

ESCLUSHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes: Council Meeting Monday 14th July 2025

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

Apologies: Cllrs G. Richards, J. Perkins, Nicci Davies-Williams, Mark Pritchard.

AGENDA

PRELIMINARIES - None

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Cllr N. Cargius

Agenda items

1. **Apologies** - Cllrs G. Richards, J. Perkins, Nicci Davies-Williams, Mark Pritchard.
2. **Chair's announcements** - None
3. **Declarations of interest** - None
4. **Ratification of minutes from the meeting of Monday 9th June 2025** - *Proposed M. Pickering. Secoded S. Love, 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	
Purchase bouquet	10-Jun-25		15.00		119.43	
Chain of Office	19-Jun-25		60.00		59.43	

8. **Invoices/Quotations** - None

9. **Statement of Accounts**

	<u>Date of Statement</u>	<u>Current Balance Cash Book</u>
		£
Business Instant Access Account	11/07	16,964.99
Current Account	11/07	3,545.63
Imprest Account	11/07	3,000.00
Petty Cash Account	11/07	59.43
		<u>£23,570.05</u>

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

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>
BCU Cardiac Rehab Group (May)	2-Jun-25			96.00	12,335.22
Aikido Class (May)	3-Jun-25			150.00	12,485.22
Ken Skates	9-Jun-25			30.00	12,515.22
Caia Park Partnership (May)	12-Jun-25			70.00	12,585.22
JDH Audit fee	12-Jun-25	0225	132.00		12,453.22

WCBC Strength & Balance Exercise Gp	13-Jun-25		468.00	12,921.22
Playgroup	25-Jun-25		55.00	12,976.22
Esclusham CC (Q Man fee for 30/6)	30-Jun-25	1,000.00		11,976.22
Paige Street Dance (May)	1-Jul-25		48.00	12,024.22

RPHT Petty Cash A/C	Date	Rec No	Exp	Inc	Balance	Bank
Tuesday Club	3-Jun-25	3778		30.00	160.83	
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Weds & Fri)	6-May-25	3779		20.00	180.83	
Tuesday Club	10-Jun-25	3780		30.00	210.83	80.00
Ruth Cleverly	11-Jun-25	3781		20.00	230.83	
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Weds & Fri)	13-Jun-25	3782		30.00	260.83	
Tuesday Club	17-Jun-25	3783		30.00	290.83	
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Weds & Fri)	20-Jun-25	3784		30.00	320.83	
Tuesday Club	24-Jun-25	3785		30.00	350.83	
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Weds & Fri)	27-Jun-25	3786		20.00	370.83	160.00
Income 'Tea Room' at the Parish Hall	4-Jul-25			136.62	507.45	
Biscuits Parish Hall 'Cafe' (via DJ)	4-Jul-25		26.49		480.96	
Tuesday Club	1-Jul-25	3787		30.00	510.96	
Harley Jones (deposit party 19/7)	1-Jul-25	3788		75.00	585.96	321.62
John Lord Tai Chi Class (Weds & Fri)	4-Jul-25	3789		30.00	615.96	
Ruth Party	5-Jul-25	3790		55.00	670.96	

	Date of Statement	Current Balance Cash Book £
RPHT		
Current Account	11-07	12,042.22
Petty Cash Account	11-07	670.96
		<u>£12,713.18</u>

