

# ESCLUSHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes: Council Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Present:** Cllrs M. Pickering, N. Cargius. J. Kelly, Darcy Davies-Williams, , S. Love, G. Richards, J. Perkins, N. Davies-Williams, M Pritchard, C Badwick, P Searle, G. Bellamy, G. Blackmore and the Clerk M. Andrew

## AGENDA

### PRELIMINARIES

- 1) Rhostyllen Villa - Petition by Adam Roberts

*Mr. Roberts presented the challenges that the football club are experiencing with vandalism to the pitch and stands and requested that the community council support as much as they could to make the pitch more secure. The Chair thanked Mr. Roberts and stated that this topic would be fully discussed by the full Council, and they would reply when all options and whatever in in the Council's power was decided.*

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (Agenda items)

1. Apologies - *Cllrs. C. Luckcock, Val Morgan*
2. Chair's announcements - *None*
3. Declarations of interest - *None*
4. Ratification of minutes from the meeting of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - *Proposed Cllr S.L. and seconded by Cllr G.R. Ratified unanimously.*
5. Members' Items
  - a) Funding for Play Provision 2026 - *deferred to January budget meeting*
  - b) Lead water pipes into building.- *NOTE: Welsh Water will carry out remedial works to the supply to the Parish Hall as they are lead.*
  - c) Budget planning deferred to January - *this is due to the tax base for 2026-27 as yet not being received.*
6. Bank Transactions

Premier A/C	Date	Exp	Inc	Balance
HMRC VAT	31-Oct-25		213.49	28,040.54
Transfer to c/a (online)	10-Nov-25	3,000.00		25,040.54
Interest	10-Nov-25		16.40	25,056.94
Transfer to c/a (online)	28-Nov-25	4,000.00		21,056.94

7. Cash Transactions

Petty Cash A/C	Date	Rec No	Exp	Inc	Balance	Bank
<b>Opening Balance 1st April 2025</b>					<b>start 54.43</b>	
Voucher for departing clerk	27-May-25		50.00		4.43	
Transfer from Imprest	27-May-25			130.00	134.43	
Purchase bouquet	10-Jun-25		15.00		119.43	
Chain of Office	19-Jun-25		60.00		59.43	
Katy Thomas (Bugler)	9-Nov-25		40.00		19.43	

8. Invoices/Quotations -

### Clerk Expenditure

Date	Items	Supplier	Cost
<b>28-Oct</b>	2026 Planners	Amazon	£17.98
<b>14-Nov</b>	FA Training	AVOW	£72.00
<b>14-Nov</b>	Vesta CCTV Fee	Vesta	£10.00
<b>18-Nov</b>	TEN Xmas Party	WCBC	£21.00
<b>18-Nov</b>	Wine Xmas Party	Booker	£171.79
<b>18-Nov</b>	Sherry Xmas Party	Majestic Wine	£141.00
<b>19-Nov</b>	Biscuits (Warm Space)	Amazon	£27.59

20-Nov	Biscuits (Warm Space)	Amazon	£17.49
20-Nov	Toilet Rolls	Citrus Supplies	£109.75
23-Nov	Desk and Office Chair	Amazon	£107.48
25-Nov	Electrical Items Caretakers Office	B&Q	£32.39
25-Nov	Lenovo Pads (Warm Space)	Ebay	£254.06
25-Nov	Document Holders	Amazon	£40.88
2025		<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,023.41</b>

*The Clerk presented the above for clarity on recent expenditure. This was agreed and would be emailed to account signatories for authorisation.*

#### Insurance Renewal

Our Ref: 4681034

Policy Type: AJG Community Schemes

Policy Holder: Esclusham Community Council and Fete Committee

Insurer: Hiscox Insurance Company Limited

Your insurance policy is due for renewal shortly and we have pleasure in attaching your recommended renewal quote for Esclusham Community Council and Fete Committee, from Hiscox Insurance Company Limited for the period from the 24th December 2025 to the 23rd December 2026.

