

ISYCOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the full Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st April 2026

Present: Councillors Sharon Worsnop (Vice-chair), Mike Morris, Angela Rhodes, Stephen Ellis. Paul Williams and Jack Brereton-Thomas.

Min 129 - Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Peter Jones (Chairman), and Sandra Hinds

Min 130 – 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*

Min 131 – 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 Mr Roger Lunt to speak to members regarding a recently submitted amended planning application. This application will be considered at the next Council meeting in May after the receipt of further information.

Min 132 – Minutes: The draft minutes of the Council meeting held on the 17th March 2026 were considered and approved as a true and accurate record.

Min 133 – Matters Arising:

No matters were raised.

Min 134 – Crime Report: The March crime report circulated by PCSO Emma Maddocks was received and noted with no matters raised.

Min 135 –

a) Finance Report

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

| Accounts for Payment | Chq No | Amount |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| AVOW (April staff payroll) | Bacs | £629.15 |
| British Telecom (April broadband) | DD | £39.54 |
| Vision ICT (annual website hosting fee) | Bacs | £241.50 |

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| One Voice Wales (annual membership renewal) | Bacs | £103.00 |
| WCBC (monthly trade refuse) | DD | £27.63 |
| WCBC (annual rates – DD available monthly £271) | | £2710.80 |
| Bryn Valley Supplies (VH supplies) | Bacs | £46.58 |
| HSBC (bank charge) | Bacs | £2.64 |
| TOTAL: | | £3,800.84 |

[It was **RESOLVED** to apply to pay by direct debit for the rates bill from WCBC. It was noted that there had been a significant increase from the previous year due to a rates re-valuation.]

Income (March/April)

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| HSBC interest | £2.67 |
| Hughes Funeral Directors | £75 |
| Caravan Club | £220 |
| Wrexham Seals | £80 |
| WCBC precept | £7000 |
| Total: | £7377.67 |

b) Final Inc and Exp report for 2025-26

The final income and expenditure report for 2025-26 together with end of year balance sheet had been previously circulated to all members and this was noted and accepted.

c) **Investment Strategy** – the investment strategy for 2026-27 previously circulated was noted and approved

d) **Financial Risk Assessment** – the financial risk assessment for 2026-27 previously circulated was noted and approved

Min 136 – Village Hall

Members were updated on hall bookings.

The Clerk reported concerns over the condition of the large ash tree in the car park near the entrance into the field. It had been advised that the tree be removed to ground level. **It was RESOLVED for the tree to be removed as soon as possible.**

Min 137 – Planning Applications

P/2023/0598 – Ridleywood Farm, change of use of buildings from agriculture to a mixed B1 business, B2 General Industrial and B8 storage and distribution use and all associated works. Amended plans had since been received.

RESOLVED – to defer to the next Council meeting on 19th May for consideration following the receipt of further information.

Planning Consultation – Networld Sports, Bryn Lane, to erect a B8 industrial unit and extend Net World Sports Headquarters with associated landscaping and parking arrangement. The Clerk was asked to reply that members were surprised at this proposed application for land which has always been designated for ecology use.

Min 138 – Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Launch of the One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge – a request for all Community and Town Councils to sign up to the pledge with regards to civility and respect for all councillors, employees and members of the public. **It was RESOLVED to support the initiative and sign the pledge.**

(It is suggested that the pledge could also be framed and displayed in meeting rooms to remind everyone of what they have committed themselves to for the current and long-term future.)

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Wrexham Local Development Plan, 2013 – 2028, Withdrawal of a Local Development Plan

As of 20th March 2026, the Wrexham Local Development Plan is formally withdrawn.

The Welsh Government Withdrawal Direction can be viewed at:

<https://wrexham-consult.objective.co.uk/file/6567090>

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WCBC - Dog Fouling 'Design a Sign' Competition - With the ongoing issue of dog fouling around the Borough, WCBC have organised a ‘design a sign’ competition for local schools to get involved in to promote anti-dog fouling. The winners will have their design turned into a real sign that will be erected in hotspot areas around the Borough. Local schools have been asked to get involved.

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Wrexham Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) review - get involved in Wrexham's active travel review.

Wrexham residents are being invited to share their views as part of a review for Wrexham's Active Travel Network Map (ATNM).

The review will help identify priorities for future improvements to walking and cycling routes across Wrexham County borough, including existing routes, possible new routes and areas where improvements can be made.

You can share your feedback and help shape future active travel plans on [CommonPlace](#).

Min 139 – Pride in Place Impact Fund – The Clerk produced a report on the various items to be included in the PIP application to be submitted before the end of April. Discussion took place and it was RESOLVED for the following to be included in the application:

Village Hall interior improvements:

- Refurbishment of the bar area
- Installation of an alarm system and Hive control for the heating
- Repairs to the septic tank
- Purchase of children's tables/chairs for parties

Village Hall exterior improvements:

- Creation of a large patio area with raised beds and benches
- Fencing for patio area for children's parties
- Improvements to access to field from car park
- Field to be planted as a wildflower meadow
- Solar light for far end of car park

Isycoed Community:

- Upgrade 8x street lights to LED
- 2 new noticeboards
- 2 benches
- 2 digital speed boards
- New defibrillator and cabinet to be located outside village hall
- Fingerpost directional sign

Min 140 – Summer Country Fair

Deferred to the next meeting to receive a report from Cllr Sandra Hinds.

Min 141 – Members reports

No matters raised

Min 142 – Date of Next meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be the Annual Council meeting to be held on Tuesday the 19th May 2026 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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

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