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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF THE RHOSDDU COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON THE 23 September 2026 AT 6.30 pm AT BETHEL CHURCH, KENYON AVENUE, GARDEN VILLAGE, WREXHAM

Members Present – Councillors – Mrs L Lewis, Mrs W O'Grady, Mrs J Ryan, Mrs C Smith, S Gittins, ID Bithell, B Chowdhury, B Murray, M Richards
Chair – Councillor J Billington
Clerk – M Williams
Apologies – Cllr M Lynch, Cllr A Williams,

77	**CHAIRMANS REMARKS** The Chair welcomed new Councillor Martine Richards to the meeting and to Rhosddu Community Council.
78	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were given and accepted
79	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Bithell in respect of licencing and planning applications.
80	**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** There were no members of the public present at the meeting to make any representations as set out in Standing Order No. 3(e).
81	**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2026 were received. **RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2026 be received and confirmed as a correct record. Chairman signed minutes. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22 July 2026 were received. **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22 July 2026 be received and confirmed as a correct record. Chairman signed minutes.
82	**RONA HARPER – CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION:** The Chair welcomed Rona Harper to the Meeting. Ms Harper gave a short talk on the National Emergency Briefing on Climate Change to Councillors. This is a series of short informative films and Ms Harper asked if Rhosddu Community Council would consider presenting a screening of the Briefing to local residents. Councillors discussed potential venues and any IT requirements. **RESOLVED –** that the Chair contact MS Harper for potential dates to hold the screening.
83	**MATTERS ARISING/ONGOING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** To consider any matters arising from the Minutes. **MINUTE 61.a GRITTING BINS:** Councillor Bithell provided an update. The bin had been delivered to Holyrood Crescent. **RESOLVED –** that the Clerk contact Wrexham CBC Environment department to request that the bin be filled. **MINUTE 61.b COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT SPRING GARDENS**: Councillors discussed moving forward with installing a piece of play equipment on the land at Spring Gardens: **RESOLVED –** that the Clerk contact Carla Hinde at Wrexham CBC for more information and guidelines on the purchase and installation of a suitable piece of play equipment. **MINUTE 61.C GOSAFE SPEED SURVEY, NEW ROAD**: Councillors noted that the Clerk had submitted a request to Gosafe for a speed survey on New Road, Rhosddu. However, their response indicated that due to increasing requests for enforcement, there would be a significant delay in response times. **MINUTE 61.d BLUE HERITAGE PLAQUE:** Councillor Gittins had made contact with the Franchisee at McDonalds, Plas Coch who was supportive of the idea to put up the Blue Heritage Plaque. Councillor

	Gittins had left the Management with details of plaques already located in Wrexham, to enable them to gauge the dimensions. **MINUTE 61.e CCTV INSTALLATION:** The Chair provided an update. The fly tipping appeared to have ceased at the top of Walnut Street and the bin had been replaced. Councillors discussed the proposed location of the new cameras. **RESOLVED –** that i. The Chair contact Wrexham CBC to have the trees cut back on Gerald Street and once completed the existing CCTV Camera be replaced with the new one. ii. The CCTV camera earmarked for Prices Lane be installed at the junction of Walnut Street/Rhosddu Road as per the request to Jo Rodgers, Wrexham CBC Enforcement Officer. ii. That a fourth camera be purchased for Prices Lane if required. **MINUTE 61.f RHOSDDU IN BLOOM / COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS:** The Chair provided an update on the Rhosddu in Bloom Presentation Ceremony which had taken place on 29 August 2026 and the Community Champion award given to Matt Pyne of Wrexham Outreach Service. The Chair presented the second Community Champion award to Community Agent, Mandy Woodfine Jones. **MINUTE 69 GARDEN VILLAGE INSTITUTE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT:** The Clerk had contacted Ian Simon of the Garden Village Institute regarding their proposal to install an air conditioning unit in the Institute. Mr Simon confirmed that he was looking at various options and would keep Rhosddu Community Council updated with their plans.
84	**COMMUNITY AGENT (rhosdducommunityagent@gmail.com Mobile – 07780253985)** Monthly update received from the Community Agent. **a. COMMUNITY AGENT'S MONTHLY REPORT:** The Community Agent thanked Councillors for the additional 3 hours per week agreed at July's Council Meeting, and also for the Community Champion Award. An update was also provided on the Christmas Lunch with all tickets selling out very quickly. Table favours for the Christmas Lunch had been ordered via the Maes y Dderwen Craft Group at a cost of £50. The event is so popular, a suggestion was made to hold two events at Christmas 2027. The Agent is about to attend a Chair Based Exercise Class with Age Cymru. This will enable her to volunteer to deliver classes through Age Cymru, which will cover the cost of Insurance, Safeguarding and equipment. **RESOLVED –** to pay the £50 to Maes y Dderwen Craft Group upon receipt of their invoice. **b. CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** Wrexham Methodist Church are holding a Christmas Tree Festival between the 29 November and 20 December 2026. There is no charge to take part in the festival and the Community Agent would involve her Craft Groups in making the decorations. **RESOLVED** – that i. A domestic sized Christmas Tree be purchased to be decorated and entered to the Christmas Tree Festival. ii. That craft materials be purchased and donated to the Craft Groups decorating the Tree. **c. CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:** Councillors discussed the options available to hold a Carol Service at Christmas. **RESOLVED –** that i. To relocate this years Christmas Carol Service from Grosvenor Ward to Rhosddu Methodist Church in Stansty Ward. This will be a non-religious service open to all residents. ii. The Clerk contact Brian Manford at the Salvation Army to inform him of their decision.
85	**FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUDGET, AUDIT AND ACCOUNT PAYMENTS** **RESOLVED -** To note the payments received and to approve the making of payments for September 2026 as set out in the Payment Approval Report below. **a.**

