



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,

On Monday, 11th March, 2024, at 7.00pm.

1(A). 49/24

PRESENT

Councillor David Parry (Chair of Council)

Councillor John Glover

Councillor Andy Hughes

Councillor David G. Jones

Councillor Anne R. Rogers

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 50/24

APOLOGIES

Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams

Councillor Emyr Morris

Councillor Haydn Owen

Councillor Allan Pennington

Councillor Julie Peters

Councillor Margaret G. Williams

Councillor David G. Williams (County Councillor)

1(C). 51/24

ABSENT

None

2(A). 52/24

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING: NIA LLOYD WILLIAMS (COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR)
BRITISH RED CROSS IN DENBIGHSHIRE**

Standing Orders were suspended:

The Chair of Council Councillor David Parry welcomed Nia Lloyd Williams (Community Navigator) at a local branch of the British Red Cross to the Council meeting.

Nia kindly provided Council Members with details of the Community Navigator project which is administered between the British Red Cross, Denbighshire County Council and the Betsi Cadwalader Health Board - and has been in existence for ten years. Nia's role includes: being the one point of contact; meeting with residents and thereafter providing advice and referral to various organisations. Drop-in sessions are held generally in local libraries across Denbighshire, with the nearest to Dyserth held in Rhuddlan, Prestatyn and Rhyl. Nia provided various contact details for the project.

Nia agreed to provide the Clerk with further information as to the services offered, including a poster which the Clerk will seek with the Editor of the Dyserth Times to be included in the next edition, this will highlight the services offered by a Community Navigator.

Councillor David Parry thanked Nia for her attendance at the meeting and for providing interesting information on the services offered by the Community Navigators and wished the project continued success.

2(B). 53/24

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

No attendance at meeting by public, no questions, comments or representations received prior to meeting.

2(C). 54/24

Standing Orders were restored:

3. 55/24

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were declared:

(1) Councillor Andy Hughes - Minute number: 10. 65/24 on page 7 below

(2) Councillor Andy Hughes - Minute number: 11. 64/24 on page 8 below

4. 56/24

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 2024

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Andy Hughes and seconded by Councillor John Glover as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 57/24

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Red Phone in James Park, Dyserth:** The Clerk advised that following making contact with BT Payphones to seek that the red phone box was repainted, the Clerk had been advised that the phone box was due to be removed from site in the imminent future. However, the Council could adopt the phone box but a decision was required prior to the March Council meeting. The Clerk further advised, that the Chair and Vice Chair had agreed that a decision could be made by Members using e-mail. The Clerk confirmed, that this had occurred and provided Members with the following information: Five Councillors voted in the positive to adopt the red phone box with three voting against. The Chair and Vice Chair instructed the Clerk to complete the adoption paperwork.

BT Payphones had replied to the Clerk advising, that once the equipment is removed, the adoption certificate transferring ownership to this Council will be completed and sent to the Clerk.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the decision to adopt the Red Phone Box at the entrance to James Park, Dyserth.

- (2) **Arriva Bus Service:** The Clerk advised that there had been no further contact from Dr. James Davies MP. The file would remain in the pending file.
- (3) **Speed indicator Device:** Still awaiting installation by Denbighshire County Council.
- (4) **Deterioration of Lettering on Dyserth War Memorial:** The Clerk advised that the second quotation from a Monumental Mason had still not been received, despite more than one reminder. The Clerk further advised Members to the one quotation received from Ivor Howatson & Son, Rhyl, for the sum of £790.00.

Members agreed the following: Due to the difficulty in obtaining more than one quotation, and in particular, the low number of monumental masons in the area, the Council accept the above quotation for £790.00 from Ivor Howatson & Son.

- (5) **Dyserth Lime Kilns:** The Clerk recollected Members to their decision made in February, whereafter the Clerk had written to the two possible professional companies seeking their assistance with the kilns, however, to date, there had been no response.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to make further contact with the surveyor to seek guidance as to other professionals.

- (6) **Notice Board – Adjacent to Dyserth Waterfall Car Park:** The Clerk advised that despite the request to remove the notice board and is still entered within the Denbighshire County Council 360 weekly report, no action had been taken. The request had also been pursued by County Councillor David Williams.

Members agreed the following: Were concerned that despite the request being entered onto the 360 County report and pursued by the County Councillor, no decision had been made. The Clerk to raise the issue again with the County.

- (7) **Mental Health First Aid:** The Clerk advised that he had perused a course in Coleg Cambria and forwarded the details to Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams. However Councillor Williams had attended a similar course.
- (8) **Request for Yellow Parking Restrictions in James Park:** The Clerk advised that whilst both himself and County Councillor David Williams had written to County Highways, seeking their views as to the requested parking restrictions, there had been no reply. However, Councillor Williams had advised the Clerk that Highways have a high number of matters / requests to attend to and this could be possibly be the cause of delay.

