

ESCLUSHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes: Council Meeting Monday 9th June 2025

Present: Cllrs G. Richards, N. Cargius, J. Kelly, Darcy Davies-Williams, Nicci Davies-Williams, Mark Pritchard, C. Luckock, M, Pickering, S. Love, V. Morgan. Clerk M. Andrew

Apologies: Cllrs G. Blackmore, J. Perkins, G. Bellamy.

AGENDA

PRELIMINARIES - None

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Cllr N. Cargius

Agenda items

1. **Apologies** - Cllrs G. Blackmore, J. Perkins, G. Bellamy.
2. **Chair's announcements** - None
3. **Declarations of interest** - None
4. **Ratification of minutes from the meeting of Monday 12th May 2025** - *Proposed M. Pritchard. Secoded ND-W, unanimously ratified.*
5. **Members' Items** - None
6. **Bank Transactions**
7. **Cash Transactions**

<u>Petty Cash A/C</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rec No</u>	<u>Exp</u>	<u>Inc</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Bank</u>
Opening Balance 1st April 2025				start	54.43	
Voucher for departing clerk	27-May-25		50.00		4.43	
Transfer from Imprest	27-May-25			130.00	134.43	

8. **Invoices/Quotations** - facias and gutters for Parish Hall
9. **Statement of Accounts**

The most recent reconciled bank statements are recorded below. However as the cash book is always more up to date than the bank statements the latest position (un-reconciled) is shown in the accounts above with the totals shown at 'Current Balance - Cash Book' below.

	<u>Date of Statement</u>	<u>Current Balance Cash Book</u>
		£
Business Instant Access Account	31/03/2025	19,604.87
Current Account	03/06/2025	15,747.35
Imprest Account	03/06/2025	-1,413.82
Petty Cash Account	03/06/2025	134.43
		£34,072.79

FYI: the Imprest account is not actually overdrawn at the Bank > book entry until receipt of an up-to-date statement

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

<u>RPHT Current A/C</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>xp</u>	<u>Inc</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Playgroup	25-Apr-25			55.00	11,334.22

BCU Cardiac Rehab Group (March)	1-May-25	96.00	11,430.22
Transfer from Petty Cash	27-May-25	610.00	12,040.22

RPHT Petty Cash A/C	Date	Rec No	Exp	Inc	Balance	Bank
Tuesday Club	6-May-25	3767		30.00	364.12	
John Lord Tai Chi class (Wed & Fri)	7-May-25	3768		30.00	60.00	394.12
Biscuits > Parish Hall 'drop-in cafe' (via DJ)	13-May-25		28.94			365.18
Tuesday Club	13-May-25	3769		30.00		395.18
John Lord Tai Chi	16-May-25	3770		30.00		425.18
N. Leith Childrens Party	17-May-25	3771		55.00	115.00	480.18
Tuesday Club	20-May-25	3772		30.00		510.18
Kelly Roberts (deposit kids party 22/5)	22-May-25	3773		25.00		535.18
John Lord Tai Chi class (Wed & Fri)	23-May-25	3774		30.00	85.00	565.18
Income > 'Tea Room' at the Parish Hall	27-May-25			95.65		660.83
Transfer to current	27-May-25					50.83
Tuesday Club	26-May-25	3775		30.00		80.83
D Sides Dance Class	27-May-25	3776		20.00		100.83
John Lord Tai Chi class (Wed & Fri)	30-May-25	3777		30.00	175.65	130.83

	Date of Statement	Current Balance Cash Book £
RPHT		
Current Account	01/05/2025	12,040.22
Petty Cash Account	04/06/2025	130.83
		<u>£12,171.05</u>

10. **Budget Position:** Appended ECC budget sheet to 4th June 2025

Chair: N. Cargius

Date: 09/06/2025

FULL COUNCIL (Agenda Items)

1. **Apologies** - Cllrs G. Blackmore, J. Perkins, G. Bellamy.
2. **Chair's announcements** - None
3. **County Councillor's Report** - Cllr M. Pritchard updated the Council on recent local activities and on progress with Stage 2 of the Wrexham Road development (Previous NT land).

There was a discussion on the condition of the Parish Hall (also discussed in the RPHT meeting). The Clerk shared photographs of where there was water ingress damage which led on to the condition of the roof. The CC mentioned potential funding providers and Cllr M. Pickering mention lottery funding. **Action** - Clerk to obtain quotes for detailed building condition survey to be able to obtain accurate costings for roof repairs.

4. **Declarations of interest** - None
5. **Ratification of minutes from the meeting of Monday 12th May 2025** - Proposed C.L., Seconded N.D.-W., Unanimously ratified.
6. **Ratification of minutes from the AGM of Monday 12th May 2025** - Proposed N. C., Seconded M.P., unanimously ratified.
7. **Members' Items/Action List**

a) NWP/ECC police liaison meeting > 4th June (Clerk M.A.)