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
Expenditure										
YH Maintenance	1.1	Costs			6,553.82		70.77	6,624.59	26,500.00	19,875.41
	1.2	Power		2,260.62				2,260.62	12,000.00	9,739.38
	1.3	Repairs		280.00	0.00			280.00	1,500.00	1,220.00
	1.4	Waste		1,085.66				1,085.66	1,700.00	614.34
YH Capital	2.1	Plans/Equipment	0.00	689.53				689.53	1,500.00	810.47
	2.2	New Build/Improvements		0.00				0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Street Lights	3.1	Maintenance		4,153.40				4,153.40	4,500.00	346.60
	3.2	Power		3,649.76				3,649.76	14,000.00	10,350.24
Lights/Signs Capital	4.1	New lights/fittings		0.00				0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sch Crossing /P'scheme	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
Admin	6.1	Employee Costs		8,923.26			3,485.76	12,409.02	30,000.00	17,590.98
	6.2	Stationery	0.00	554.39				554.39	1,000.00	445.61
	6.3	Telephones Subs &		204.82				204.82	1,000.00	795.18
	6.4	Insurance		731.00				731.00	4,500.00	3,769.00
	6.5	Expenses	0.00	0.00				0.00	250.00	250.00
Comms	7.1	Website/Press	0.00	13.00				13.00	500.00	487.00
Admin Capital	8.1	Office Equipment		0.00				0.00	200.00	200.00
Sec 137	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		0.00	0.00			0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	9.4	Cutting		0.00	1,860.00			1,860.00	3,500.00	1,640.00
Misc.	10.1	PwLB (loan repayment)		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
	10.2	Facilities		0.00				0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	10.3	Pension set-up costs etc		0.00				0.00	200.00	200.00
	10.4	General (inc Yth Service)	125.00	895.88	30.45			1,051.33	3,000.00	1,948.67
Totals			125.00	26,501.32	8,444.27	0.00	3,556.53	38,627.12	132,250.00	93,622.88
								Check	93,622.88	

CHAIR N. Cargius

DATED 14/07/2025

FULL COUNCIL (Agenda Items)

1. **Apologies** - Cllrs G. Richards, J. Perkins, Nicci Davies-Williams, Mark Pritchard.
2. **Chair's announcements** - None (Vice-Chair Cllr Bellamy stood in)
3. **County Councillor's Report** - None.
4. **Declarations of interest** - None
5. **Ratification of minutes from the meeting of Monday 9th June 2025** - *Proposed N. Cargius, Seconded S. Love, unanimously ratified.*
6. **Members' Items/Action List**
 - a) NWP/ECC police liaison meeting > 9th July (Cllr G. Blackmore.)
Present:- Sgt Sarah Reese Jones, PCSO Laura Cooper, Cllrs Graham Blackmore, John Perkins, Nikki Davies-Williams and the Clerk Mark Andrew
 - I. Bersham Speed Bands - MA to keep pressure on WCBC to install. PCSO's have contacted traffic officers to set up monitoring between the hours of 08.45 - 09.15 and 15.45 and 16.30 but do not know if this can be done due to prior commitments. Sgt Jones did inform that an application for speed guns is in place and may be completed in 1 to 2 months. MA will contact Mark Pritchard and Kerry Williams for update on speed bands results.
 - II. Dog Fouling - Unfortunately this is a local authority responsibility, ECC to look into getting a PSPO assigned to the area (old railway line) so that signs and monitoring can be instigated.
 - III. Criminal activity - Traveller site at Croesfoel is being monitored closely.
 - IV. Criminal activity - There was some trouble after the fete at The Old Black Horse which is being dealt with.
 - V. Criminal activity - There have been a small number of neighbourhood disputes that have been dealt with.
 - VI. Traffic incidents - There have been reports of cars jumping red lights at J4 A483 and the new lights at the junction of Church St and Wrexham Rd. Cars are also parking on double yellow lines at the Co-op and on the junction of Spring Rd and Church St. The Police have no jurisdiction over yellow lines and the Council will be contacted to see if enforcement can be carried out.
 - VII. Motorbike activity - A motorbike has been seen speeding near Eldon Grove and the dirt bike has been seen again. The Police have asked if any activity is observed to try and get some form of ID i.e. registration number and to pass it on.
 - VIII. Drone activity - there have been reports of drone activity along Eldon Grove and the old railway line. Police advised members of the public to contact them.
 - b) Floor condition in the caretaker's office and the gent's restroom requires attention. **Action - Clerk to obtain quotations for repairs.**
 - c) Rag wort has been reported in fields and along Smithy Lane as well as along the old railway track Rhostyllen. **Action - Clerk to contact Ian Vaughn Jones WCBC for advice.**

ACTION PLAN:

<u>ACTION PLAN:</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Date actioned</u>
Sep-19		
Suitable signage for car park: Hall/environs users only > re-invigorate in summer 2025	Clerk	
Apr-24		
Liaise WCBC > 'speed bands' > Croesfoel to Packsaddle - re-visit with WCBC: look at after Bersham Rd	Clerk	Ongoing
May-24		
Finial' on P Hall roof. Cllr MP taken the 'old' one away to see what can be done: ask MP for update in Q2	Cllr MP	
Jul-24		
Place a notice on all noticeboards adv that ECC minutes are available online/P Hall: being done mid-July	Clerk	
Sep-24 (RPHT)		
Arrange for the various photographs to go back up on the walls > Bersham Room (after below)	Clerk	
Obtain Q for a full re-decoration of the Bersham Room > look to get Quote asap (above is to follow)	Clerk	
Obtain Q to 'freshen-up' the two gables along the P Hall frontage - look to get quotes in late HY1 2025	Clerk	
Sep-24		
Gateway signage to Rhostyllen and Bersham - Cllrs SL and MP liaise with the Clerk in HY1 2025	Clerk	
Bicycle Pump track - Cllr GB to make further investigations: by end HY1 2025	Cllr GB	
Nov-24		
Obtain quotes for finalising work along fence line from existing wall to Bowling Club: by end summer 2025	Cllr MP	
Dec-24		
West Grove - pavement : Cllr Mark Pritchard to chase-up WCBC (ref Cllr VM) > MP conf in hand 10/3	Cllr MP	
Re-visit ECC proposals > Croesfoel field (Louvre Hotels) > (ref Cllr Mabyn P) > re-visit Q2 2025	Clerk	
Complete the furnished table re RAAC - as minutes. No other action required: to be done in July	Clerk	
Jan-25		
Liaise with Ysgol Rhostyllen re poss. 'Esclusham'-specific posters re dog fouling: Cllr GR conf > in hand	Cllr GR	
Mar-25 RPHT		
H & S concerns regarding the 'cleared' area by P H orchard > no immediate concerns but re-visit inQ2 2025	Cllr MA	Done
Write to WCBC to ascertain exactly what portion of ECC owned land is leased to WCBC: Action mid-May	Clerk	
Mar-25		
Speak with WCBC Cllr Phil Wynn regarding a contribution from Offa CC regarding a speed camera	Cllr MA/MP	Done
Place IRPW report on an agenda for Q3 2025 > Clerk to action in Q2 2025	Clerk	
Apr-25		
Write to the Garden Gaffer re pleasing feedback received re the HTC graveyard > action mid-May	Clerk	04.06.2025
Write to WCBC (Craig) re Esclusham Fete > use of field/RA/Ins/TEN > action by 13/5 (TEN arrived ?)	Clerk	13.05.2025
Proceed with formalities re a Vacancy Notice/Co-Option to ECC for Rhostyllen ward - commence in July	Clerk	
Clerk/Cllr Nat C to progress arrangements to bring Chain of Office up to date. Action by end Q22025	Clerk	01.07.2025
May-25 AGM		
Cllr Richards signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office	Clerk	13.05.2025
Confirmation of standing orders	Clerk	13.05.2025
Chairs allowance (to be discussed at next budget meeting Nov 2025)	Clerk	
May-25		
Add Cllrs Cargius and Luckock to banking mandates Clerk to action by end of May	Clerk	31.05.2025
Review condition of community notice boards Clerk to action by end of June	Clerk	
Contact council to request when crossing (new development NT land) will be closed Clerk to action ASAP	Clerk	31.05.2025
Send request for speed bumps	Clerk	31.05.2025

7. Planning Items & Reports

Application

P/2024/1386 Proposal :AMNEWID PLOT I DDATBLYGIAD CYMERADWY P/2007/0686 (NEWID Y MATHAU O DAI A GYMERADWYWD A FFYRDD AR Y SAFLE)/PLOT SUBSTITUTION TO APPROVED DEVELOPMENT P/2007/0686 (ALTERATIONS OF APPROVED HOUSE TYPES AND ONSITE CARRIAGEWAYS)

Location: LAND AT, WREXHAM ROAD, RHOSTYLLEN, WREXHAM, LL14 4DH

Action: Clerk responded to the planning officer on behalf of ECC via email 01/07/2025

P/2025/0470. Proposal :GWAITH AR GOED MEWN ARDAL GADWRAETH BERSHAM/WORKS TO TREES IN BERSHAM CONSERVATION AREA

Location: THE OLD POST OFFICE, BERSHAM ROAD, BERSHAM, WREXHAM, LL14 4HT

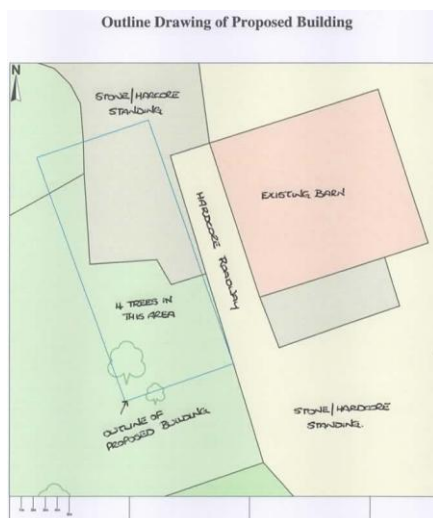


Yew tree in garden. Remove branches over the highway to provide 5-6 metre clearance. Remove branches over lawn area to provide clearance of 3-4 metres.

Action: Council had no issues, Clerk to communicate to planning

P/2025/0515 PROPOSAL: CODI ADEILAD AMAETHYDDOL AR GYFER ARDAL STORIO / ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING FOR STORAGE

LOCATION: TALWRN FARM, TALWRN ROAD, LEGACY, RHOSTYLLEN, WREXHAM, LL14 4ER



Action: Council had no issues, Clerk to communicate to planning

Withdrawals

None

Reports/Appeals

Reference : ENF/2025/0156

Location : GERNANT, WREXHAM ROAD, PENTRE BYCHAN, WREXHAM, LL14 4DS

The static caravan is currently being occupied by the family who are renovating the dwelling. As the static is within the curtilage of Gernant, planning permission is not required to site this whilst the renovation takes place. The planning enforcement officer has advised the owner that when the renovation is complete, the static either needs to be removed or confirmation provided that the static is not being occupied as a separate residential unit.

The only planning breach currently at the property is the wall along Wrexham Road. The wall is higher than 1 metre adjacent to the highway and as such needs planning permission. WCBC have asked the owners to either lower the wall to 1 metre in height or to submit a planning application to retain the wall as is by 6/8/25.

The other works currently being carried out at the property do not require planning permission. This includes the rear dormer extension and conversion of the garage to the rear of the property.

Determinations

P/2025/0363: ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING CREATION OF ACCESS - **Refused as development not deemed appropriate**

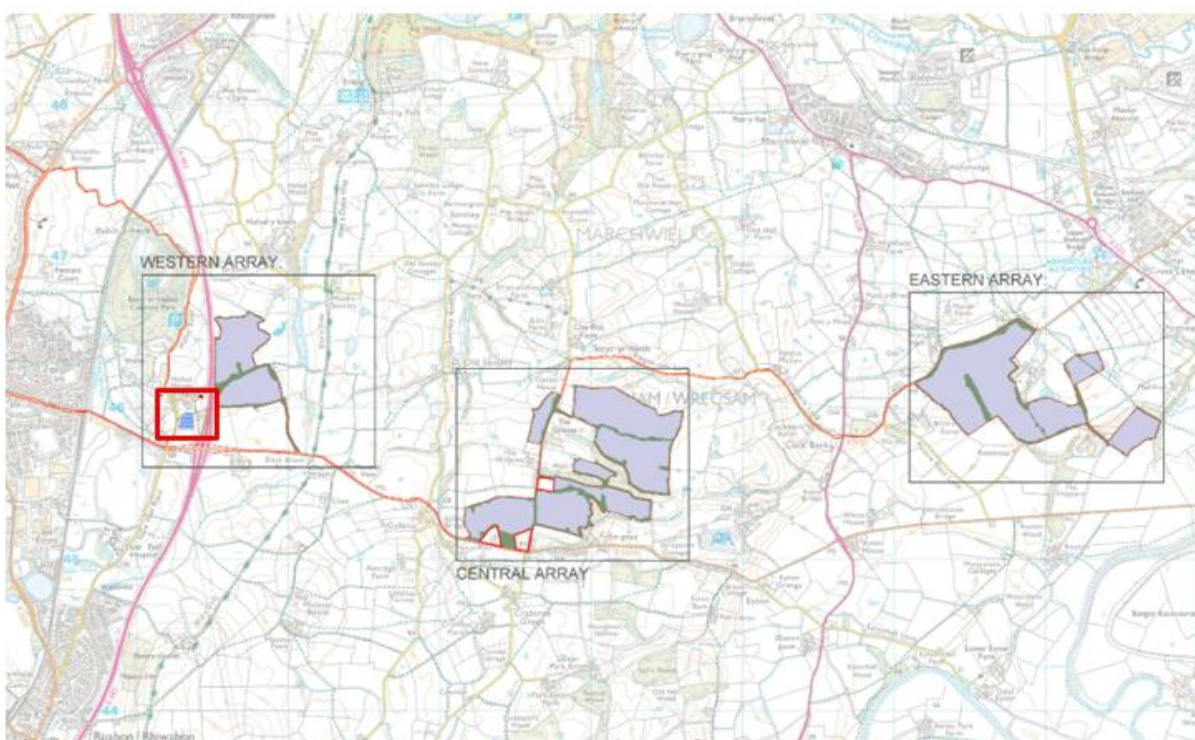
P/2025/0360: BRONWYLFA HALL, BRONWYLFA, WREXHAM, LL14 4LD
Description ERECTION OF DETACHED GARAGE - **Granted**

P/2025/0357: ROSEMEAD, WREXHAM ROAD, PENTRE BYCHAN, WREXHAM, LL14 4DS
Description INSTALLATION OF AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP - **Granted**

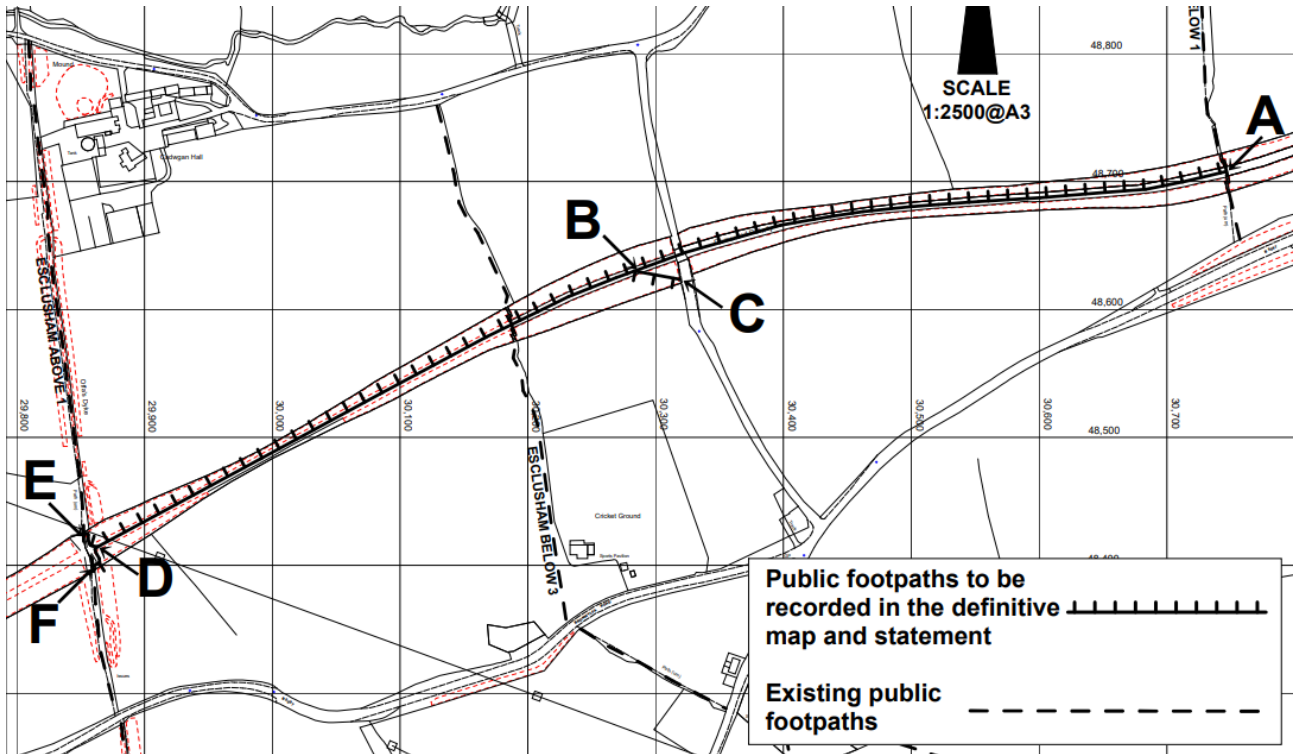
P/2025/0263: BARN HEY, PENTRE BYCHAN ROAD, PENTRE BYCHAN, WREXHAM, LL14 4EP
Description SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION - **Granted**

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

a) National Trust consultation solar farm Hafod (not connected with Butterfly/Solar Farm)



- b) Butterfly/Solar Farm Consultation - email received 30/06/2025 regards ongoing pre-application consultation to be held in village hall, dates will be advised - **Action Clerk**
- c) Community Agent Esclusham - Email received 07/07/2-25 notifying ECC that Annette Thomas is the new community agent for our area. **Information**
- d) Legacy Footpath Update



Having considered all the evidence provided in respect of the application, Wrexham County Borough Council determines that an order under section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 should be made to amend the Definitive Map and Statement as shown on the attached plan by adding:

- a public footpath between points A, B and D
- a public footpath between points B and C
- a public footpath between points D and E
- a public footpath between points D and F

[Handwritten Signature]

Darren Williams
Chief Officer Environment and Technical
Wrexham County Borough Council

9. **Items for the Clerk**

- a) Update on rodent activity to the rear of the Parish Hall and clearing land - **Clerk is obtaining quotes to clear the allotment site and has instructed 'a2z pest control' to control rat activity.**
- b) Update on phone and broadband for Parish Hall - **Clerk has renewed contract with Focus Group (using USwitch to compare suppliers) and will save in the region of £3K over 5 years.**
- c) Parish Hall Maintenance - **Clerk has purchased paints and other materials for the caretakers to redecorate where possible to improve the existing structure.**
- d) Vacancies Rhostyllen Ward - **Clerk will advertise vacancies in July.**
- e) Playgroup request to keep fees the same through the summer due to low number of attendees - **Council accepted to keep fees the same over the summer and review in Q4 2025.**
- f) Tuesday Club questioned their fee rates - **Clerk to check what has been agreed.**
- g) Defibrillator training - **Clerk to check costs.**

CHAIR G. Bellamy _____

DATED 14/07/2025 _____