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**Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,**

**Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,**

**On Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, at 7.00pm.**

**1(A). 134/24**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Andy Hughes(Chair of Council)  
Councillor Anne R. Rogers (Vice Chair of Council)  
Councillor John Glover  
Councillor David G. Jones  
Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Williams  
Councillor Emyr Morris  
Councillor Haydn Owen  
Councillor David Parry  
Councillor Allan Pennington  
Councillor Margaret G. Williams

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 135/24**

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor Julie Peters

- The Clerk read out an e-mail to Members received from Councillor Julie Peters which provided an explanation to the recent apologies for no-attendance at meetings

**1(C). 136/24**

**ABSENT**

None

**2. 137/24**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS**

- The Clerk advised that this Council had been copied into correspondence send from a resident to the North Wales Police, in relation to continual parking infringements in the area

of Ysgol Hiraddug primary school. Photographs of a number of vehicles parked within the no parking road markings were attached to the correspondence and taken during the period when pupils are either gaining entry or leaving the school premises.

### **3. 138/24**

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest declared

### **4. 139/24**

#### **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024**

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Margaret Williams and seconded by Councillor Allan Pennington as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

### **5(A). 140/24**

#### **PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Dyserth Kilns:** The Clerk advised that the Conservation Consultant wished to meet on site with the Council sub-committee. The meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am. The sub-committee will report to Council at the September meeting.
- (2) **Complaint to Denbighshire County Council:** The Clerk advised that a formal complaint form had been completed and sent to the relevant Officer in Denbighshire, in relation to the lack of progress, including a number of outstanding concerns reported under the C360 reports. As requested by Council the complaint form had been copied to the Chief Executive.

The Clerk advised that whilst the Office of the Chief Executive had acknowledged the complaint, the actual County Complaints Officer had not.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) The Clerk to further forward the complaint to the Chief Executive of Denbighshire advising that this Council is perturbed that there had been no formal acknowledgement to the complaint (2) County Councillor David Williams to be copied into the correspondence, who was also requested to make contact with the Chief Executive.

- (3) **Speed Indicator Device:** The Clerk advised that speed indicator device on the A5151 in Tre Castell was now working. The battery apparently was flat.
- (4) **Red Telephone Boxes in James Park and Tre Castell:** (1) Councillor Delyth Lloyd-Willimas advised, that a report in relation to the internal usage of the red phone box in Trelawned will be provided at the next meeting (2) The Clerk advised that the Work Orders to re-paint both red phone boxes had been issued. It was reported that the box in Tre Castell had been painted.
- (5) **Red Phone Box in James Park (Faulty light):** Councillor John Glover advised, that the light is still faulty. The Clerk would contact BT Payphones further to ascertain the current position as to the repair.
- (6) **Closure of Public Conveniences (Near Dyserth Waterfall):** The Clerk advised that following the Council's decision at the June meeting he had written to the County to advise that the Community Council did not wish to adopt the public conveniences sited in a car park adjacent to the Dyserth Waterfall. The correspondence also enquired as to the future

removal of the conveniences building. The County had replied and stated: No decision has been made to date.

- (7) Children's Play area:** The Clerk recollected Members to the work required to the children's play area, and in particular, the toddler area wet pour surface which was discussed at the last site meeting with Richard Roberts from Aura Leisure.

The Clerk advised that two quotations had been sourced by Aura Leisure, as follows: **(1)** Option 1 - to complete wet pour perimeter repairs only at a cost of £1,711.00 plus Vat **(2)** Option 2 - to complete full repairs to remove and depose of existing surface with new wet pour surface at a cost of £5,600.000 plus VAT.

The Clerk recollected Members that held by Denbighshire County Council together within ring-fenced monies that had been allocated to the children's play area, as follows: £2,951.16 – remaining balance of Denbighshire Commuted Sums and £2,393.72 – received from Play and Stay at Dyserth – making a total of £5,344.88.

**Members agreed the following:** **(1)** To complete the full repair to the children's play area with wet pour at a cost of £5,600.00 **(2)** The Clerk to issue a Work Order to Aura Leisure – for the work to be completed by DCM Surfaces **(3)** The commuted sums and ear-marked monies totalling £5,244.88 to be used for this repair with the balance of £255.12 from this Council's balances **(4)** Financial Standing Orders were suspended for this repair quotation, for the following reasons: The Community Council hold a Service Level Agreement with Aura Leisure who use their procurement system to obtain quotations, and in particular, for the use of specialists companies for this type of repair work.