The premium (including IPT and all fees) for the year will be: £4,069.01. (Last Year £3,943.89). + **£125.12**

*The above was proposed by Cllr G.R. and seconded by Cllr C.L. Ratified unanimously*

#### Grants

1. Warm Space - £2,290.00 to Esclusham CC
2. Crime Commissioners Office - £300.00 to the Parish Hall Trust

*The Clerk clarified the recent grants that had been given to the Council and the Parish Hall Trust. The warm space grant will be paid retrospectively at the end of the program and there will be a further discussion on how the Trust grant will be spent.*

#### 9. Statement of Accounts

	Date of Statement 04/12/2025	Current Balance/Cashbook
Business Instant Account		£21,056.94
Current Account		£2,961.63
Imprest Account		£2,582.40
Petty Cash Account		£19.43
		<b>£26,640.40</b>

**FYI:** Online banking now in place for real time accounting reconciliation.

The situation regarding the **Trust fund** is recorded below for information.

#### Final Precept Installment due this month (December 2025)

RPHT Current A/C	Date	Chq	Exp	Inc	Balance
Transfer from Petty Cash	3-Nov-25			780.00	16,581.02
Aikido Class (Oct)	3-Nov-25			120.00	16,701.02
Paige Street Dance (Oct)	10-Nov-25			80.00	16,781.02
Playgroup	25-Nov-25			55.00	16,836.02
WCBC Strength & Balance Exercise Gp	28-Nov-25			660.00	17,496.02
Mark Andrew (Clerk admin)	28-Nov-25	BACS	292.11		17,203.91
Bronwen Edwards (Dep Party)	28-Nov-25	BACS		25.00	17,228.91
Caia Park Partnership (October)	1-Dec-25			105.00	17,333.91

<b>RPHT Petty Cash A/C</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Rec No</b>	<b>Exp</b>	<b>Inc</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Bank</b>
L Ellis Party (Dep paid by BACS)	2-Nov-25	3847		75.00	727.12	
Kerry Williams (dep paid 2/11 )	3-Nov-25	3848		75.00	802.12	
Transfer to current	3-Nov-25				22.12	780.00
Zumba	4-Nov-25	3849		20.00	42.12	
Bowls	5-Nov-25	3850		30.00	72.12	
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Fri)	7-Nov-25	3851		30.00	102.12	230.00
Zumba	11-Nov-25	3852		20.00	122.12	
Rachel Turner (dep)	11-Nov-25	3853		20.00	142.12	
Bowls	12-Nov-25	3854		30.00	172.12	
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Fri)	14-Nov-25	3855		30.00	202.12	
EAG Bingo	14-Nov-25	3856		40.00	242.12	
Beth Hignett (dep)	15-Nov-25	3857		20.00	262.12	160.00
Zumba	18-Nov-25	3858		20.00	282.12	
Bowls	19-Nov-25	3859		30.00	312.12	
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Fri)	21-Nov-25	3860		30.00	342.12	80.00
Zumba	25-Nov-25	3861		20.00	362.12	
Bowls	26-Nov-25	3862		30.00	392.12	
Snooker Group	26-Nov-25	3863		10.00	402.12	
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Fri)	28-Nov-25	3864		30.00	432.12	90.00

