

# CHIRK TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF Y WAUN

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### Present

Cllrs Mr D Evans (Chairman), Mrs H J Spragg, Mrs J Allen, Mrs B Humphreys, Mrs S Newell, Mrs C Gough, Mr W N James, Mr M Holmes, Mr B Evans, Mr F Hemmings, Mr B Colley and Mr J Vant.  
Mr S A Hughes, Clerk to the Council.

### APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mr D Poppitt, Cllr M Maxfield, Cllr Ian Roberts and Cllr Terry Evans, WCBC.

The Chairman recommended that agenda items 6 is taken first to save time for the officer. This was agreed.

### **104. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING.**

PCSO Sawyer was welcomed to the meeting and he gave details of crime statistics for the previous two months as follows: -

**February** Criminal Damage – 4; Theft from vehicle – 1; Burglary (other than dwelling) - 1. **A total of 6 crimes** reported for the month along **with 4 ASB incidents.**

With regard to previous matters PCSO Sawyer informed the meeting that the new community safety officer was looking into paper boy safety issues.

He also said that PCSO Martin Griffiths had joined the Chirk Policing Team replacing PCSO Grace Jones who had resigned her post.

Cllr Vant referred to parking problems on Colliery Road and agreed to provide information for the officer.

Cllr Barry Evans referred to the car parked on the main road near the Kronospan entrance that had not moved for several days. The Officer said he was dealing with it.

Cllr Suzanne Newell brought the officers attention to the parking problems at Chapel Lane and Lloyd's Lane and the hazard being caused.

The Chairman thanked the officer for his attendance and his report.

### **105. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **106. MATTERS ARISING.**

**97i. Shrewsbury/Chester Rail Users Association.** Cllr Mrs Hilary Spragg informed the Council that a recent newspaper reported that the 7.47am Cardiff train service is to be re-instated. This was good news.

**107. NOTICE OF VACANCY – CHIRK NORTH WARD.** The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr Hilary Pepler had resigned from the Council. Members were saddened to have this news with the Chairman and members mentioning the good work Ms Pepler had done for the Council and the community. It was agreed that a letter of thanks is sent to Ms Hilary Pepler.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had contacted the Returning Officer and proper notice of the vacancy will be posted on local notice boards. The Clerk reminded the Council that if no nominations to fill the vacancy were received by the Returning Officer the Council would have to fill the vacancy by co-option. The Council decided if this was the case the Clerk should proceed and exhibit posters in the area for eligible persons to submit their names for consideration of the Council.

### **108. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.**

The Council decided to consider filling the vacant position at the next meeting of the Council.

### **109. REPORT OF THE PARISH HALL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015.**

Members received a copy of the report and this was accepted by the Council. Cllr Jackie Allen said that she had since been in contact with Mr Tincello who was following up on matters discussed at the sub-committee. The report was confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and accepted by the Council. Cllr Allen also gave a summary of the ideas put forward for increasing the use of the premises.

**110. WELSH GOVERNMENT “REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: POWER TO LOCAL PEOPLE”.**

A copy of the “Everyday Summary” of the White Paper Document was provided for councillors attention that was also available to everyone

**111. REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.**

- i) **Penybont Waste Disposal Site.** Cllr Mr Frank Hemmings mentioned that the main road was being swept of mud etc but questioned why wheel washers were not being used. The Clerk informed the Council that he had taken matters up with the Chief Planning Officer who would take the complaint to the company. The Clerk also said he was hoping the officer would also pursue having a Liaison committee meeting.
- ii) **Chirk GVTT.** Cllr Mrs Jackie Allen reported that she had attended recent meeting of the Trust when a new Chair person was elected. She also said that the Trust were in discussion with land owners of the field and that advertising boards were being provided and the website updated.

**112. APPEALS FOR FINANCIAL HELP.**

The following appeal for financial help were received and dealt with:

- Friends of Chirk Station – It was agreed to purchase 6 large planters.
- Marie Curie Cancer – agree a donation of £100.00.
- Kidney Wales Foundation – agreed a donation of £50.00
- Family & Friends – agreed for this to lie on the table.

**113. ONE VOICE WALES.** The Clerk reported receipt of letter from the Chief Executive of the Association concerning the renewal of the Council’s membership. The annual fee would be £465.00. The Council agreed to renew membership in the association.

**114. TRAFFIC CALMING –TRAFFIC SIGN**

the Clerk reported receipt of a communication from the Clerk to Glyntraian Community Council as the Council is concerned about the speed of vehicles through Pontfadog village. As this is something that perhaps affects all the Councils in the valley Glyntraian was asking whether the Council would be interested in joint purchasing of a moveable type flashing sign to be used by each Council. The possible cost would be £500.00 - £1,500.00.

Members discussed the matter and showed concern about speeding into Chirk that perhaps needed a permanent sign. It was decided to look further into the matter of providing permanent signs for Chirk and to inform Glyntraian Council accordingly

**115. CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following correspondence was received and dealt with: -

1. Notice of meeting of the Chirk Environmental Liaison Committee. Noted.

**116. PLANNING MATTERS.**

The Clerk reported that the Plans Committee had met this evening and had dealt with three applications received from the Planning Officer under the consultation procedures for the Councils consideration and comment.

**P/2014/0055 Two storey rear extension – Bryn Yr Eos Cottage, Whitehurst, Chirk.  
*The Council has no objection to the proposal.***

**P/2014/0061**

- 1. Replace existing single glazed sash windows to front elevation with double glazed sash windows.**
  - 2. Replace existing Drive with imprinted concrete driveway - 10a Station Avenue, Chirk.**
- The Council has no objection to the proposals.***

**P/2015/0087 Two storey side extension – 46 Offa, Lodgevale Park, Chirk.  
*The Council has no objection to the proposal.***

## **PLANNING MATTERS (cont).**

**P2015/0101 Erection of wooden fence – Pine Villa, 6 Telford Rise, Castle Road, Chirk, Wrexham.**  
The wooden “picket fence” stained brown at 3ft high is to be erected on part of the driveway adjoining the grassed open space off the estate road.

*The Council has no objection to the proposal.*

**P/2015/0111 Change of Use of Premises from Class A1 (Retail Shop) to Class A1 (Food and Drink) and external louvre Vent on Rear Elevation – Unit 2 St Mary’s Precinct, Chirk.**

*The Council objects to the proposal as the parking arrangements are considered insufficient for this type of business. The small forecourt area is shared with other retail outlets in the precinct restricting space and vehicular movement.*

**P/2015/0037 Crown raise 1 conifer by 5-6 m, 1 holly by 4 m, 1 holly and 1 yew by 3.5 m selectively reduce lateral side branches from 1 yew by 1-2 m and laterally prune overhanging branches back to fence line from 1 yew by reducing by 1-2 m (trees protected by Chirk Conservation Area) – Gwynfa, Trevor Road, Chirk.**

*The Council has no objection to the proposals.*

### **117. ACCOUNTS.**

- a) **Payments.** A list of invoices and payments amounting to £6,875.77 were given to the Council and were passed for payment.
- b) **Accounts.** The Clerk provided members with details of expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 compared to the annual budget agreed by the Council. The Clerk also provided detail of the bank reconciliation showing that expenditure totalled £72,062.67 and receipts £117,727.  
The Council accepted the report and thanked the Clerk.

Signed

Chairman

25<sup>th</sup> March 2015