

ESCLUSHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes: Council Meeting Monday 12th May 2025

Present: Cllrs Graham Blackmore, John Perkins, Nat Cargius, Jean Kelly, Christine Badwick, Darcy Davies-Williams, Nicci Davies-Williams, Glen Bellamy, Mark Pritchard, Gemma Richards.

Apologies: Cllrs Claire Luckock, Mabyn Pickering, Sarah Love, Val Morgan.

PRELIMINARIES

- 1) The incoming Clerk Mark Andrew and Chair Gemma Richards signed the Clerks contract of employment. **Action.** Clerk to place in file
- 2) Cllr Christene Badwick signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. **Action.** Clerk to place in file.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair : Cllr Nat Cargius

Agenda Items

1. Apologies - Cllrs Claire Luckock, Mabyn Pickering, Sarah Love, Val Morgan.
2. Chair's announcements - none
3. Declaration of interest - none
4. Ratification of minutes from the meeting of Monday 14th April 2025 - unanimously ratified.
5. Members' Items
 - i) Review of all mandates > Lloyds Bank (Clerk requested additional signatories, Cllrs Nat Cargius and Claire Lucock agreed to be added as signatories. **Action.** Clerk to provide banking documentation.
6. Bank Transactions See section 9
7. Cash Transactions

Petty Cash Account (01/04/2025 > 07/05/2025)

Petty Cash A/C	Date	Rec No	Exp	Inc	Balance	Bank
Opening Balance 1st April 2025						54.43

8. Invoices/Quotations - none
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.

	Date of Statement	Current Balance Cash Book
		£
Business Instant Access Account	31/03/2025	33,883.70
Current Account	01/04/2025	12,376.02
Imprest Account	01/04/2025	- 3,597.99
Petty Cash Account	07/05/2025	54.43
		<u>£42,716.16</u>

FYI: the Imprest account is not actually overdrawn at the Bank > book entry until receipt of an up-to-date statement to the end of April 2025.

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

RPHT Current A/C	Date	Chq	Exp	Inc	Balance
Opening Balance 1st April 2025					10,202.22
Transfer from Petty Cash	1-Apr-25			580.00	10,782.22
Jonathan Williams (call out re gas/boilers w/e)	2-Apr-25	0224	150.00		10,632.22
Transfer from Petty Cash	22-Apr-25			485.00	11,117.22

RPHT Petty Cash A/C	Date	Rec No	Exp	Inc	Balance	Bank
Tuesday Club	1-Apr-25	3746	18.00		109.27	
Snooker Group	1-Apr-25	3747	10.00		119.27	
Georgina France (deposit kids party 13/9)	1-Apr-25	3748	20.00		139.27	
John Lord Tai Chi class (Wed & Fri)	4-Apr-25	3749	30.00	98.00	169.27	
Milosz and Natalia (party 24/5 - paid in full)	7-Apr-25	3750	115.00		284.27	
Tuesday Club	8-Apr-25	3751	18.00		302.27	
Snooker Group	8-Apr-25	3752	10.00		312.27	
John Lord Tai Chi class (Wed & Fri)	11-Apr-25	3754	30.00		342.27	
Esclusham Community Gp (bingo)	11-Apr-25	3753	30.00	203.00	372.27	
Tuesday Club	15-Apr-25	3755	18.00		390.27	
Snooker Group	15-Apr-25	3756	10.00		400.27	
John Lord Tai Chi class (Wed)	16-Apr-25	3757	18.00	46.00	418.27	
Income > 'Tea Room' at the Parish Hall	22-Apr-25		101.85		520.12	
Transfer to current	22-Apr-25				35.12	485.00
Tuesday Club	22-Apr-25	3758	18.00		53.12	
Snooker Group	22-Apr-25	3759	10.00		63.12	
D Sides Dance Class	22-Apr-25	3760	12.00		75.12	
Tia Neish (deposit kids party 25/5)	25-Apr-25	3761	20.00		95.12	
John Lord Tai Chi class (Wed & Fri)	26-Apr-25	3762	24.00		119.12	
Anna Olejniczak (kids party)	26-Apr-25	3763	95.00	280.85	214.12	
Tuesday Club	29-Apr-25	3764	18.00		232.12	
Tia Neish (kids party 25/5)	29-Apr-25	3765	80.00		312.12	
John Lord Tai Chi class (Wed & Fri)	2-May-25	3766	22.00	120.00	334.12	
Tuesday Club	6-May-25				334.12	

	Date of Statement	Current Balance Cash Book £
RPHT		
Current Account	01/04/2025	11,117.22
Petty Cash Account	07/05/2025	334.12
		<u>£11,451.34</u>

