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NERCWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL – CYNGOR CYMUNED NERCWYS

Minutes of the meeting held at Soar Chapel School Room on Wednesday 29th June 2022.

VICE CHAIR: Cllr. C. Thomas

PRESENT: Cllrs B. Roberts, C. Roberts, J. Price,
P. Roberts, K. Bickerton,

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor D. Coggins Cogan
Sue Lyth, Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. APOLOGIES Councillors M. Morgan, K. Cracknell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : NONE

3. CO-OPTION FOR COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There were two applicants for the vacancy, Ms Caryl Oldfield and Mrs Rhiannon Floyd-Williams who had stated their reasons for wanting to serve on the Council. They both chose to leave the room while a vote was taken by all members present. After discussion and a difficult decision, Ms Oldfield was elected unanimously to serve for the present term of five years. Mrs Floyd-Williams was thanked for her interest in the Council and encouraged to keep in contact with the village should another vacancy occur. Cllr Oldfield then signed the Declaration of Office, witnessed and signed by the Clerk.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 18th MAY 2022

These were accepted as a correct record, signed and dated by the Vice Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- Cllr Bickerton had attended the school at a small ceremony to present commemorative Platinum Jubilee coins to the children, which had been purchased by the Council for £205. Cllr Bickerton received thanks from the head teacher that were extended to the Council.
- Aura had completed the path and seat within the playground, but Cllr P. Roberts was concerned that no work had been done on the surface by the entrance gate to make access for the disabled as discussed at the

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site meeting. The Clerk would contact Mr Roberts at Aura and ask for clarification.

- The Clerk was currently sourcing quotes for the information board and website.
- Cllr P. Roberts would see Mr P. Jones about moving the benches for repair and painting. The overgrown hedges reported at the May meeting had been cut back by the owner.

6. PROPOSED JULY LITTER PICK

Cllr Morgan had proposed two dates, 10th & 17th July for a litter pick. Cllr Bickerton announced that the church was holding the annual strawberry cream tea on the 10th plus several councillors were away on the 17th. Cllr Morgan would be notified on her return.

7. MATCH FUNDING 2022/23

The Clerk would respond to a letter from Aura inviting councils to participate in the annual scheme by asking for the replacement of the log climbing frame, as previously advised by the Aura officer.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

061000 - Top of the Hill dog day care, approved by FCC 14.06.22. subject to certain stipulations regarding noise.

000132/22 - Friesland Farm, Henffordd, Nercwys CH7 4DL, erection of new garage and roof terrace to existing farmhouse. Discussed, no objections.

9. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Coggins-Cogan had asked for any outstanding issues to be raised so he could try and resolve them. He had attended the latest Burley Hill Quarry meeting with Cllr Morgan but was disappointed with the lack of focus on progress.

There were several planning enforcement issues to be revisited where no action had been taken by Flintshire County Council.

Cllr P. Roberts and K. Bickerton reported several road signs requiring replacement in the village which he would report to Street Scene.

Cllr P. Roberts also reiterated his long-standing concerns over speed limits in and around Nercwys.

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10. COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr C. Roberts commented on the money spent by Nercwys Community Council on several improvements to the Village Green despite not having ownership. Cllr Coggins-Cogan suggested the option of a community asset transfer and offered to pursue this with FCC. There was also discussion on parking on the village green as requests from organisers of events could not be authorised by Nercwys Community Council.

Code of Conduct Zoom sessions – there were more planned for October for those councillors who had not attended the May & June sessions.

11. FINANCES

Bank statement at 29.06.2022: Current a/c £6855.06
Business a/c £3202.25

- The external audit report for 2020/22 had still not been returned from the Welsh Audit Office, despite concern expressed from clerks of over seven hundred councils in Wales.
- The Clerk had received the internal auditor's report for 2021/22 that made three recommendations in the action plan, including a review of financial regulations. These were noted and would be implemented for the 2022/23 audit.

The Vice Chair concluded the meeting at 8.30 pm.

..... Chair 29.06.2022

LIST OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT - JUNE 2022

29.06.22	1357	Miscellaneous items, plants etc. Platinum Jubilee	£245.15
29.06.22	1358	Npower electricity	£135.89
29.06.22	1359	Clerk's salary & expenses June	£488.15
29.06.22	1360	JDH Business Services Ltd, internal audit	£270.00