**RPHT**

Current Account  
Petty Cash Account

**Date of  
Statement**

04/12/2025  
04/12/2025

**Current Balance  
Cash Book**

£  
17,333.91  
432.12  
**£17,766.03**

10. **Budget Position: 10/10/2025**

RCPTS & PYMNTS BUDGET ANALYSIS - ACT PAYMENTS Y/E 31 March 2026									BUDGET ANALYSIS	
			P Cash	Current	Imprest	Bus Sav	IR&NI	Total to Date	BUDGET	Variance
<b>Expenditure</b>										
<b>VH Maintena nce</b>	1.1	Employee Costs			18,167.22		131.94	18,299.16	26,500.00	8,200.84
	1.2	Power		6,942.37				6,942.37	12,000.00	5,057.63
	1.3	Repairs		966.85	0.00			966.85	1,500.00	533.15
	1.4	Waste		1,532.46				1,532.46	1,700.00	167.54
<b>VH Capital</b>	2.1	Plans/Equipme nt	0.00	852.30				852.30	1,500.00	647.70
	2.2	New Build/ Improvements		632.73				632.73	1,500.00	867.27
<b>Street Lights</b>	3.1	Maintenance		5,232.57				5,232.57	4,500.00	-732.57
	3.2	Power		3,988.89				3,988.89	14,000.00	10,011.11
<b>Lights/ Signs Capital</b>	4.1	New lights/fittings		482.75				482.75	2,000.00	1,517.25
<b>Sch Crossing/ P'schem e</b>	5.1	School Crossing		1,485.00				1,485.00	5,800.00	4,315.00
	5.2	Playscheme		0.00				0.00	5,900.00	5,900.00
<b>Admin</b>	6.1	Employee Costs		18,768.98			6,498.08	25,267.06	30,000.00	4,732.94
	6.2	Stationery	0.00	794.85				794.85	1,000.00	205.15
	6.3	Telephones Subs & Insurance		789.76				789.76	1,000.00	210.24
	6.4	Expenses		839.33				839.33	4,500.00	3,660.67
	6.5		0.00	392.34				392.34	250.00	-142.34
<b>Comms</b>	7.1	Website/Press	0.00	133.00				133.00	500.00	367.00
<b>Admin Capital</b>	8.1	Office Equipment		103.17				103.17	200.00	96.83
<b>Sec 137</b>	9.1	Donations		1,575.00	0.00			1,575.00	1,500.00	-75.00
	9.2	Gifts & parties Chair	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	9.3	Allowance		500.00	0.00			500.00	1,200.00	700.00
	9.4	Cutting		0.00	2,580.00			2,580.00	3,500.00	920.00
<b>Misc.</b>	10.1	PWLB (loan repayment)		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
	10.2	Facilities		3,863.50				3,863.50	6,000.00	2,136.50
	10.3	Pension set-up costs etc		0.00				0.00	200.00	200.00
	10.4	General (inc Yth Service)	165.00	3,590.15	55.03			3,810.18	3,000.00	-810.18
<b>Totals</b>			<b>165.00</b>	<b>53,466.00</b>	<b>20,802.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,630.02</b>	<b>81,063.27</b>	<b>132,250.00</b>	<b>51,186.73</b>
									<b>Check</b>	<b>51,186.73</b>

**Chair of Finance      N. Cargius      Date      12/01/2026**

## FULL COUNCIL (Agenda Items)

1. Apologies - *Cllrs Claire Luckock and Val Morgan*
  2. Chair's announcements *The Chair thanked all those involved in the Christmas light turn on and stated that it was well received as well as the Christmas float on Sunday.*
  3. County Councillor's Report - *Cllr M. Pritchard gave an overview of recent planning issues in the ward. Cllr M. Pritchard requested the Community Council give some thought on establishing a fund that could be used in the future to protect land within the ward. Various councillors gave their views in support. The matter would be discussed at a future meeting.*
  4. Declarations of interest - *None*
  5. Ratification of minutes from the meeting of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - *Proposed by Cllr S.L. and seconded by Cllr D.D-W. Ratified unanimously*
  6. Members' Items/Action List
- a) **NWP/ECC police liaison meeting > 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**

Present:- CPSO's Sara Williams and , Cllrs Mark Pritchard, Graham Blackmore, John Perkins, Nicci Davies-Williams and the Clerk Mark Andrew

*The red Audi that has been seen racing around the village has been witnessed as parking on Fennant Road and the Police will carry out additional monitoring.*

*The football pitch damage was discussed and the Community Council fed back that they had agreed to install kissing gates and to also investigate additional CCTV cameras in the vicinity. The PCSO S.W. stated that PC Lucia Pritchard will advise on the same cameras that the Police use for surveillance.*

*It was noted that recent suspected drug activity had declined.*

*Cllr M. Pritchard requested that additional patrols were carried out over the Christmas period in the area and to include the construction site on Wrexham Road.*

