



LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman (in the Chair)
Councillors D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson and J. Caruana, Chairman.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

96. POLICE LIAISON

Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman welcomed PCSO 3684 Peter Jones to the meeting. He is the new PSCO for the community of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. The other communities within his responsibility are Treuddyn, Llanfynydd, Cymau, Ffrith, Abermorddu, Caergwrle, Hope and Higher Kinnerton.

PCSO Jones presented a report on the crime issues in the Community from 5th July to 5th September 2017.

Public Order Incidences

County Road, Leeswood – fighting and shouting in the street.

Ffordd Celyn, Leeswood – damage to a trampoline.

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidences

08/07/2017 – County Road, Leeswood – house party.

09/07/2017 – County Road, Leeswood – unknown if this incident relates to the same property as 08/07/2017.

28/07/2017 – Ffordd Celyn, Leeswood – youths throwing stones.

07/08/2017 – Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – youths shouting abuse.

19/08/2017 – Grounds of Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood – a number of youths on the school grounds.

21/08/2017 – eggs thrown at a property.

PCSO Jones advised that he would be providing information on how the issues were dealt with. It had been noted that there was a significant amount of anti-social behaviour involving children. PCSO Jones stated that there had been a

multi-services meeting, this included Social Services and the Housing Department at Flintshire County Council.

Observation was made that the previous PCSO, Andrea Ellis had advised that she would be conducting speed checks in the problem areas of the Community, it would be appreciated when possible if PCSO Jones could do this. It was pointed out that there are issues with vehicles parking part on and part off the pavement through the Community. PCSO Jones pointed out that the modern-day issues of households having many vehicles is not supported by the old-style buildings and lack of parking spaces.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule thanked PCSO Jones for attending the meeting.

97. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

98. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS DUE TO VACANT SEATS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

The Clerk reported that there had not been a request from ten electors to hold an election. A notice requesting invitations for individuals to put their names forward for co-option would now be placed on the notice boards.

99. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk advised that copy e-mail correspondence between Mrs Sian Jones of the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council and Mrs Nesta Davies, Llewelyn Jones Solicitors had been received. This correspondence queried as to whether a draft contract with regard to this transaction could be provided.

100. CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes informed that he was still waiting to meet with Mr Aled Davies, the Cemetery sub-contractor. Comment was made that the Cemetery was being kept in very good condition and looked well. All Councillors agreed that Mr Davies and his team were doing a good job.

The Clerk reported that she had still not received an invoice for the work on the Cemetery gates.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 057343

Demolition of the existing cement storage and loading facilities and the erection of a new Vertical Roller Mill (VRM), rail loading facility and modification to and extension of the existing railway line, together with ancillary development. Castle Cement Ltd, Chester Road, Padeswood, Mold, CH7 4HB.

Information on this planning application had already been received from Hanson Heidelberg Cement. All Councillors agreed that no objection be made to this.

102. PLANNING DECISIONS

There had been no notification of planning decisions.

103. FINANCE REPORT Q1 2017/2018

Councillors had been circulated with the financial reports for quarter 1 2017/2018. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that these be accepted. All Councillors in agreement.

104. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that he had spoken with Mrs Shereen Devine, the Age Friendly Project Co-Ordinator earlier. The analysis of the questionnaire was in progress and the key points would be drawn out to form an action plan.

105. FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN

All Councillors agreed that this item be postponed for discussion following the iBeacon meeting on Tuesday 12th September 2017.

106. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Councillor R. Hughes advised that it was hoped a twice weekly bus service from the communities of Leeswood, Treuddyn, Llanfynydd and Nercwys to Broughton and Chester would be established. The days of the proposed service was still under discussion, also the times the bus would travel.

107. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

The Clerk reported that Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman, had informed that the next planned Liaison Group meeting had been postponed. This was partly due to the death of County Councillor Ron Hampson and partly because there was some outstanding consultation required in regard to the proposed development at the works.

108. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that there had been a Family Night on Saturday 2nd September 2017 which had been well attended. A number of Community Centre events were in the diary – a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December 2017, the Christmas Dance on Saturday 23rd December 2017 and the New Year's Eve Dance.

Mrs Emma Walsh had approached the Management Committee with a view to holding a Dementia Café possibly once a month on a Saturday.

109. PARKING ISSUES – BELL’S CORNER AND JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET

Councillor R. Hughes advised that yellow lines on Bell’s Corner had been put in the capital programme for 2018/2019. It was possible that the work could be done earlier if the Community Council were prepared to fund it themselves.

Councillor R. Hughes informed that he was waiting on a further report about the possibility of yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street.

It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the cost of the project on Bell’s Corner be looked into and if there was a possibility of a Community Council/County Council match funding initiative.

110. FOOTPATH TO THE REAR OF 24 TO 42 HEOL-Y-GORON, LEESWOOD

The footpath inspector from Flintshire County Council had been out to the site. This footpath was to be cleared of obstruction. Work was to be also carried out on Jenny Parry’s Lane.

111. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

A meeting with Jo Danson was to take place on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 6.30pm. All Councillors are welcome to attend.

112. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – OPEN SPACE LAND WITHIN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN A CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTING OF A DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) IN FLINTSHIRE

Councillors had been circulated with copy correspondence between Mr Michael Spencer of 15 Albert Street and Councillor R. Hughes. Comment was made that the decision about what parts of the Community to include in the Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) had been made in an unanimous vote by the Community Council. Disappointment was expressed that Councillor R. Hughes should have been on the receiving end of such correspondence as he was only one member of the Community Council in regard to the decision that was taken. It was observed that the notices on the Community notice boards regarding this issue were also of a personal attacking nature towards Councillor R. Hughes.