Members agreed the following: To adjourn the matter to the April Council meeting.

- (9) **Dyserth Junior Football Club:** The Clerk advised that the Club had written to the Fields in Trust, seeking their views in relation to the construction of a building for use by the football club – as discussed with this Council. The Clerk further advised, that he had been provided with a copy of the reply from Fields in Trust, which stated the following: ‘We are happy with the proposal, Fields in Trust consent is not required’.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CLLR DAVID G. WILLIAMS)

In the absence of County Councillor David Williams, the Clerk provided the following information:

- (1) Denbighshire County Council: Housing Grounds Maintenance will revert back to County management
- (2) Meeting held by County Councillor Williams with County Councillors for adjoining Rhuddlan Town Council area. Discussion in relation to fast flowing water on the A5151 between Dyserth and Rhuddlan – which is a hazard following heavy rain
- (3) Meeting held by Councillor Williams with resident of a property whereby the River Ffyddion flows through their garden, and in particular, measures to be taken to alleviate flooding of the property
- (4) Site meeting held by Councillor Williams with Denbighshire Officers to alleviate drain storm water in are areas of Hiraddug Road and Bron Haul
- (5) Highway repairs on Waterfall Road completed, including the cutting back of a hedge near the traffic lights junction
- (6) Councillor Williams had reported the following concern: A5151 Ffordd Franic road towards the turn off at crossroads for Cwm and Rhuddlan – blocked drains causing flooding on highway

7(A). 59/24

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (a) The Clerk advised, that the following criminal offences had been reported to the North Wales Police, that had occurred within the Dyserth Community Council area:

5 x Violence offences
- (b) The Clerk brought to the attention of Members a letter received from Tristan Hughes – Headteacher at Ysgol Hiraddug in Dyserth. Mr. Hughes provided details in relation to work completed at the school which included new accessible doors and access to an area of land to be developed as a working space. The completed work now allows accessibility, including for wheelchair users, between both school buildings. The new walkways have also made access to the school much safer than the previous access via the school car park. The next stage is to develop an area of ground into a flourishing wildlife area reflecting native British species of trees, plants and animals.

The cost of the project, and in particular, the cost of the widened doors had increased to £16,000.00. The School kindly request that the Community Council consider financially supporting the cost of the project.

The Clerk recollected to Members that this Council agreed to fund the project to a value of £5,000.00 which at that time was 50% of the cost of £10,000.00.

The Clerk advised that he had requested from the Headteacher a copy of the quotation for the project and or invoices paid for the project. Members discussed the application for an increased donation. Photographs of the project were shown on screen

Members agreed the following: (1) To provide an additional donation of £5,000.00 towards the project cost making a total of £10,000.00 (2) Payments to be made as follows: £5,000.000 to be paid before the end of March – upon receiving from the School by the Clerk a copy of either the full quotation for the project or copies of paid invoices for at least £10,000.00 (3) The second payment of £5,000,00 to be placed on the list of payments for the April 2024 Council meeting.

- (c) Denbighshire County Council: Notification in relation to the Easter Let's Play Out sessions, which will be held on Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 2nd April between 10.30am and 12 noon, in the King George Playing Field area.

The following correspondence was forwarded by e-mail to Members:

- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Two bilingual leaflets providing information in relation to the new County waste collection service
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Delivery schedule for new recycling containers
- ❖ Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: Annual Report – February 2024
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Denbighshire Business Support Group (Sent to Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams (Dyserth Business Group))
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: County Business Month (Sent to Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams (Dyserth Business Group))
- ❖ Scottish Power Energy Networks: Stakeholder Priorities Survey – 2024 (Councillors to complete on a personal basis)

7(B). 60/24

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk had attended a recent Welsh Government training course named: Use of IT, Social Media and Web sites virtual course for Community & Town Councils in Wales
- (b) The Clerk advised that following more than one request from Councillors due to the condition of both the Ddraig Goch (Welsh Dragon) and Union flags, two new flags had been purchased for the Memorial Garden. The Cost of £33.75 plus VAT £6.75 – Total £40.50 had been agreed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the above purchase of two flags

The Clerk recollected Members to the various seasonal and other themes painted on the High Street bus shelter. The Chair and Vice Chair of Council had agreed, in between meetings, an Easter theme at a cost of £100.00. The Clerk sought from Councillors any other themes during year 2024. The Clerk further advised that five pupils from Ysgol Hiraddug had assisted the theme painter in completing some of the art work for the Easter theme, from reception years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Members agreed the following: (1) Confirmed the Easter theme at a cost of £100.00 (2) Agreed the following themes for the remainder of 2024: Summer and Christmas at a cost of £100.00 each.

