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Minutes of Council Meeting Held on 17 April 2025

Present: Cllr J Williams (Chair), Cllr C Thomas, Cllr R Sexton, Cllr P Freeman, Cllr P Gaughan, Cllr J Crockford, Cllr R Godfrey

Cllr J Williams (Chair) invited Rhys Jervis to complete and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form along with the Clerk to the Council

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr M Harvey and Cllr N Gater – due to family commitments
Cllr S Milliner – work commitments
- 2. Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct:**
Cllr J Williams – Wenvoe Community Library Limited & The Hub & Cllr J Crockford – open grounds maintenance
- 3. The minutes off Council meeting held 20 March** were unanimously approved subject to the following correction:
8 g) Notice of conclusion of audit 2022/23 & 2023/24– The external audit notice for 2023/24 is displayed on WCC noticeboard with a note that the notice for 2022/23 is available on request. Both audits were qualified – Council are aware of the qualifications and will ensure that these qualifications do not reoccur.
- 4. Public participation**
No public participation
- 5. Police matters:**
Wenvoe Crime/ASB incidents for the period 04.03.2025 – 09.04.2025

There were 45 incidents throughout Wenvoe to include Culverhouse Cross including The Copthorne Hotel.

Occurrences of Note:

Damage to Vehicle	4 Tyres slashed	No evidence, extensive house to house enquiries carried out and NPT (Neighbourhood Policing Team) patrolling the area
Rogue Traders	Clos Llanfair	Two reports where homeowners have agreed to work but the work has not been carried out to a satisfactory standard. Action Fraud contacted.

Several crime incidents relating to ASB at McDonalds and thefts at retail park.

6. Planning:

New Planning Applications

2025/00236/FUL	Gwenfo Junior & Infant School Proposed Outdoor Classroom Applicant: Miss Nicola Starke	No objection
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Previously Reported Planning Applications

2021/00075/FUL (ANH)	Land West of St Lythan's Two livestock buildings with access from highway Applicant: Mr John Crockford	No objection Approved 28.03.2025
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2025/00038/FUL (MK)	St Brendan, 4 Old Port Road Change of use of front garden for the siting of a cabin operating as a commercial florist Applicant: Miss Jemma Doolan	Objection Refused 01.04.2025
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2025/00106/FUL (GW)	Land adjacent to Station Terrace, Station Road East Proposed construction of a berm house and associated development thereto Applicant: Mr Damien Case	No Objection Refused 17.03.2025
2024/01212/FUL (ANH)	Construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility including the erection of battery container units inverters, 132kV substation, 33kV customer switchgear, storage container and welfare container, water tank, new internal access roads, resurfaced compound, installation of perimeter fencing and access gate; associated ground works; and landscaping Applicant: Greenfield Energy Developments Ltd	Objection
2024/00543/FUL (HM)	Wayside Cottage, Dyffryn Proposed new access gate to lane Applicant: Mr Paul Frost	No Objection
2023/01123/FUL	Tunnelside Yard, Snell Yard Wenvoe Proposed change of use from agricultural land to proposed caravan suite for touring caravans and motorhomes (no static caravans) Applicant: Mr Steven Reynolds	No objection
2023/00373/OUT	Upper House, Pound Lane, Wenvoe Proposed two- bedroom bungalow Applicant: Mr Roger Bentley	No objection

7. Finance and payment of accounts:

- a) 1-31 March were approved.
- b) The following payments were approved subject to one virement:

To increase building decoration and decrease Councillor Remuneration in the sum of £350.00.

BD Roofing	WCC Damp & Roof Remedial Works	£950.00
Cathedral Leasing	Annual Hygiene Services	£187.20
Scott FPS	Annual Extinguisher Maintenance	£91.56
CD Electrics	5 x double sockets – office	£245.00
Ball & Co	Boundary & Ownership of Hedge	£806.40
123Reg	Annual subscription – Wenvoe Online	£107.88
Ray Charles	Office redecoration	£850.00
JS Carpets	Office carpet	£250.00

Additional payments approved:

Audit Wales	2023/24 Audit Fees	£235.00
Complete	Stationery	£65.34
Clerk reimbursement	Wi-Fi lead	£11.99

- c) Bank Card Reader – Cllr J Williams informed Council of the card reader that the library uses to take card payments to reduce the amount of cash held and how it would benefit the Council especially with the introduction of bank charges. Council unanimously agreed to apply for a bank card reader – Clerk to action.
- d) Council unanimously agreed to adopt the Risk Management Policy.
- e) Clerk Salary Increment – Council noted the annual one scale increment as per the Clerk's Contract of Employment on 1 April 2025. Council agreed the increase of mileage allowance in relation to defibrillators at Twyn yr Odyn and Brooklands Terrace monthly checks and any additional visits when the defibrillators have been used by members of the public or Welsh Ambulance Services.