*The recent incident of a white van suspected of stopping quickly in Johnstown/Rhos and the ward intentionally to try and claim damage had been done to the occupants of the van and damage to the van has been reported to 101 and logged.*

b) **Lost in the Dark - Community Green Trail** - *The Clerk informed the Council that a letter had been received requesting support in principle for memorials for local miners killed in the Gresford disaster be set up locally. Then Clerk has replied stating support in principle.*

d) **Pensioners party**

- Catering
- Refreshments
- Entertainment
- Gifts
- Advertising

*Final arrangements were agreed on following discussion of the above.*

e) **Field opposite the Crematorium being used for horses** - *It has been reported to the Clerk that horses have recently been used on the field opposite the Crematorium causing walkers some worry. This appears to have been following flooding in Bangor ys y Coed where the horse were moved from. Cllr M. Pritchard stated that it was WCBC land and that the horses are no longer there.*

f) **Bersham Club car parking** - *Cllr N.C. stated that the carpark at Bersham Club is now being used for employees at the school causing some issues when there is an event at the club which causes congestion. There was further discussion on the large increase in traffic attending the school especially in the morning. Action. The Clerk was requested to request from WCBC if any conditions were put on numbers of cars that could park at the school and also to contact Karen Evans to ask is there a limit on numbers of pupils attending.*

**ACTION PLAN:**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Resp</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Sep-23</b>		
Suitable signage for car park: Hall/environs users only > <b>re-invigorate in summer 2025</b>	Clerk	Ongoing
<b>Apr-24</b>		
Liaise WCBC > 'speed bands' > Croesfoel to Packsaddle - re-visit with WCBC: <b>look at after Bersham Rd</b>	Clerk	Ongoing
<b>May-24</b>		
Finial' on P Hall roof. Cllr MP taken the 'old' one away to see what can be done: <b>ask MP for update in Q2</b>	Cllr MP	Ongoing
<b>Sep-24 (RPHT)</b>		
Obtain Q for a full re-decoration of the Bersham Room > look to <b>get Quote asap</b> (above is to follow)	Clerk	Ongoing
Obtain Q to 'freshen-up' the two gables along the P Hall frontage - look to get quotes <b>in late HY1 2025</b>	Clerk	Ongoing
<b>Sep-24</b>		
Gateway signage to Rhostyllen and Bersham - Cllrs SL and MP liaise with the Clerk in <b>HY1 2025</b>	Clerk	Ongoing
Bicycle Pump track - Cllr GB to make further investigations: <b>by end HY1 2025</b>	Cllr GB	Ongoing
<b>Nov-24</b>		
Obtain quotes for finalising work along fence line from existing wall to Bowling Club: <b>by end summer 2025</b>	Cllr MP	Ongoing
<b>Jan-25</b>		
Liaise with Ysgol Rhostyllen re poss 'Esclusham'-specific posters re dog fouling: <b>Cllr GR conf &gt; in hand</b>	Cllr GR	Ongoing
<b>May-25 AGM</b>		
Chairs allowance (to be discussed at next budget meeting Nov 2025)	Clerk	Nov 25

7. Planning Items & Reports

**Reference:** P/2025/0759

**Proposal :**GOSOD CYNLLUN SOLAR AR Y TIR A'R SEILWAITH CYSYLLTIEDIG/INSTALLATION OF GROUND-MOUNT SOLAR SCHEME AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

**Location:** LAND OFF HAFOD ROAD, HAFOD, RUABON, WREXHAM, LL14 6HF



*The Council have no objection in principal as long as there are no plans for battery storage units to be sited on the land. The Clerk will respond to the planning team.*

**Reference:** P/2025/0896

**Description:** ERECTION OF CLASSROOM STRUCTURE AND COMPOSTING WC, INCLUDING INSTALLTION OF NEW PATHWAY/HARDSTANDING

**Site Address:** LAND NORTH OF BERSHAM BANK, BERSHAM, WREXHAM, LL14 4LL



*The clerk was asked to request information regards to car parking on the site.*

**Withdrawals**

None

**Reports/Appeals**

None

**Decisions**

Berse Farm, Ruthin Road - Appeal - *Cllr M. Pritchard gave an overview of recent planning meetings with this application.*

8. **Correspondence** - for attention of the Council  
a) Already dealt with in members items

9. **Items for the Clerk**  
a) Sub-Committees  
a. Biodiversity and environment.  
b. Parish Hall upgrades  
c. Website improvements

*The Clerk reminded Councillors to put themselves forward for the above sub-committees*

**Chair G. Richards      Date      12/01/2026**

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