- (c) Wooden bench seat on Thomas Avenue overlooking Bowling Club. The Clerk advised that Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams, together with assistance from Councillor Haydn Owen, had kindly cut back the hedge and other overgrowth which has resulted in the seat being now usable by the public. Councillor Delyth-Williams was requesting that consideration be given for the bench seat to be rubbed down and re-stained. The Clerk provided further details.

Photographs of the bench seat and work completed were shown on screen.

Members agreed the following: (1) Thanked Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams for completing the hedge cutting back and clearance work (2) The Council to seek a quotation from a local contractor to stain the seat.

7(C). 61/24

TO DISCUSS: PROVISION OF SUMMER FLOWERS FOR PLANTERS

The Clerk advised that during this month the Council generally consider their plant requirements for summer flowers. Councillor John Glover advised, that he had visited the Tre Castell Nurseries who have agreed a similar cost for plants as last year at a cost of £300.00 with an additional £50.00 for additional compost bags. The compost in a number of planters requires to be changed due to chickweed.

Members agreed the following: To purchase summer flowers and compost to the value of £350.00 from Tre Castell Nurseries. The Council thanked Councillor John Glover for agreeing to accommodate the delivery and distribution to Councillors to place in their appointed planters.

8. 62/24

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) **Dyserth Bowling Club:** Councillor David Parry, as Chair of Council attended and opened a tournament at the Club
- (ii) **Dyserth Community Hall:** Councillor Andy Hughes provided an update to the Hall usage which included, a programme of upgrades to the building in the future
- (iii) **Welsh Government – Proposed new National Park in Wales:** Councillor Anne Rogers attended a virtual meeting and provided members with details and advised that the proposal is still in a consultation stage
- (iv) **Ysgol Hiraddug:** Councillor Andy Hughes advised, that following the School's ESTYN report one item of interest noted by the Inspectors at the School has been adopted as good practice across similar schools in Wales

9(A). 63/24

PLANNING

The following planning application was considered by Members at the meeting:

- Application number: 42/2023/0916 – for the conversion of former public conveniences and bus shelter to form one dwelling, including the erection of pitched roof first floor extension, canopy to front elevation, alterations to fenestrations and associated works, at Public Conveniences, High Street, Dyserth.

Comment by Council: Whilst the Community Council wish to see refurbishment of this eye-sore building, the Council are concerned with the parking aspect. The area surrounding the property is

highway adopted and utilised regularly by pedestrians. There would be difficulty in placing a dropped kerb to the frontage of the property, as the adjacent highway has both yellow line parking restrictions including layby access for bus services. Any parking access would cause a serious impact on highway safety in the area.

9(B). 64/24

PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions received from Denbighshire County Council

10. 65/24

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for February) Payments dated: 01/03/2024			
	BACS: Brian Proffit (Plumber). Repairs and boiler servicing in The Pavilion Building	140.00		140.00
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Standing Order BACS: H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk's PAYE & Clerk & Council NI - January, February & March, 2024)	1,198.97		1,198.97
	Caerwys Town Council 1/4 share of Photocopier hire fee (£204.00 a year - VAT paid by Caerwys)	51.00		51.00
	Shaw & Sons Ltd (Legal Stationers) Councillor Attendance Register	98.00	19.60	117.60
	Katy Binchan (Easter theme on bus shelter)	100.00		100.00
	Ysgol Hiraddug (Application to release ring-fenced funding for the provision of new accessible doors and access to an area of land to be developed as a working learning space) (Councillor Andy Hughes Declared an Interest (Minute number: 3. 55/24 on page 2 above)	5,000.00		5,000.00
	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for February	40.00		40.00
	R. P. Parry (Clerk) Re-imbursement for purchase of two new flags at the Dyserth War Memorial Garden (As per receipt from the flag & bunting store)	33.75	6.75	40.50

	R. P. Parry (Clerk) Travelling expenses from March 2023 to March 2024 (as per detailed auditor schedule)	144.00		144.00
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11. 66/24

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u>	
	Dyserth Community Hall (Application for annual grant) (Section 19 LGA 1976) (Councillor Andy Hughes Declared an Interest (Minute number: 3. 55/24 on page 2 above)	£2,000.00
	Eisteddfod Rhonda Cynon Taff – 2024 (Application for general grant) (Section 145 LGA 1972)	£250.00
	Marie Curie (Penarth) (Application for funding towards the Great Daffodil Appeal – 2024)	No grant (As funds would also be utilised for a hospice in Cardiff)
	RNLI (Rhyl) (Application for funding towards the annual Duck-Boat Race) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£500.00
	Pet Rescue Welfare Association, Dyserth (Application for financial assistance following flooding of premises) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£2,500.00*
	* The above funding to be utilised from the Dyserth Waterfall ring-fenced monies.	

12. 67/24

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COUNCIL

DATE OF APPROVAL.....