Ref	Payment To	Reason	Amount £
	EXPENDITURE – AUGUST 2026		

91	Clerk – (Aug 26)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 16 contracted hours	
	Community Agent (Aug 26)	Community Agent salary NJC Rates (20 contracted hours)	
108	Clerk – (Sept 26)	Clerk's salary NJC rates 16 contracted hours	
	Community Agent (Sept 26)	Community Agent salary NJC Rates (20 contracted hours)	
71	M Woodfine Jones	CA Expenses for June 2026	-£96.46
72	Wrexham CBC	Garden Village Fete Waste Bins	-£94.00
73	AVOW	Membership Fees 2026-2027	-£15.00
74	Chariotts	S137 Financial Assistance Grant July 2026	-£150.00
75	ASH Waste Services	Medieval Event Ashfield Waste Bins	-£236.40
76	Shropshire Falconry Ltd	Medieval Event Ashfield Birds of Prey	-£550.00
77	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge July 2026	-£11.05
78	Viking Office UK Ltd	Clerks Stationary – 1 x Brother Cyan Ink and 1 x folder storage CA Stationary – 2 sets of HP Colour ink, 2 sets of HP Black ink	-£117.06
79	Orbis	CA lone working security App	-£4.79
80	AEC Engineering Ltd	New gates – John Jones Park, Garden Road Gates	-£1200.00
81	St John Ambulance Cymru	Medieval Event Ashfield – First Aid/Medical Cover	-£194.40
82	Greens Environmental Ltd	Medieval Event Ashfield Toilet Hire	-£588.00
83	NEST Pension	CA & Clerk pension August 2026	-£83.36
84	The Salvation Army	Room Hire CAB Sessions x 4 August 2026	-£100.00
85	M Woodfine Jones	CA Expenses for July 2026	-£43.28
86	Garden Village & District Community Association	Community Agent Garden Village Hall Hire – July 2026	-£32.00
87	Wrexham Litter Pickers	60 Giant Vegan Cookies for the Salvation Army Activity on 5 August 2026 – approved by J Billington	-£120.00
88	RSPB	Bird Nesting Boxes x 2 Resident Mr Jones 325 Chester Road. Email from Mr Jones 23 July 2026 – discussed with S Gittens and J Billington	-£48.00
89	Wrexham CBC	Election Expenses – Stansty Ward Vacancy	-£159.02
90	Baby Basics	S137 Financial Assistance Grant July 2026	-£150.00
92	Tesco Mobile	DD Clerk Mobile Phone	-£9.73
93	Poplar Properties Ltd	Medieval Event Ashfield – Generator Hire	-£570.00
94	Fire Safety Wales (NW) Ltd	Medieval Event Ashfield – Fire Extinguishers, stand and signs	-£111.60
95	Planning Aid Wales	Cllr C Smith training – Planning with Communities	-£40.00
96	Planning Aid Wales	Cllr B Murray training – Infrastructure Planning for Communities	-£20.00
97	One Voice Wales	Cllr C Smith training – Module 29 Digital Foundations	-£44.00
98	Clerk – Michelle Williams	Range Vouchers for Rhosddu in Bloom & Community Champion	-£730.00
99	Cwmwd Ial Reenactment	Medieval Event Ashfield – Reenactment Group	-£770.00
100	Cynergy Security Group	Medieval Event Ashfield – Security	-£604.80
101	Wrexham CBC	Replacement Cradle Swing Seat Ashfield Park	-£135.07
102	FC Teamwear Ltd (Macron)	Glass Trophies x 2 – Community Champions	-£50.00
103	Orbis	CA lone working security App	-£4.79
104	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge August 2026	-£11.65

105	Tesco Mobile	DD Clerk Mobile Phone	-£9.73
106	M Woodfine Jones	CA Expenses for August 2026	-£88.87
107	Garden Village & District Community Association	Community Agent Garden Village Hall Hire – August 2026	-£32.00
109	The Salvation Army	Room Hire CAB Sessions x 5 September 2026	-£125.00
110	Top Nosh	Buffet for 20 people – Rhosddu in Bloom Presentation	-£170.00
111	NEST Pension	CA & Clerk pension September 2026	-£83.36
112	Poplar Properties Ltd	Medieval Fayre – Replacement Fuel Generator	-£63.18
	INCOME		
R17	Wrexham CBC	2nd Precept Payment	£58,333.33
R18	Ben Richmond	Medieval Fayre Bar Donation	£30.00
R19	Jon Billington	Medieval Fayre Stall Donation	£70.00
R20	Rhosddu Spudz	Medieval Fayre Stall Donation	£20.00
R21	HSBC	Credit Interest August 2026	£92.50
R22	HSBC	Credit Interest September 2026	£92.60

b. SECOND PRECEPT PAYMENT RECEIVED: Councillors noted that the second precept payment for the financial year 2026/27 had been received.

c. INVOICE FOR THE SKATE PARK: The Clerk informed Councillors that the invoice for the new Skate Park had been received for £97,500 plus VAT of £19,500, totalling £117,000. However, upon checking the Budget for 2026/2027 the Clerk had noticed that the Budget Heading for Play Areas was only allocated £22,000, of which of which £6,577.20 had been spent, leaving a balance of £15,422.80.

- Councillors noted that a grant application for £44,117.64 towards the new Skate Park from the UK Government Pride in Place Impact Fund had been successful, and that the VAT of £19,500 would be reclaimed, but this left a shortfall under the Budget Heading of Play Areas of £37,959.56.
- The Council considered a request to vire £40,000 from Budget Heading A22 Community Development Officer which has a confirmed underspend, to Budget Heading B2 Play Areas to meet the actual cost of unplanned expenditure.

RESOLVED – that

i. A virement of £40,000 to be made due to unbudgeted expenditure for the new Skate Park at Prices Lane Play Area.
ii. To reduce the Budget Heading Ref A22 Community Development Officer by £40,000 to zero.
iii. To increase the Budget Heading Ref B2 Play Areas by £40,000 to £62,000.
iv. The Clerk be authorised to process the transfer and report in the next Quarterly Budget Monitoring Statement in January 2027.

d. MICROSOFT 365 SUBSCRIPTION: The Clerk had paid the Microsoft 365 subscription for 2026/2027 at a cost of £84.99.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be re-imbursed for the payment of £84.99.

e. TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO CERDD, WREXHAM: Councillors discussed the financial assistance application from Cerdd Wrexham.

RESOLVED: That prior to making any donation the Community Agent should liaise with Cerdd Wrexham to discuss a suitable venue and audience for a musical performance.

f. TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE MINDFULNESS PROJECT: The Chair asked Councillors to consider making a donation to the Mindfulness Project to support their recent meal voucher initiative.

RESOLVED: that a donation of £150 be made to the Mindfulness Project.

