

ESCLUSHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes: Annual General 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.

Chair: Cllr Gemma Richards

Agenda Item

1. Apologies: Cllr Claire Luckock, Cllr Mabyn Pickering, Cllr Val Morgan, Cllr Sarah Love
2. Minutes of Previous AGM: The minutes of the previous AGM held on 13th May 2024 were presented.
3. Chair's Remarks: The Chair gave a quick review of the last year and passed on her thanks to the Council for the last twelve months work in what was a busy year. The Vice Chair also thanked The Chair for her contribution to the Council.

All present were then invited to proceed with the election process.

4. Elections: as detailed above - positions for **2025/26**:
 - a) **CHAIR of COUNCIL** - Cllr Gemma Richards
Cllr Richards signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office. **Action** - Clerk place in file
 - b) **VICE-CHAIR of COUNCIL** - Cllr Glen Bellamy
 - c) **CHAIR of FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Cllr Nat Cargius
 - d) **VICE-CHAIR of FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Cllr Claire Luckock
 - e) **CHAIR of RPHT** - Cllr Val Morgan (to be ratified at the RPHT AGM)
 - f) **VICE-CHAIR of RPHT** - Cllr Mabyn Pickering (to be ratified at the RPHT AGM)
 - g) **REPRESENTATIVES**. The following members were nominated to serve as representatives on the specified bodies:-
 - i) One Voice Wales - n/a as membership not taken
 - ii) Wrexham Police Community Group - Cllr Graham Blackmore, Cllr John Perkins Cllr Nikki Davies-Williams,
 - iii) Playgroup Committee - Cllr Jean Kelly
 - iv) Rhostyllen School Governors - Cllr Gemma Richards is an existing LA/Community Governor and part-way through her term of office.
 - v) Bryn Tirion School, Bersham Hall - Cllr Sarah Love & Cllr Nat Cargius
 - vi) Youth Service - Cllr Sarah Love & Cllr Jean Kelly
 - vii) Clywedog School - n/a (as minutes 5th of September 2016 - correspondence item c). The situation can be re-visited should the Community Council be contacted again by the school.

h) **Additional for 2025/26** - names for the **Memorial Gardens sub-committee** (as requested > minutes 14th April 2025) - Cllrs John Perkins, Graham Blackmore, Christine Badwick, Mark Pritchard, Darcy Davies-Williams.

5. Confirmation of Title, Membership, Remit, Power and Quorum for RPHT: Members confirmed >

a) the title of the Rhostyllen Parish Hall Trust (RPHT) with the remit to consider all aspects of the management, maintenance and development of the village hall and the surrounding recreational land and facilities.

b) that the trust, currently consisting of 13 members, be delegated full power to act, subject only to Council policy and budgets. Any new Council members would be invited to become a trustee. Volunteers from without would be welcome to attend meetings but would not be permitted voting rights.

c) that the trust will continue to consider 'other items' where the Clerk deems the matter sufficiently urgent or where the subject is one which the Council would wish to be advised of, or express a view on, at the earliest opportunity.

d) that the quorum for the RPHT be set at 5 members.

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e) that all such 'other items' be reported at the first opportunity to Council.

6. Confirmation of Standing Orders. Members confirmed the use of the Standing Orders adopted at the AGM on the 15th May 2024. **Action:** Clerk update.

7. Confirmation of dates for budget setting & precept requirement. Members confirmed that the meeting to determine the draft budget and precept level would be held in November with the budget being finalised at a later date.

8. Chair's Allowance. Further to a discussion it was decided that the Chair's Allowance would be discussed at the next full Council meeting. This currently consists of a budgeted amount of £200 being made available to the Chair with a further £1000 being made available, should the need arise, with Council approval being required to sanction the manner in which the amount would be spent. **Action** Clerk update.

9. Dates/Times of Meetings of the Council. It was confirmed that:

a) the Council will meet monthly on the second Monday of each month in the Council Chamber at 7:00pm at the Parish Hall.

b) there will be no meetings in August when the Council is in recess.

c) should the date for a Council meeting coincide with a statutory Bank Holiday, the Council meeting will be postponed to the following Monday.

d) the Rhostyllen Parish Hall Trust will meet, where possible/required, on four occasions annually and more frequently whenever there are sufficient items to be determined. It was unanimously agreed that meetings, when able, will be held at 6:30pm, on a Monday evening preceding an ECC meeting, in the Council Chamber.

e) should the need arise there will be a special Council meeting called to discuss the precept in November of each year.

f) there will be a special Council meeting to determine Section 137 awards in March annually.

g) members may choose to combine the precept and Section 137 meetings.

10. Financial Accounts for 2023/24. The Clerk presented Financial Accounts for 2024/25. **Members unanimously agreed that the accounts provided a true record of the year's financial activity.**

CHAIR G. Richards

DATED 12/05/2025