10. **Budget Position - ECC situation noted.**

CHAIR N. Cargius

DATED 12/05/2025

FULL COUNCIL

CHAIR : Cllr Gemma Richards

Agenda Items

1. **Apologies** - Cllrs Claire Luckock, Mabyn Pickering, Sarah Love, Val Morgan.
2. **Chair's announcements** - The Chair welcomed Cllr Badwick and the new Clerk to the Council. Cllr Pritchard then thanked the outgoing Clerk, Bryn Jones for all his work and wished him all the best for the future.
3. **County Councillors' Reports** - Cllr Mark Pritchard gave an update on the following
 - i) The bushes in front of the monument in the Memorial Gardens requires cutting down and replacing. Removal which will be done by WCBC.
 - ii) Holes that appeared at various locations in the village have been filled in. The Police are aware of this.
 - iii) There have been some reports of anti-social behaviour in and around Esclusham, NWP have been informed.
 - iv) Cllr Pritchard reported that there is still activity carrying on with motorcycles in the area. Any information should be passed onto NWP.
 - v) Cllr Pritchard informed the Council that a number of Ash Trees in the area have been affected by Ash Die Back and will have to be cut down (small path from Station Road to the park).
 - vi) Cllr Pritchard requested a review of the community notice boards. **Action** Clerk
 - vii) Cllr Pritchard expressed his disappointment that the crossing on the former National Trust land that is now under development has not been closed off as per planning conditions. **Action** Clerk to send an email to the Council asking when the crossing will be closed.
4. **Declaration of interest** - none
5. **Ratification of minutes from the meeting of Monday 14th April 2025** - unanimously ratified
6. **Members' Items/Action List**
 - a) Police Liaison Meeting NWP/ECC held on the 7th of May 2025 > Cllr John Perkins

Present: - PCSO Sara Williams, PCSO Laura Cooper, PCSO Meg Dickinson Cllr John Perkins, and the Clerk, Mark Andrew (ex-Clerk Bryn Jones also in attendance) Apologies received from Cllrs Graham Blackmore and Mark Pritchard. Send Email to NWP regards speed bumps that are still yet to appear. **Action** Clerk
 - b) Memorial Gardens Update. John Perkins

Cllr Perkins updated the Council on the recent meeting (Weds 16th April)
Present Adrian Clark, Cllrs John Perkins Graham Blackmore and the Clerk regards the maintenance of the Memorial Statues. Costs were being sort and Adrian Clarke will start to canvass local businesses to see what donations can be attained. The Clerk has been looking at grant funding. There is potentially a big cost to have the work done. Councillors commented that a full assessment of who if nominated would carry out the work an what potential implications there would be i.e. insurance etc. Alos mentioned that any coating applies to the memorials must be of good quality. **Action** Clerk
 - c) Ratification of the transfer of SLCC and ALCC membership from Bryn Jones to Mark Andrew was unanimously ratified by the Council.

7. **Planning Items & Reports**

Applications

P/2025/0363 - application for the “erection of agricultural building and associated works” on land off Bronwylfa Road, Aberoer, Wrexham LL14 4LG. Council asked for further information and a brief extension. **Action** Clerk to contact Planning Officer

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. **Action** Clerk to contact Planning Officer with comment.

P/2025/0357-application for the “installation of air source heat pump” at Rosemead, Wrexham Road, Pentre Bychan, Wrexham, LL14 4DS. Council asked for it to be within keeping of the local area. **Action** Clerk to contact Planning Officer with comment.

Withdrawals

None

Reports/Appeals/Other

None

Determinations

None

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

a) Welsh Government - letter from the First Minister of Wales, the Rt Hon Eluned Morgan AS/MS regarding the “80th Anniversaries of Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan”. *In view of timescales, with VE Day due ahead of the May meeting of the Community Council, the letter forwarded to Councillors on the 15th of April.* Noted

b) Ysgol Rhostyllen PTFA - “thank you” re S137 grant cheque. *The Clerk read out accordingly.*

c) Friends of RPHT - “thank you” re S137 grant cheque. *The Clerk read out accordingly.*

d) Tabernacle Church Rhostyllen - “thank you” re S137 grant cheque. *The Clerk read out accordingly.*

e) Bersham Cricket Club - “thank you” re S137 grant cheque. *The Clerk read out accordingly.*

f) WCBC - ‘The Wrexham County Borough Council (Esclusham Below Public Footpaths 9 (part) and 10 (part)) Public Path Diversion Order 2025’ > dated 25th February 2025. *Copy of Order and map shared with Councillors.* Noted

9. **Items for the Clerk**

a) Confirm a date for the RPHT AGM. The RPHT AGM will take place at 6:30pm on the 9th of June (ahead of the Community Council meeting). Ratified by Council

b) Replacement notice board required for Pentrebychan - located within SP Energy car park. Ratified by Council. **Action** Clerk

CHAIR G. Richards

DATED 12/05/2025