	g. HSBC TRANSFER: The Clerk had received an email from the HSBC, stating that If their Business Money Manager account is to remain open Rhosddu Community Council will need to make or receive a payment at least once every 12 months. **RESOLVED:** that a standing order be set up of £50 per month from the Unity Trust T2 Account to the HSBC Current Account.
86	**COUNCILLOR M LYNCH:** At the Council meeting in April 2026, a dispensation was granted to Councillor M Lynch to allow an absence for six months due to caring responsibilities, to be reviewed at the September 2026 Council Meeting. **RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed to extend the dispensation to May 2027.
87	**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE AUGUST RECESS:** Further to Minute 73 July 2026, Members received and noted the actions action taken during the August Recess by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair in respect of the following matters: **a)** BIRD BOXES FOR 325 CHESTER ROAD, WREXHAM **b)** REPLACEMENT SWING SEAT AT ASHFIELD PARK **c)** MICROSOFT 365 PAYMENT
88	**COUNCILLOR ID BITHELL – ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:** **a) EAST AVENUE ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE TO SLABS:** Councillor Bithell and Wrexham CBC Officer Kerry Williams are to meet at the location on East Avenue to discuss the options available. **b) NEW BINS TY GWYN FIELD AND CRISPIN LANE:** Councillors discussed replacing existing single bins with double bins on Ty Gwyn Field and on Crispin Lane. Also to install an additional double bin at the entrance to Ty Gwyn field. Permission had been received from Wrexham CBC Officer Nicola Ellis. **RESOLVED –** that i. the new bins be ordered from Wrexham CBC Environment and Technical Department ii. the bins be paid for from the respective Environment Budget for Grosvenor and Stansty wards.
89	**COUNCILLOR J BILLINGTON – ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:** a) **RESUSABLE CUPS:** The Chair introduced the Reusable Cup Initiative recently introduced by Gwersyllt Community Council. Residents are given the Cups free of charge and receive a discount on drinks purchased at local cafes when using the cups. Gwersyllt Community Council have approached the local cafes and negotiated the discounts. The Clerk had sourced indicative costs ranging between £300 and £500 for 50 cups. **RESOLVED –** that before purchasing the cups, discounts at local Cafes would need to negotiated first. b) **CCTV GERALD STREET:** this matter had already been discussed under Minute 61.e c) **FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING:** Most public events now require a trained Fire Marshall and the provision of fire extinguishers. The Chair had been in discussion with County Councillor Richie Everall about holding a joint training session with Acton Community Council. **RESOLVED –** that i. The Chair provide further information at a future meeting. ii. Councillor ID Bithell would discuss this further with Councillor Andy Williams, both of whom work for North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. d) **DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN:** Councillors discussed the Dog Fouling Campaign currently being promoted by Wrexham CBC and whether to support the campaign by installing additional Dog Waste bag dispensers. **RESOLVED –** that i. The Clerk obtain costs to install a dog waste bag dispenser in Ashfield Park ii. The decision to install dispensers in other locations be reviewed in six months. ii. The Clerk order additional Waste Bags for the existing dispensers and deliver to Councillor Bithell.
90	**COUNCILLOR S GITTINS – ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:** **a) MURAL ON WHITE WALL ON BIANCHI SHOP:** Councillor Gittins has visited the Bianchi Shop on Stansty Road and spoken with the owner about having a mural on the white wall facing Stansty Road.

	Councillors discussed the possible content of the mural with the idea of a train proving popular. Councillor Bithell confirmed that planning permission would not be required, but written approval would be required from the owner. **RESOLVED –** that i. Councillor Gittins obtain written approval from the owner of the Bianchi Shop. ii. That a local artist be asked to provide potential drawings suitable for the mural. **b) SPEED SIGNS IN STANSTY:** Councillors discussed the placement of new speed signs in the Stansty Ward. **RESOLVED –** that Councillor Gittins would contact Wrexham CBC Officer, Ms Gwen Thomas, to ask if Wrexham CBC are able to provide the new signs. **c) CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:** The Christmas Carol Service has already been discussed under Minute 84.b.
91	**COUNCILLOR J RYAN – ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:** a) **ASHFIELD PARK:** Councillors discussed the upkeep of Ashfield Park with the responsibility for grass cutting now falling to Wrexham Tennis Centre. Although the field had been cut for the Medieval Fayre, the edges of the field are very overgrown, a potential fire risk. The Chair had met with Wrexham Tennis Centre who confirmed that all of the field would be cut back in October. **RESOLVED** – to monitor the situation going forward. b) **CIRCUS FIELD:** Councillor Ryan had provided a formal objection statement to planning applications P/2025/0597 and P/2025/0598. Although these housing developments fall under Gwersyllt Community Council, there are concerns over the amount of traffic generated that will be using the Stansty Chain Road and creating a bottleneck at Stansty Bridge. **RESOLVED –** that the Clerk write to the Case Officer to ask that Rhosddu Community Council be informed of any Highway Mitigation that is being proposed.
92	**MEDIEVAL EVENT:** The Clerk provided an update on the Budget for the Medieval Event with donations being received totalling £160. **RESOLVED –** That the monies raised by this event, totalling £160 be donated to the ICU ward at Wrexham Maelor Hospital.
93	**LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY AWARD:** The Clerk reported that the One Voice Wales circular set out the 2026/27 National Salary Award as applicable from 1 April 2026, had now been agreed. **RESOLVED** – that the One Voice Wales circular and Pay Award agreement from 1 April 2026 be received and accepted and the Pay Award be backdated to 1 April 2026 and implemented within the October 2026 payroll for the Council's staff. The Clerk to inform AVOW, the Council's Payroll Agent of these changes.
94	**JOINT ONE VOICE WALES EVENT – 18 NOVEMBER 2026:** The Clerk had circulated an email dated 4 September 2026 containing details of the Joint One Voice Wales/SLCC event taking place on Wednesday 18 November 2026. **RESOLVED -** that the Clerk reserve a place to attend this remote conference
95	**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY INVITE – 8 NOVEMBER 2026:** The Clerk had circulated an email from Wrexham CBC with an invitation to the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8 November 2026. **RESOLVED** – that i) Councillors J Billington, A Williams and ID Bithell and Mrs Bithell to attend the service on Sunday 8 November 2026. ii) The Clerk purchase a wreath from the RBL Poppy Shop to be laid at the Service on 8 November 2026
96	**COUNCILLOR REPORTS** **Councillor ID Bithell (Stansty):** • Following the opening of the new Skate Park on Prices Lane Play Area, Councillor Bithell would like the Council to consider installing new benches when discussing the Budget for 2027/2028 in December 2026 • Emergency closure on Prices Lane due to works on trees.

	• The road at Stansty Bridge is to be re-tarmaced. • Councillor Bithell had attended a 100 year celebration of Garden Village Bowling Club with the Mayor. **Councillor J Billington (Grosvenor):** • Councillor Billington had met with Plas Coch Business and WCBC Officers to discuss the congestion at the Plas Coch Shopping Area. • First Aid training with the Mayor of Wrexham at the Tennis Centre. • Due to attend a Tournament at the Tennis Centre and a tour of the Wrexham Museum.
	Date of next Full Council meeting – 28 October 2026

MINUTES - PLANNING COMMITTEE 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

Members Present – Councillors – Mrs L Lewis, Mrs W O'Grady, Mrs J Ryan, Mrs C Smith, S Gittens, Cllr ID Bithell, B Chowdhury, B Murray, M Richards.
Chair – Councillor J Billington
Clerk – M Williams
Apologies – Councillors Mrs M Lynch, A Williams

10	**APOLOGIES** were given and accepted
11	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** No declarations of interest were made at this stage of the proceedings
12	**PLANNING MATTERS** *Please note: It is possible to view the Planning Application and Plans held by the Wrexham Council by clicking on the line which starts Planning Application and clicking on Control and Click to activate the link to the Wrexham Council Planning website) or view documents in advance of the meeting on Wrexham Council Planning portal): https://wrexhamcbc.my.site.com/pr/s/register-view?c__r=Arcus_BE_Public_Register&language=en_GB* *DATES 22 July 2026 – 22 September 2026* **The following Planning Applications were considered:** **Reference:** P/2026/0551 **Proposal:** CHANGE OF USE OF LAND FOR USE IN CONJUCTION WITH FOOTBALL STADIUM **Location:** THE RACECOURSE, MOLD ROAD, WREXHAM, LL11 2AH **RESOLVED – No observations** **Reference:** P/2026/0543 **Proposal:** CHANGE OF USE OF FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS OF EXISTING BUILDING FROM CLASS B1 (OFFICES) TO CLASS C3 (36 NO APARTMENTS) **Location:** REGENT HOUSE, REGENT STREET, WREXHAM, LL11 1PR **RESOLVED – That the following observations be notified to Wrexham CBC Planning Department:** **1) The number of parking spaces at the development is inadequate for the potential number of residents.** **2) It is noted that the bathroom doors open directly into the kitchen areas. Although this is not prohibited, it does raise concerns over hygiene and privacy.** **3) If a bathroom or kitchen is to be provided in a room where there wasn't one before, then building regulations approval should be sought to ensure that the room will have adequate ventilation and drainage and meet requirements in respect of structural stability, electrical and fire safety.** **4) Waste storage and collection inadequate - there are concerns that the bin storage area and the number of bins provided are inadequate for the number of residents. The plans indicate that the Bin storage area will be the size of a car parking space, with the potential to hold only 2 or 3 1100L bins.**
	Date of next planning meeting 28 October 2026

The meeting was declared closed at 21:05