



LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2016.

PRESENT

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman

Councillors J. Atkinson, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, K. McCallum JP, D. Rule, J.E. Saul and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor J. Phoenix.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

13. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

14. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

Concern was expressed that it had not been possible to contact Mr George Owens and it was felt that there should be consideration given to alternative arrangements. No further communication had been made between Mr Owens' Solicitors and this Council's Solicitor at County Hall. Observation was made that if it was not possible to extend the Cemetery in the same area, some other place would have to be found. Reluctance was expressed at this suggestion as there would be more cost involved. It was agreed by all Councillors that a letter be sent to Mr Owens requesting that a resolution to this current problem with the purchase of land be achieved.

15. CEMETERY

It was pointed out that there is a lot of clay that needs to be removed from the Cemetery. Also, top soil was required and Mr Aled Davies was enquiring about prices of this. At present, access to the shed was not possible, it was hoped that Mr Barry Richards may have a key. A suggestion was made that a numbered lock to the shed be bought – all Councillors were in agreement.

The seat in memory of Mrs Dorothy Griffiths has now been sited at the Cemetery. Part of the bank had been removed by Mr Aled Davies in order to do this. No cost was incurred by this Council for the work.

Comment was made that there were overhanging branches from a tree inside the Church grounds onto the pavement that ran along the Church wall. These were an issue for pedestrians using that particular stretch of pavement. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk informally approach the Church with regard to this.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number 055165
Erection of storage shed/workshop.
Old Padeswood Golf Club, Station Lane, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RD.

There were no observations regarding this planning application.

17. PLANNING DECISIONS

Application number 054968
Erection of bungalow.
Land rear of Delfryn, King Street, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4SB.

This has been approved by delegated officer.

18. By full agreement of the Council this minute is excluded.

19. CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL NAME TO LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Clerk advised that she had heard nothing further on this matter.

20. NEW HSBC BANK MANDATE

The Clerk informed that she had completed a new mandate for HSBC bank and submitted it online. A hard copy of this had to be signed by the Chair to the Council and herself then posted to HSBC. It is a requirement of the Bank that an Organisation's constitution must be provided for their records. As the Community Council does not have a constitution, a letter needs to be sent to the Bank stating this. All signatories on the current Bank mandate had to sign this letter.

21. MILLENNIUM CLOCK

It was reported that the Millennium Clock had been running slow to time, because of this it had been necessary to call out the maintenance man from Smith's of Derby. Councillor J.E. Saul had met with the maintenance man on site and he informed that the Clock had been set to the correct time but this was a temporary fix. There would be a charge for the call out and a quote for future necessary work would be provided. Comment was made that an annual fee was paid to Smith's of Derby and should the call out be included in this. The Clerk explained that she was unaware of the terms of the contract and would look into it before the next meeting.

22. POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK

No progress had been made with this matter. Observation was made to the water that was coming from the ground and running along the pathway adjacent to the pond. Depending on the work necessary to resolve this, it could be costly.

23. WITHDRAWAL OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES

The Clerk reported that she and Councillor Terry Hughes had attended the workshop held on Tuesday 26th April at Theatr Clwyd. Flintshire had been split into four areas and the Town/Community Councils within those areas were expected to work together, forming a 'hub'. If the Town/Community Councils could not reach an agreement on who they were prepared to join with, the decision would be made by Flintshire County Council. Information on the workshop was to be sent out to the Clerks of the Town/Community Councils in order that they may pass this on to the Councillors. It was agreed that a representative from Welsh Border Community Transport be invited to address the Community Council.

24. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On reading the document 'Key Messages: Setting the future direction for the Plan – Tell us what you think', the Clerk had noted that Flintshire County Council had not recorded that Leeswood had a Surgery, a Pharmacy or a Post Office. An e-mail had been sent to Flintshire County Council requesting that this detail be changed.

The Clerk went on to add that it had been disappointing to read that Leeswood had been included in category 5 on the model explaining the settlements who were the most sustainable (numbered 1) to those least sustainable (numbered 10).

25. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) New surface on dual carriageway in Pontblyddyn – this work would start shortly.
b) Chair of Flintshire County Council – Councillor R. Hughes year of office as Chair of Flintshire County Council was now coming to an end. During this time, he had raised £19,000 - £5,000 each would be given to the Riding School for the Disabled; Guide Dogs for the Blind and Nightingale House Hospice Leeswood Support Group. £1,500 was to be given to the Leeswood Community Centre and the remaining £2,500 would be split between organisations of this community. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood stated that it had been an honour to have a member of this Council as Chair of Flintshire County Council and thanked Councillor and Mrs Hughes for their hard work over the past year.

Councillor R. Hughes stated that if any Councillor knew of community issues that were County Council related could they please let him know as soon as possible rather than wait until the Community Council meeting to bring it up.

26. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Blockage on Nant river – it was brought to the Council's attention that this is blocked in three places. This matter would be reported to Natural Resources Wales and Flintshire County Council.
b) New County Council properties – Flintshire County Council had held an exhibition at the

Community Centre on 6th April with regard to the demolition of the old garages sited to the rear of Heol-y-Goron and those at Maes-y-Meillion, replacing them with new County Council built properties. It was intended to build three two bedroom houses and two three bedroom houses at Heol-y-Goron. At Maes-y-Meillion there would be four two bedroom bungalows and four two bedroom apartments. The garages had old asbestos roofs and would have to come down. Comment was made that the garages located at Heol-y-Goron were something of a meeting place, if the new properties were to be built this would hopefully stop this problem.

c) Recognition of Councillor R. Hughes year of office as Chair to Flintshire County Council – it was agreed that this item be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

d) Website – Councillor J.E. Saul was thanked for his continuing work on keeping the Council website up-to-date.

27. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£29.95
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – April 2016	£538.40
Aled Davies Agricultural	Grass cutting in Cemetery April 2016	£597.60
Church in Wales	Right of Way 2014/2015 & 2015/2016	£2.00
Smith's of Derby	Clock maintenance 2015 to 2020	£1,080.00
	Total	£2,247.95

28. INCOME RECEIVED

Nora Gwendolen Blythin	Re-open grave	£75.00
Jean Mary Wynne	Re-open grave	£75.00
Mildred Heyward	New cremated remains plot	£150.00
	Total	£300.00

29. BANK BALANCES

At present there is £49,955.67 in the deposit account and £8,795.82 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to the end of March 2016.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm.