



# **CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

---

**Minutes of The Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,  
Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,  
On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 At 7.00pm.**

**1(A). 01/16  
PRESENT**

Councillor David H. Parry (Chair)  
Councillor James K. Williams (Vice Chair)  
Councillor H. Andrew Hughes  
Councillor David G. Jones  
Councillor Edgar H. Jones  
Councillor Glenn M. Jones  
Councillor Peter Newell  
Councillor Mrs. Julie M. Peters  
Councillor Mrs. D. Alison Williams  
Councillor Mrs. Margaret G. Williams

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 02/16  
APOLOGIES**

Councillor Peter W. Owen (Community & County)

**2(A). 03/16  
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There were no Disclosure of Interest Declared.

**2(B). 04/16**

- (a) The Chairman Councillor David Parry welcomed the Members to the meeting, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- (b) The Members were concerned that the Pavilion Building central heating system was not functioning correctly, which left the building with a low temperature. It was proposed that the February Council meeting would be held in the Dyserth Community Hall. Councillor Edgar Jones kindly agreed to make the booking. **The Members agreed.**

### 3. 05/16

## TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015

The Minutes were proposed and seconded as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

### 4. 06/16

#### MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from the previous Minutes;

**Minute no: 4. 223/15, sub minute number 1(D). 197/15 (page 2)**, in relation to a site meeting attended by a representative from Denbighshire County Council Highways Department, to discuss the new designated 'Safe Route' for school children walking from Dyserth to Prestatyn.

The Chairman Councillor David Parry advised, that himself, together with Councillors' Andrew Hughes and James Williams had attended the site meeting with Mr. Marc Musgrave – Denbighshire County Road Safety Engineer, on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Councillor Parry advised, that whilst the meeting took place during the time it was thought school children would use the route, there were no children on that particular morning. The meeting discussed the route with Councillors' outlining their concerns. Councillor Parry advised that the issue of withdrawing the free bus service within the County of Denbighshire, was to be discussed by the Scrutiny Committee of the County. The Clerk advised that following the site meeting, the County had e-mailed a link to the Welsh Government Guidance used to assess walking routes to school.

**Minute no: 4. 223/15, sub minute number 4. 202/15 (page 2)**, in relation to a complaint with weeds and other items in the river, between the bridge near to St. Bridget's Church and Voel Coaches area. The Clerk advised that no response had been received. The Clerk further advised that he would escalate the matter with Natural Resources Wales.

**Minute no: 4. 223/15, sub minute number 10. 214/14 (page 2)**, in relation to the area of land known as the burial field. Councillors' David Jones and Edgar Jones had met on site with a surveyor from Peckover's of Denbigh. The Clerk advised that a comprehensive report in relation to the land had been received together with an estimated value.

**The Members agreed the following:** To defer any decision in relation to the sale of the land. The Clerk to register the land with the Land Registry (Whilst the Council are the registered holders of the land by a Conveyance dated the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1977, it would appear that the sale, was not at that time, registered with the Land Registry).

**Minute no: 10. 234/15 (pages 5 and 6)**, in relation to the provision of winter flowering plants. The Clerk referred to an e-mail sent to all Councillors dated the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, advising in relation to the quotations for the purchase of plants and compost. **The Members formally agreed the quotations which total £306.20 plus VAT of £61.23 = £367.43.**

### 5. 07/16

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT ( CLLR PETER OWEN )

The Chairman Councillor David Parry and Councillor Edgar Jones advised, that they had separately visited Councillor Peter Owen; and a number of Councillors had spoken to him over the telephone. The Councillors sent their best wishes to Councillor Owen.

**In Councillor Owen's absence the following was reported and discussed:**

- (i) The Members further discussed the water leakage at the bottom of Newmarket Road, and near to the MOT garage entrance.
- (ii) Blocked drains in St. Asaph Road.
- (iii) Blocked drains on Waterfall Hill.

The Chairman Councillor David Parry, advised the Members that he would contact Denbighshire County Council with the above concerns.

**6(A). 08/16**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- (1) The Clerk advised that PCSO Richard Williams was unable to attend the meeting but had provided the following report, in relation to reported offences:
  - (a) Damage to tyres of a vehicle in Maes Y Llys, which occurred during night time.
  - (b) Reports of someone being bit by a dog on Dyserth High Street.
  - (c) Burglary on Cwm Road - electrical items and jewellery taken from the property during the day. More patrols have been assigned to the area.
  - (d) Two youths were reported being disorderly and throwing rubbish around the High Street area. Unknown who the youths were - a search of the area was negative.
  - (e) Anti-Social Behaviour in Maes Y Llys - involving neighbours. Both parties spoken with.
  - (f) Vehicle damaged on Newmarket Road during the night. No suspects - vehicle is believed to have been deliberately targeted.
  - (g) Reports of vehicles speeding along Lower Foel Road. The PCSO has contacted Denbighshire County Council, to seek information from data they may have for the road. Enforcement action will be carried out.
- (2) Notification from Denbighshire County Council in relation to A Notice of Temporary Traffic Order, in Lower Foel Road, Dyserth.
- (3) Notification from the Community Council's Internal Auditor (JDH Business Services Ltd), that the fee for the 2015/ 2016 audit will be £120.00 plus VAT. The Clerk sought the Members approval of the fee, and also to confirm that the services of JDH Business Services were to continue for 2016. **The Members agreed.**
- (4) The Clerk referred to the following various consultations that had been advised to the Members by e-mail: Welsh Assembly - Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill / Office of the Crime Commissioner - Policing Priorities.
- (5) Invitation to attend a Welsh Government Engagement event on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill, in Llandudno on 4<sup>th</sup> February – time to be confirmed. The Clerk advised that following the invitation being cascaded to all Councillors, Councillors' David Hughes and Andrew Hughes had been registered to attend the event. The Clerk advised that he would also be attending.
- (6) Information received from a Dyserth resident, who wish to bring to the attention of the Members, the following research report: Dutch Assessment of Flood risk links - which

included the area of St. Asaph, and in all possibility Dyserth would lie within this area identified as a flood risk.

- (7) Report received from the Council's contractor responsible for emptying the dog bins. The report advised that a vehicle had damaged a fence (in the ownership of Denbighshire County Council), in the Maes Glas area. The red bin was not damaged, but requires a new liner - which has been replaced.
- (8) The Clerk advised in relation to the quarterly play area inspection report. The report highlighted that the wet-pour was crumbling and cracking in a number of places, and would require renewing during the next 12 to 18 months.
- (9) The Clerk referred to the previous concerns brought to the attention of the Council Members, in relation to the weight limit signage, in particular, to the usage of Waterfall Road. This was reported to the County Highways Department, who carried out a survey and advised that the signage was sufficient. The Clerk advised that a local resident who holds an HGV licence had provided him with a driving scenario whilst driving along Dyserth High Street, and subsequently down Waterfall Road - after observing no weight limit signage. The Clerk further advised that the scenario had been provided to the County Highways for their observations.
- (10) The Clerk advised in relation to correspondence received from a resident of Dyserth, which contained a number of concerns and observations, as follows:
  - (a) Are there any appointed Flood Wardens in the Dyserth area, including monitoring systems.
  - (b) The planting of trees in various locations.
  - (c) The High Street bus shelter whereby the glass requires cleaning. The bus shelter near to Gwelfor Park also requires cleaning and is badly marked. The Clerk advised the Community Council wrote to the County Council approximately two years ago, to advise of their disappointment, that the Perspex glass had been cleaned with a scourer type of cleaner, which has permanently marked the shelter. This shelter is owned by the Denbighshire County Council. The Gwelfor Park area shelter is owned by the Community Council.
  - (d) Concerns with gravel in the High Street - which appears to enter the payment from a roadside property.
  - (e) The unsightly properties in the High Street.
  - (f) The wheelie bin from a local business sited near the old toilet block / bus shelter.
  - (g) Request for a pedestrian crossing in Dyserth High Street.
  - (h) Concern in relation to the Anglia Planning application.

**The Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to write to: (1) Natural Resources Wales, in relation to the flood warden and warning systems (2) Letters to the Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council, in relation to the following: planting of trees in Dyserth; High street bus shelter; Gravel on High Street pavement; dilapidated buildings in Dyserth High Street; Wheelie Bin; Request for a pedestrian crossing (3) To instruct a window cleaner to attend to the bus shelter near Gwelfor Park; (4) The Anglia planning application was discussed under - **Minute number: 8(E). 18/16 on page 7 below).**

## **6(B). 09/16 CLERK'S REPORT**

- (a) The Clerk brought to the attention of the Members, the concern of both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council in relation to the water leakage and hole near to the entrance to the MOT Garage at the bottom of the hill on Newmarket road. The matter has again been

reported to Denbighshire County Council, by both the Chair Councillor David Parry and Vice Chair Councillor James Williams.

