had been a great success. It had been very well attended, helped by the good weather which drew the crowds out. The organisation of the event could not be faulted and during the week very few issues arose. Thanks were extended to the National Eisteddfod Committee for all their help and support during the planning phase and the event itself.
2. The management at Hotel Wrexham were thanked for their hospitality when the Community Hub visited the hotel for their weekly meeting in July. Everyone had been made very welcome and it was hoped to return for a Christmas function in December.
3. Speed Cyclists – the Clerk reported that the management for the speed cycling races had apologised for any issues caused in the community. There were no more planned races this year and an alternative route would be implemented next year to prevent any further problems.
4. It was noted that there had been a report in the last edition of the Issue that the Helen Tipping race would take place on 14th September. However following issues from the last race held in the community, the race had not received approval by WCBC Highways and it was unable to take place.

Min 50 – Crime Report: The crime reports circulated by PCSO Emma Maddocks over the summer were received and noted with no matters raised.

Min 51 – Isycoed Community Agent

Apologies were received from the Community Agent Annette Thomas who was unable to attend the meeting. Annette hopes to be at the next meeting in October.

Min 52 –

a) Finance report.

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

Accounts for Payment	Chq No	Amount
AVOW (August staff payroll)	Bacs	£670.75
K Benfield (Microsoft 365 annual renewal)	Bacs	£84.99
British Telecom (July broadband incl vat)	DD	£39.54
Hafren Dyfrdwy (water VH)	Bacs	£273.14
K Benfield (clerks expenses August/Sept)	Bacs	£60.16
H Adams (travel expenses Eisteddfod hall hire)	Bacs	£100.00
HSBC Bank Charges 24/7/25		£5.00
British Telecom (August broadband incl vat)	DD	£39.54
Scottish power (electric VH)	Bacs	£204.46
AVOW (Sept staff payroll)	Bacs	£629.15
Vision ICT (domain name renewal)	Bacs	£78.00
British Telecom (sept broadband)	Bacs	£39.54
P Jones (hall foyer planter expenses)	Bacs	£34.25
Excel Signs (Eisteddfod signage)	Bacs	£234.00
Total:		£2,492.52

Income (July August 2025)

HSBC Interest 31/7/25	£3.01
HSBC Interest 31/8/25	£2.81
Hall hire	£1,080
WCBC precept	£6,666.67

It was agreed to pay the Caretaker £100 in expenses for additional travelling and daily attendance at the hall during the Eisteddfod block booking of the hall.

Min 53 – Village Hall

Members were updated on hall bookings.

A smart meter is to be installed on 23rd Sept.

It was agreed to purchase a free standing projector screen on a stand, a replacement toaster, 2 x electric hand driers for the toilets.

Min 54 – Planning Applications

There were no Planning Applications received.

Members were updated on the planning appeal decision for land at Park Farm, Bowling Bank concerning a breach of planning control and change of use of the land from use for agriculture to a mixed use of agriculture and the parking and operating of HGV's. Subject to amendments to the enforcement notice the appeals are dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld.

Min 55 – Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- **Wrexham Area Civic Society Awards 2025 - The Ruth Howarth Award.** An award made for a significant contribution to Wrexham's environment or quality of life, not necessarily a building or landscape. Recent winners have included Wrexham Cemetery restoration, Wrexham Building Art Project, Wrexham Miners' Rescue Centre – it was agreed to nominate the Community Hub for this award for the invaluable work they do for members of the community.
- **Welsh Government Consultation on extending the duty on local authorities to broadcast meetings**

The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on extending the duty on local authorities to broadcast meetings. Although it does not directly affect Community and Town Councils, it is an opportunity to express an opinion on a matter of general public interest with the aim of providing more information on how decisions that affect them are made.
- **Mayor's Autumn Charity Ball - Saturday, 18 October 2025 from 6.45 p.m.** Hotel Wrexham, Holt, Wrexham – it was agreed to give a donation of £50 towards the Mayor's Charity 'mini bus for Dynamic' in lieu of purchasing tickets.

Min 56 – Policies

It was resolved to adopt the following draft policies as circulated by the Clerk:

Equality and Diversity

Data Protection

Grievance

Disciplinary

Sickness Absence

Whistleblowing

The Clerk was asked to source and circulate a draft Health and Safety policy for consideration.

Min 57 – Eco Biodiversity Report 2025-26

The updated report was received and accepted.

Min 58 – Members reports

The Chairman declared that there was a vacancy for a school governor. The Clerk will place this on the next agenda for the vacancy to be filled.

Cllr Sandra Hinds asked for the Community Council's support in helping her to hold a Community Rural Fete in July next year on the field behind the Village Hall. Members were fully in support of the proposals. Any member of the community with ideas, or who would like to help, please contact the Clerk to be put in contact with Cllr Hinds.

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding the condition of the lane between Cobham Cottage and Westway.

Min 59 – Date of Next meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday the 21st October 2025 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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

Dated.....