8. Other projects and responsibilities:

- a. WRAC – Cllr P Freeman updated Council in relation to footpaths and will provide Clerk with the minutes of the recent WRAC meeting for circulation to all Councillors. Cllr P Freeman had recently supplied wildlife packs to the Wenvoe Scouts groups.
- b. Fly-tipping Enforcement – Cllr P Freeman informed Council that there had been 4 prosecutions by The Vale of Glamorgan to date and that one camera has been stolen/removed.
- c. Section 6-Environment (Wales) Act 2016 – Clerk attended online training, Cllr P Freeman was unable to attend due to work commitments. Clerk to forward the notes of the training to Cllr P Freeman for his information.
- d. Registration of Land & Carpark Boundary – Cllr J Williams read Cllr S Milliner's email in her absence in relation to the trees on the boundary that had been sent to The Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department. Council agreed to await any response at this stage.
- e. Cemetery – ongoing.

- f. Multi location meetings – Cllr P Freeman and Cllr R Jervis to install projector screen to the library – planned for May 2025.
 - g. Main Hall damp – the Clerk informed Council that the remedial works had been completed to include damp coat product applied to external wall – ongoing monitoring.
 - h. VE Day 80 Anniversary – Cllr J Williams asked Cllr C Thomas to inform Wenvoe residents that the beacon will be lit at Twyn yr Odyn at 9.30pm on Thursday 8 May 2025 to commemorate the VE Day 80 Anniversary. Cllr R Jervis volunteered to collect the Beacon.
 - i. Noticeboards – Cllr R Godfrey informed Council of the high cost to replace the Perspex to WCC noticeboard, the noticeboard at Twyn yr Odyn had not been inspected to date – ongoing.
 - j. Defibrillator – Clerk to obtain quotation as to costs for the installation of power to a new defibrillator cabinet at Wenvoe Community Centre – ongoing.
 - k. Office redecoration – redecoration and new carpet to be completed by Tuesday 22 April 2025. Cllr P Gaughan and Cllr C Thomas to assist with the transfer of furniture, etc from the small meeting room to the office at 9.30am on Wednesday 23 April 2025.
 - l. Scouts Groups - Cllr J Williams to attend the AGM on 19 May 2025.
 - m. Speed Radar Signs – Cllr J Williams pointed out that, unfortunately, the Council is not in a financial position to purchase them let alone install and maintain them. It was suggested that the member of the public contact the Vale of Glamorgan to ask them to provide the signs.
 - n. Dog Poo Bins – Cllr J Williams point out that the Council is not in a financial position to purchase additional dog poo bins together with the cost of emptying them. Wenvoe currently have 5 dog poo bins throughout Wenvoe.
9. Any matters the Chairman decides are urgent – none
10. To receive reports from Chairman, Clerk and Members - Cllr R Sexton informed Council of the bulging wall at Twyn yr Odyn playing fields and her concern of the safety issue. Cllr R Jervis & Cllr P Gaughan to inspect and report back to Council. Cllr P Freeman requested to update the map in the former noticeboard to the front of the Community Centre, which was formally used by Valeways, Council agreed. The Clerk informed Council that she would be taking responsibility for the defibrillator at Brooklands Terrace going forward, the draft internal audit report had been received, Council would be provided with the final report upon receipt. The Clerk will also be on annual leave for week commencing 28 April 2025 but will attend the AGM Council Meeting on 1 May 2025.
11. To receive correspondence not specifically referenced on the Agenda – none

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

**The next Council meeting will be held on
Thursday 15 May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Hub/Library**

**The AGM Meeting will be held on
Thursday 1 May 2025 at 6.30pm in the Hub/Library**