- (b) The Clerk advised of a request to the Council to repair a faulty street light in the Waterfall Car park. The Clerk advised that he was unable to confirm the ownership of the lamp as belonging to the Community Council. However, Denbighshire County Council advise that they have never repaired the lamp, and is not listed on their asset register. The Clerk advised of the cost of inspections and repairs to lamps **The Members agreed the following:** The Clerk to ask Denbighshire County Council for the cost of inspection and repair, and if reasonable the Clerk to agree.
- (c) The Clerk advised that a letter of thanks was sent to Robert Lloyd of Prestatyn, to thank him for attending the Dyserth Remembrance Sunday Ceremony, whereby he had played the Last Post on his bugle. Councillor Edgar Jones advised, that Robert's attendance was appreciated at the service.
- (d) The Clerk advised the Members of a deposit to the Council's bank account, the sum of £10,400.00, being the third and final payment of the 2015 / 2016 precept for the current financial year, from Denbighshire County Council.
- (e) The Clerk advised that he had attended a meeting of the Do Not Destroy Dyserth Group, whereby a representative from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) was in attendance. The meeting was primarily to discuss the prospect of the Area of Natural Outstanding Beauty being extended to cover the whole of Dyserth. The advice from the NRW representative was that the local politicians should lobby both the Welsh Assembly Government and the Westminster Parliament.
- (f) The Clerk further advised that during the meeting, it was noticed in a document that any grant funding from Cadwyn Clwyd - Dyserth was only able to be awarded 30% as they were classed as a Service Centre. Whereas, the neighboring Town and Community Councils, could be awarded the maximum of 70%. The Clerk suggested that he write to Cadwyn Clwyd, to enquire in relation to the apparent anomaly. **The Members agreed.**
- (g) The Clerk advised that he had been asked by the Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council, to assist them until the appointment of a new Clerk.

#### **6(C). 10/16**

#### **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 2015**

The Clerk and Financial Officer provided the Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, to the end of December, 2015. **The Members approved the Statement of Accounts, and the document was signed by the Chairman Councillor David Parry.**

#### **6(D). 11/16**

#### **TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016 / 2017**

The Clerk as Financial Officer provided the Members with an accounts spreadsheet, which indicated the present financial balances (as per the Minute above), including an estimation as to the balances as at the end of March 2016. The spreadsheet also provided the Members with a suggested precept for the financial year of 2016/2017, based on previous spends and allocations.

After discussion, it was proposed and seconded, and agreed by **the Members, to increase the precept for the forthcoming financial year to £34,500.00 – an increase of £3,300.00 (10.58%)**. The Clerk advised that the Band D property charge would be £33.14 (8.80%), an increase of £2.68p a year (22p a month). The lower property bands would pay less per month.

The Chairman, Councillor David Parry, signed the estimates for the end of the financial year 2015 / 2016, together with the precept allocation pro forma, advising the Flintshire County Council, in respect of the Community Council's financial requirements for 2016 / 2017. **The Members thanked the Clerk for the financial presentation.**

#### **6(E). 12/16**

**Following the precept agreement, the Members further agreed the following:**

- (1) To increase the contact for the emptying of the dog bins, from a fortnightly collection, to a weekly collection - from week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. This would result in an increased cost of £1,224.00 a year.
- (2) To review the cost to the Community Council, in relation to the 50% re-charge from Denbighshire County Council, towards the provision of the weekly youth club. The Community Council presently pay the sum of £4,500.00.

**The Members agreed the following:** To invite a representative from the Denbighshire County Council Youth Service, to the February meeting of the Council.

#### **7. 13/16**

##### **REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) Councillors' David Parry and James Williams advised of their attendance at a meeting for Town & Community Council Chairs, hosted by the Chairman of Denbighshire County Council, at County Hall, Ruthin.
- (b) Councillor Glenn Jones advised of his attendance at a meeting of Ysgol Hiraddug School Governors.
- (c) Councillors' Andrew Hughes and Edgar Jones reported in relation to a successful Christmas event at the Community Hall.