The Clerk advised that she had drafted a statement in response which had been circulated to all Councillors. It was pointed out that this statement reflected the true position of the Community Council but it was felt to be too long. All Councillors agreed that a revision of this statement be made with the intent of circulating it on the Community notice boards and in the Leeswood and District Newsletter.

113. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2017

Members had been circulated with correspondence from the judging of the Best Kept Communities Competition 2017.

In Section B - the village of Leeswood was awarded a Certificate of Merit: -

The Judges remarked that this is a nice village with a lot going on but unfortunately this was not included in the entry form – neither was a map provided. It was disappointing to see cans and bottles in the skate park even though there was a bin close by. In future can you include community newsletters, carnivals programmes, information on litter picks, for example with your entry? Anything that happens in Leeswood whatever time of the year. A detailed map would be useful (it could just be a sketch) telling the judges where to look. Community spirit was everywhere in this village. Look forward to next year.

Pontblyddyn was also entered into Section B: -

The following are the observations made by the Judges, the Bridge Inn Pub looked spectacular again this year. The Cricket Club looked much improved this year. Alyn Terrace and the public cemetery looked lovely. The Church and Church yard and surrounding area was very nice. It is still a shame the garage is not on board with the competition by providing hanging baskets/flower boxes for example, as it would make such a difference. Look forward to visiting again next year

In Section D - Heol y Dderwen, Leeswood was awarded a Certificate of Merit: -

The Judges commented that it was a vibrant little estate with some really lovely properties, but there was a couple of empty properties – the judges look forward to seeing how it looks next year.

Maes y Meillion, Leeswood was also entered in Section D: -

The Judges remarked that it was a very pleasant little estate with some outstanding gardens. Unfortunately, the planters were being filled the day we visited – the plants should have been well established by July. Look forward to next year.

114. ONE VOICE WALES – LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

From Mandy Haslam, PA to Chief Officers (Governance) and (Planning & Environment), Flintshire County Council, e-mail correspondence including the One Voice Wales Local Resolution Procedure, which the Community Council may wish to adopt. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that this procedure be adopted. All Councillors were in agreement.

115. TOWN OR COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON FLINTSHIRE'S PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

E-mail correspondence had been received from Sam Perry, Corporate Business

and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council requesting nominations for this position. All agreed to accept this correspondence.

116. SOUTH FLINTSHIRE POLICE CONSULTATION EVENING

Sarah Evans, North Wales Police, had forwarded an invitation to attend the next South Flintshire Police Consultation Evening to be held at Mold Town Hall on Thursday 21st September 2017, 6.00pm till 7.30pm. Councillors D.K. Crowther and D. Rule stated that they would attend.

117. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

From Colin Everett, Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council, e-mail correspondence giving advanced notification that the event for our area would be held on Monday 6th November 2017 at Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold, 6.30pm till 8.30pm.

118. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE

Members had been circulated with a Press Statement on behalf of the Board of Community Health Councils in Wales.

This statement advised that the Consultation Institute has expressed serious concerns about the proposal to abolish CHCs in Wales, particularly in relation to independence, credibility and the lack of meaningful public involvement in service change. They have warned of the dangers of repeating the English experience of abolishing CHCs; "Community Health Councils were abolished in England a decade ago. Now Wales is thinking of doing the same. In England, their demise led to a succession of failed initiatives. CHCs were replaced by Public and Patient Forums. They were then abandoned in favour of Local Involvement Networks (LINKs), and we now have HealthWatch, with the jury still out on their effectiveness". An event to consider the issues raised by the White Paper is proposed. The CHC movement will be sending delegates to this and it is considered that the debate will be useful to form a response and counter-proposals to the White Paper.

Councillors agreed to accept this correspondence.

119. JOINT MEETING WITH THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND VISIT BY THE OMBUDSMAN

Councillors had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Mandy Haslam, PA to Chief Officers (Governance) and (Planning & Environment), Flintshire County Council, reminding of the above meeting to be held on Monday 2nd October 2017. This was accepted.

120. ONE VOICE WALES – REFORM OF DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Correspondence had been received from Paul R. Egan, Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager, One Voice Wales advising of the NALC legal briefing regarding the Reform of Data Protection Legislation. This provides important information on changes to the data protection legislation which Community

Council's need to be aware of and plan accordingly. It is the intention of One Voice Wales to work with the Information Commissioner's Office to arrange a number of seminars throughout Wales on this topic. The details of these will be purchased in due course.

121. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

None other than those already discussed during the meeting.

122. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

None other than those already discussed during the meeting.

123. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

124. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – July 2017	£567.89	£0.00	£567.89
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Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£128.31	£0.00	£128.31
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – July & August 2017	£1,096.00	£219.20	£1,315.20
Leeswood Playgroup	Second part of grant 2017/2018	£750.00	£0.00	£750.00
Scottish Power	Street lights – electricity	£349.44	£17.47	£366.91
Flintshire County Council	Street lights – maintenance	£81.63	£0.00	£81.63
	Total	£3,541.16	£236.67	£3,777.83

125. INCOME RECEIVED

Dennis Hughes	Re-open grave	£75.00
Mary Williams	Re-open grave	£75.00
	Total	£150.00

126. BANK BALANCES

At present, there is £56,457.14 in the deposit account and £8,437.67 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to 29th July 2017.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.