#### **5(B). 141/24**

#### **TO FURTHER DISCUSS: PAVILION BUILDING LEASE – BETWEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND BOWLING CLUB**

The Clerk recollected Members that the lease between the Community Council and Dyserth Bowling Club was due to expire in October. Following last month's meeting the Clerk had written to the Bowling Club Committee to seek a copy of their last year's accounts and bank statement – which had been received.

General discussion by Members, which included, the yearly building insurance payment and suggested increase in the yearly rent.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to make contact with the Council's insurance company and seek a breakdown of cover cost for the Pavilion building.

#### **6. 142/24**

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

County Councillor David Williams advised the Community Council Members in relation to the following:

- (1)** Denbighshire County Council waste collection service, and in particular, the complaints from within the Dyserth Council area. Councillor Williams advised that he had been collating a vast number of complains from within the community which had been formally discussed with County Officers. It had been agreed that an independent enquiry will be held into the new collection service.

Community Councillors provided Councillor Williams with a number of scenarios as to

missed collections in the area since the commencement of the new recycling and general collection service.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) Both the Community Councillors and residents appreciated the tremendous amount of time that Councillor Williams has spent dealing with the numerous complaints, including the time aspect (2) The Clerk was asked to formally write a letter to County Councillor Williams and to express the appreciation of the Councillors and residents for his proactiveness in dealing with these recent issues.

- (2) Dyserth High Street traffic alleviation scheme. Councillor Williams advised that he had been in further contact with County Highway Officers who are again looking at options and will report back to Councillors Williams in due course.
- (3) Hiraddug Road – water leakage. Councillor Williams advised that this is still in progress with County Highway Officers.

**The following was discussed with County Councillor Williams:**

- (i) Overgrown hedge / foliage in the Bryniau area of Dyserth. Councillor Williams advised that he was aware of this concern and that it was the responsibility of the property owners to remove the hedge branches / foliage.
- (ii) Nettles on the public footpath in the area of Penrhaedr to the Waterfall. Councillor David Parry offered to remove the nettles.
- (iii) Will the old bins be collected. Councillor Williams confirmed that they will be collected in due course.
- (iv) The green bins on Waterfall Road have not been emptied (Councillor Andy Hughes to send an e-mail to Councillor Williams identifying the areas of the bins)
- (v) The wooden bus shelter on the Rhuddlan side of the traffic lights is in an appalling and dangerous condition. This concern has been reported on more than one previous occasion to the County. Councillor Williams will further discuss this concern with the County.

**7(A). 143/24**

## **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:

2 x Anti social behaviour / 2 x Drug offences / 6 x Violence offences

- (b) Denbighshire County Council: Invitation for the Chair of Council and Clerk to attend either in person or virtually a meeting between the County and Town & Community Councils in Denbighshire – on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The Chair and Clerk had confirmed their attendance.

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

- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Important information on Denbighshire's waste and recycling service

- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Wildflower project (Information forwarded to Councillor David Parry)
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Beehives installed in the County (Information forwarded to Councillor David Parry)

## **7(B). 144/24**

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) The Clerk advised that the following concerns had been advised to Denbighshire County Council (Street Scene & Public Footpaths)
- (i) A number of complaints in relation to the non-collection of waste and recycling in several areas, including James Park together with a number of pensioner properties
  - (ii) The newly installed Speed Indicator Signage in Tre Castell had become faulty (The battery has been replaced)
  - (iii) Broken handrail on public footpath above Pentre Farm (photographs provided)
  - (iv) Broken wooden steps on public footpath in Gibbs Wood - known locally as 'Stairway To Heaven'. (Photographs provided)
- (b) Members were shown photographs of the security fence work completed on a public footpath above the Waterfall, that had been commissioned by this Council
- (c) Members were shown a photograph of a newly painted seat adjacent to the Red phone box in Tre Castell, that had been kindly painted by Councillor Haydn Owen
- (d) The Clerk advised of his attendance, together with Councillor Anne Rogers (Vice Chair of Council), at a meeting of the Dyserth Business Group held in Dyserth on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Councillor Rogers will provide a report to Members under Representatives Reports later in the meeting.
- (e) The Clerk advised Members to an incident in the King George Recital area whereby a report had been received from the Denbighshire Accessible Play Co-ordinator. It was emphasised that the incident did not involve the children's activity that was taking place in the area at the same time as the apparent incident occurred. The Clerk also referred to a Facebook post that had been provided by Councillor David Parry, who provided further details in relation to the incident.

**Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to source a quotation from MJW Welding (Dyserth) for an approximate 6 metre barrier / fence with gate (green V mesh type). Councillor David Parry agreed to meet on site with the company representative.

## **7(C). 145/24**

### **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024**

The Clerk, as Financial Officer, provided Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, as at the end of June 2024 (electronic copies sent prior to the meeting to Councillors), together with copies of the Council Bank account statements. The Clerk further provided Members, with a breakdown in relation to the budget headings, which included income and expenditure to-date.

**Members agreed the following:** Approved the Statement of Accounts, whereby the document was agreed to be signed by the Chair, Councillor Andy Hughes.

#### **7(D). 146/24**

##### **TO REVIEW: COUNCIL'S EAR-MARKED RESERVES**

The Clerk advised that whilst the ear-marked reserves had been agreed in November last year and formally entered into the budget setting process in January of this year, these reserves were required to be updated for the remainder of this financial year. Councillors had received a copy of the current ear-marked reserves prior to the meeting by e-mail.

**Members agreed the following:** The general ear-marked reserves were updated, as follows: £2,000.00 – Councillor training / £5,000.00 – Dyserth kilns – Phase 2 / £5,000.00 – New street Christmas illuminations / £5,000.00 – One speed indication device (Denbighshire County Council). Total general ear-marked reserves £17,000.00. The ring-fenced reserves to remain as current list.

#### **7(E). 147/24**

##### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Clerk advised that this was a standard agenda item for July.

**Members agreed the following:** (1) Similar format as the 2023 Service (2) The Clerk to liaise with the North Wales Police nearer the event (3) Councillor Andy Hughes to confirm with Councillor Julie Peters the provision of a public address system (4) Councillor Emyr Morris to make contact with the Royal British Legion to purchase additional wooden crosses and other items (5) Councillor David Jones confirmed, that the poppy wreaths will be purchased from the Royal British Legion.

#### **8. 148/24**

##### **REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)**

- (i) **Dyserth Community Hall:** Councillor Andy Hughes provided an update to the Hall usage
- (ii) **Dyserth Flood Initiative:** Councillor Andy Hughes advised that the new Committee thanked the Council for the financial grant
- (iii) **Dyserth Waterfall:** Councillor Margaret Williams advised that the hedge and other maintenance work costs at the Waterfall had increased
- (iv) **Dyserth Business Group:** Councillor Anne Rogers advised of the attendance of herself and the Clerk at a meeting of the Group. Councillor Rogers provided details as to the discussions held, whereby the meeting was also attended by a representative from Menter Iaith, Sir Ddinbych

#### **9(A). 149/24**

##### **PLANNING**

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

- Application number: 42/2024/1063/PO – for the development of 0.15ha of land by the erection of 3 dwellings (outline – all matters reserved) – at Plas Llanerch, Hiraddug Road, Dyserth.

**Comment by Council:** Concern is expressed in relation to the proposed removal of trees subject to existing Tree Preservation Orders. However, providing that the application is subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

**9(B). 150/24**

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

No planning decisions received from Denbighshire County Council

**10. 151/24**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<b><u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u></b>			
	<b>Standing Order:</b> R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for June) Payments dated 01/07/2024			
	<b><u>Payments consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u></b>			
	H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk’s PAYE & Council NI - April, May & June	1,035.00		1,035.00
	D M Jones (Rhuddlan) Council’s Christmas trees for 2023	520.00		520.00
	MJW Welding (Dyserth) Public footpath security fencing (as previously agreed Work Order)	207.00	41.40	248.40
	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for June	40.00		40.00

**11. 152/24**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

**12. 153/24**

**Members agreed the payments of the above accounts 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.....**