#### **8(A). 14/16**

##### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**The following planning applications had been received:**

Planning application number: 42/2015/1112, for works to trees in the Dyserth Conservation area, at Bryn Afon, Carreg Heilyn Lane, Dyserth.

**Comment by Council:** No objection.

#### **8(B). 15/16**

**The Members confirmed the above decision.**

#### **8(C). 16/16**

**The following planning applications were dealt with by the Members at the meeting:**

There were no planning application for the Members to consider at the meeting.

**8(D). 17/16****PLANNING DECISIONS**

**The following planning decision had been received from Denbighshire County Council:**

Application number: 42/2015/1042, for the erection of summerhouse (retrospective), at Bryn Conwy, Foel Road, Dyserth. Refused.

**8(E). 18/16**

Councillor Peter Newell advised the Members of his attendance at a site meeting at the former Anglia Buildings. The site meeting was arranged by the Denbighshire Planning Department, in relation to application number: 42/2015/0237. Members of the Council indicated that they had been informally advised, that the application had been granted by the planning committee sitting at County Hall, Ruthin.

The Clerk advised that there had been no official notification received in respect of the application. It was proposed and seconded that the Clerk contact the planning Department, to seek clarification. **The Members agreed.**

**9. 19/16****APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Net £</b>	<b>Vat £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
	<b><u>To formally confirm payment of the following accounts paid during the December Council recess:</u></b>			
433	Flintshire Fabrications Ltd (Iron handrails in Waterfall - Payment re-issued - Cheque no: 406 cancelled)	4,170.00	834.00	5,004.00
434	Foresport Fencing - New MUGA Net fencing	2,120.00	424.00	2,544.00
435	Children's Play Consultancy Consultation & Assessment fees	471.00		471.00
436	Reg Davies & Son Annual Grass-cutting and other works - Play Field	990.00		990.00
437	Louise Walsh - Cleaning services for November	50.00		50.00
438	Blachere Illuminations - Purchase of new Christmas Lights – plus VAT & Carriage costs – no VAT	4,108.00	821.00	4,929.00
439	Groundworks Ltd Repairs to play area (as per accepted quotation)	300.00		60.00
440	Children's Play Consultancy - Quarterly Inspection Report	60.50		60.50
441	Glascoed Timber - Dog bin servicing - May 25 to 7th Dec	877.50	175.50	1,053.00

442	Jackson's Garden Centre - Plants & Compost for Winter / Spring plants	306.20	61.23	367.43
443	Louise Walsh - Cleaning services for December	50.00		50.00
<b><u>The following accounts to be authorised at the evening's Council Meeting:</u></b>				
444	H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk's PAYE - October / November / December 2015 - via The Post Office )	441.62		441.62
445	Society of Local Councils (Membership renewal - £187.00) (One third share with Caerwys & Halkyn Councils)	62.33		62.33
446	R. P. Parry (Clerk) Re-imburement of book of postal stamps – as per receipt	63.00		63.00
447	D. M. Jones (Rhuddlan) Payment for Christmas Trees (2014/15 - £406.00) / (2015/16 £330.00)	730.00		730.00
448	Councillor Mrs. M. G. Williams (Re-imburement of donation to High Street resident, for use of electricity to illuminate Christmas tree lights)	10.00		10.00

#### 10. 20/16

#### APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Amount granted £</b>
449	National Eisteddfod of Wales	100.00
450	Wales Air Ambulance  Cynnig (Denbigh)	100.00
<b>The Members agreed the following:</b> The Clerk to write to Cynnig, to enquire in relation to the number of Dyserth residents who are supported by their charity, including information in relation to the actual activities undertaken.		

#### 11. 21/16

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

#### 12(A). 22/16

**Standing Orders Were Suspended**

- (1) Councillors' Mrs. Margaret Williams and David Jones referred to numerous complaints in relation to owners allowing their dogs to foul and subsequently not clean up, in areas around the football pitch and play areas. Councillor Mrs. Williams requested that the Clerk contact the Denbighshire County Council, to enquire in relation to the new dog fouling law that was to be adopted by the County Council, almost several months ago. **The Members agreed.**
- (2) The Chairman Councillor David Parry wished to thank Councillors, together with residents of the Community, for their assistance in watering the various planters during the summer months. The Clerk was requested to include the above in his next report for the Dyserth times.

**12(B). 23/16  
Standing Orders Were Re-instated**

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

**SIGNED BY THE  
CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE OF  
APPROVAL.....**