Present: - PCSO Sara Williams, Cllr John Perkins, and the Clerk Mark Andrew

- I. Bersham Speed Bands - MA to keep pressure on WCBC to install. PCSO's will contact traffic officers to set up monitoring between the hours of 08.45 - 09.15 and 15.45 and 16.30
- II. Criminal activity - Off road bikes caused damage to the football pitch unfortunately nobody has been identified as causing damage. (Groundsman did confront some youths the day after but not those involved).
- III. Criminal activity - A car on the main road had been covered in paint. This was an isolated incident.
- IV. Criminal activity - A burglary occurred at a property on Langdale where a shed had been broken into and two off road bikes stolen.
- V. Criminal activity - Some people were observed in the area of the new build by the middle pub potentially drug activity.
- VI. Fete - There will be attendance on site PCSO Laura Cooper with a car/van.
- VII. Dangerous dog - No more reports. Information received by public has been passed on including Facebook postings.
- VIII. New trends - There have been reports nationally of vans being broken into by 'peeling' back the side panels and accessing goods.

b) Permission requested to plant 10 plants for Beech Hedge and approval for stones to be purchased for Parish Hall borders. (Huws Gray will match purchase through their community scheme) (VM). **Granted**

c) Update on path for West Grove. **Action** - Clerk requested to contact Kerry Williams WCBC, for update on work completion. (email sent 10/06/2025)

d) Residents reporting rats at the rear of the parish hall (old allotment site). **Action** = Clerk requested to contact contractors to obtain 3 quotes to remove rubbish and tidy area and contact pest control to stop vermin activity. Councillors requested to ask residents to keep bird feeders to a minimum as they attract vermin.

ACTION PLAN: Shared with councillors

7. **Planning Items & Reports**

Applications

P/2025/0348 CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING FROM C3 (DWELLING) TO C2 (RESIDENTIAL HOME) Location: 4 HUTTON WAY, RHOSTYLLEN, WREXHAM, LL14 4FP. **Action** Clerk to contact

planning to state no objections but to condition number of occupants/residents. (email sent 10/06/2025)

P/2025/0349 CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING FROM C3 (DWELLING) TO C2 (RESIDENTIAL HOME) Location: 3 HUTTON WAY, RHOSTYLLEN, WREXHAM, LL14 4FP. **Action** Clerk to contact planning to state no objections but to condition number of occupants/residents. (email sent 10/06/2025)

P/2025/0442 PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR THE DEMOLITION OF FORMER GARAGE BUILDINGS AND FORECOURT CANOPY - LOCATION: MG GARAGE, WREXHAM ROAD, RHOSTYLLEN, WREXHAM, LL14 4DW. **Action** Clerk to contact planning to state no objections but to condition correct removal of potential contaminated materials and underground fuel tanks (email sent 10/06/2025)

P/2025/0363 - application for the "erection of agricultural building and associated works" on land off Bronwylfa Road, Aberoer, Wrexham LL14 4LG. Council had asked for further information which was discussed further. **Action** Clerk contacted Sarah Hill in planning to state that there were no objections (10/06/2025).

Withdrawals - None

Reports/Appeals - None

Determinations

P/2025/0360 - application for the "erection of detached garage" at Bronwylfa Hall, Bronwylfa, Wrexham, LL14 4LD. Council asked for it to be noted that it should be in keeping with the surrounding buildings. **Granted. Noted**

8. **Correspondence** - *for attention of the Council*

a) Bronwylfa Women's Institute - *Thank you, card, from the Secretary Mrs Crewe read by Clerk*

9. **Items for the Clerk**

a) Formal approval of the Accounts for 2024/25 following the Internal Audit. A copy of the 'Conclusion' sheet dated the 18th of May 2025, completed by JDH Business Services Ltd, shared with members together with a copy of the Action Plan attached thereto (see below). The 'Annual Return for the Year ended the 31st of March 2025' requires completion and signing. This is to be submitted to Audit Wales, along with any requested documentation, by the 8th of August. **ACTION REQUIRED:** Chair & Clerk to sign where indicated once the Annual Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement have been approved by Council. **Action Proposed G.R., Seconded M.P., unanimously ratified.**

b) Issues raised by the Internal Audit 2024/25 - The Clerk will look to resolve all items raised and will share the completed responses/follow-up actions with Councillors. **Action Information shared with Council.**

c) Paperless meetings proposal and discussion. **Action - The Clerk proposed that going forward that all information/documentation for future Council meetings will be sent electronically. Councillors can request paper copies if required. Agendas will be projected onto screen in chamber room.**

Part 2 Electoral office contact and update of ward members. **Action - The Clerk communicated recent correspondence regards ward members for Esclusham CC. Ongoing vacancies to be advertised.**

Chair: G. Richards

Dated: 09/06/2025