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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF RHOSDDU COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON 27 May 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, J Billington, ID Bithell MBE, B Chowdhury, B Murray

Chair – Councillor S Gittins

Clerk – M Williams

Apologies – Councillor M Lynch, Councillor A Williams

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: To receive any apologies for absence
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations of interest were received
3	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed and seconded (with 8 votes in total) that Councillor Jon Billington be elected Chairman of the Council for the Municipal year 2026/2027. Chair completed Acceptance of Office paperwork. RESOLVED Councillor Gittins thanked Members for their support during his tenure as Chair and Councillor Bithell thanked him on behalf of the Community Council for his hard work.
4	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: It was proposed and seconded (8 votes) that Councillor Brendan Murray be elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the Municipal year 2026/2027. Vice Chair completed Acceptance of Office paperwork. RESOLVED
5	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 1) The Chair recognised three members of the public to the meeting, Mrs S Trow, Mr P Millbank and Mrs J Millbank. The residents live adjacent to Wats Dyke Playing Field, which is the proposed site for 3 metal containers to be used as changing and kitchen facilities for Acton FC, planning application P/2026/0258. They set out their objections to this planning application and provided photographs of the proposed site for the metal containers. Members discussed the proposed location of the metal containers and the existing containers already on site. RESOLVED – that the Clerk write to Wrexham Planning Department to object to this application on the following grounds: Noise pollution, Visual amenity and Character, Impact on Neighbouring properties, Safety and Fire Hazards, loss of amenity and failure to comply with the planning conditions of a previous application. 2) A fourth member of the public at the meeting was identified as Mr Philip Penk, a UK Reform candidate for the Grosvenor Ward in the by-election taking place on 18 June 2026. Mr Penk subsequently left the meeting.
6	MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEE Members considered the schedule setting out the timetable for the Council’s Meetings in 2026/2027. (a) RESOLVED that the Council hold Full Council Meetings, usually on the 4th Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise decided), but with no meeting in August. The Meetings would normally commence at 6.30 pm. Agreed dates: 24 June, 22 July, 23 September, 28 October, 25 November, 16 December, 6 January 2027, 20 January, 24 February, 24 March, 28 April and 26 May. (b) (i) RESOLVED that a Planning Committee be maintained to deal with all Planning issues, with power to act on such issues. All Members of the Council were appointed Members of the Planning Committee (subject to paragraph (ii) below). The Planning Committee will continue following the full Council meeting. There may be important Planning issues that might need a special meeting of the Planning Committee.

	(ii) Those Members of the Wrexham Council Planning Committee would be Members of this Planning Committee but, would be subject to the rules of Wrexham Council regarding participation and voting in this Planning Committee. (c) RESOLVED that an Audit Committee be maintained to deal with Auditing and other specific Financial issues, (apart from routine financial matters which would continue to be dealt with by the Full Council). The Audit Committee would make recommendations to the Full Council. Councillors Mrs L Lewis, B Chowdhury, and S Gittins were appointed as Members of the Audit Committee. The next meeting would be at 6pm prior to the Council Meeting on 24 June 2026. (d) RESOLVED that a Rhosddu in Bloom Committee be maintained to deal with the Rhosddu in Bloom Competition 2026, with power to act. All Members were appointed to the Committee. (e) RESOLVED that the working group established to deal with Community Centre issues, be disbanded now that the Community Centre had been handed back to Wrexham CBC.																
7	REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF COUNCIL POLICIES a) UPDATES TO THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT: The Clerk updated Members on the changes to the Model Code of Conduct for relevant authorities in Wales, introduced by the Monitoring Officer for Wrexham CBC and which came into effect on 5 January 2026. The Clerk reminded of the Council’s duty under the Local Government Act 2000 to revise its code of conduct with any mandatory changes within 6 months of this change. RESOLVED to accept the revised Wrexham CBC Model Code of Conduct and the Clerk publish on the Rhosddu Community Council website. b) REVIEW OF STATUTORY POLICIES: Members noted that the Clerk had reviewed the Statutory Policies in March 2026, Minute 242 refers.																
8	MEMBERSHIP a) SLCC b) One Voice Wales c) Civic Society d) AVOW It was noted that provision has been made in the 2026/27 budget for the Council’s existing subscriptions to One Voice Wales, SLCC and AVOW. RESOLVED – that the Clerk be authorised in accordance with Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to arrange to pay the subscription fees as they become due throughout 2026/27 as long as they don’t exceed the budget provision.																
9	REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES After discussion it was RESOLVED that the following Members to maintain appointment to serve on the bodies listed:- a) Garden Village Community Association - A Williams b) RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Ysgol Plas Coch with regard to the vacant position. <table><tr><th>School</th><th>Current Governors</th><th>Position</th><th>Term of Office Expiry</th></tr><tr><td>Ysgol Plas Coch</td><td>Vacancy</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Rhosddu CP School</td><td>David Bithell Bob Chowdhury</td><td>Local Authority Additional Community Governor</td><td>30 November 2026 21 April 2030</td></tr><tr><td>Wats Dyke CP School</td><td>Andy Williams David Bithell</td><td>Local Authority Additional Community Governor</td><td>31 March 2029 23 September 2029</td></tr></table>	School	Current Governors	Position	Term of Office Expiry	Ysgol Plas Coch	Vacancy			Rhosddu CP School	David Bithell Bob Chowdhury	Local Authority Additional Community Governor	30 November 2026 21 April 2030	Wats Dyke CP School	Andy Williams David Bithell	Local Authority Additional Community Governor	31 March 2029 23 September 2029
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