



## **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 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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, D. Rule, J.E. Saul and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillors K. McCallum JP and J. Phoenix.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **79. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Unfortunately, the representative from Flintshire County Council was unable to attend the meeting. The presentation will now take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6.00pm.

#### **80. MINUTES**

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **81. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – BUS SUBSIDIES**

The Clerk advised that she had not heard anything further from Mrs Carolyn Thomas the Clerk to Treuddyn and Llanfynydd Community Councils about the proposed joint meeting regarding the Flintshire County Council cuts to bus subsidies.

#### **82. FINANCIAL REPORT QUARTER 1 2016/2017**

The financial reports for quarter 1 of 2016/2017 had been circulated to members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be accepted. All Councillors were in agreement.

**83. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was in attendance. A report of activity was presented to the Council.

**Incident update – Leeswood**

09/07/2016 – ASB, Leeswood Carnival.

18/07/2016 – ASB Personal – words of advice given, verbal warning.

22/07/2016 – Harassment, Ffordd Siarl – PIN (Police Information Notice) issued.

Continued enquiries.

29/07/2016 – Harassment, Ffordd Siarl – PIN (Police Information Notice) issued. All in order.

01/08/2016 – Environmental ASB (by Phoenix Park), fire in area – after inspection found to be environmental waste.

04/08/2016 – ASB Personal, Heol-y-Goron – advice given. This was related to the incident of 22/07/2016.

05/08/2016 – ASB Personal, counter complaint. This was related to the incident of 18/07/2016 and has now been dealt with.

10/08/2016 – Environmental ASB, Phoenix Park – advice given.

11/08/2016 – Environmental ASB – livestock concerns. Reported to the wildlife team.

**Incident update – Pontblyddyn**

07/07/2016 – Vehicle stop early hours of the morning – cannabis caution.

10/08/2016 – RTC, no insurance, driving whilst unfit.

Concern was expressed in relation to vehicles parking on the pavement in the area of Eaton Place, Leeswood. It was pointed out that if there was no real obstruction on the pavement then nothing could be done about this. PCSO Hadfield-Jones stated that parking is a ‘grey’ area and that the Police only deal with obstructions or broken down vehicles. Advice can be offered but if a pram or push-chair can pass then no action would be taken. Observation made that the parked vehicles did present a problem in that they were obscuring visibility. PCSO Hadfield-Jones informed that if there were enforceable road markings on the highway these applied even if the vehicles were fully parked on the pavement.

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood thanked PCSO Hadfield-Jones for attending the meeting.

**84. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

Councillor R. Hughes reported that he had spoken with Mr George Owens’ daughter, Jackie. It was understood that all relevant parties involved in the sale of the land adjacent to the Cemetery were in agreement. Once the paperwork had been signed, the matter should progress.

**85. CEMETERY**

The gates to the Cemetery require repairing. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Blacksmith in Padeswood should be contacted with regard to this.

It was pointed out that Mr Blackwell of Blackwell Stonemasons had agreed some time ago to come to the Cemetery in order to ‘straighten’ and align the headstones. All Councillors

agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Blackwell. Councillors R. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP and the Clerk to meet with him on site.

Observation was made regarding the amendment of the Cemetery by-laws as it was felt that these were out of date. The Clerk advised that she had updated the by-laws in 2014 and members had received a copy of these. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should go through the by-laws and make suitable alterations in relation to the caging in of flowers on headstones; solar lights around graves and any other new issues that may arise.

**86. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application number – 055826

Demolition of 27 garages and erection of 5 dwellings in one terrace block and one semi-detached block with all associated development works.

Garage Site, Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire.

Application number – 055828

Demolition of 8 garages and erection of 8 new dwellings. Creation of 7 parking spaces in lieu of the loss and all associated development works.

Leeswood Garages 28-35, Maes-y-Meillion, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire.

Councillor R. Hughes declared an interest as he would be voting on this matter at Flintshire County Council.

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood made the observation that the garages were no longer fit for the purpose they had been designed and the new dwellings would be an asset to the village.

It was proposed by Councillor J.E. Saul and seconded by Councillor C.E. Jones JP that this Council should recommend approval. All Councillors were in agreement.

**87. PLANNING DECISIONS**

No notifications of planning decisions had been received.

**88. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It was reported that Mr Don Heyward who had been running the bar has now retired. The Community Centre Management Committee had advertised for a new Bar Manager.

A Coffee Morning/Table Top Sale was to take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and a 'Curry and a Drink' Night had been organised for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**89. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT**

The minutes from the Liaison Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 had been received and copies had been circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor J. Caruana stated that the Open Day held at the Padeswood Works on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 had been a great success. Also, there were no environmental issues to report.

**90. MILLENNIUM CLOCK**

The Clerk informed that she had confirmed acceptance of the quote for works on the Millennium Clock with Smith of Derby and is awaiting the arrangements for the engineer to attend the site.

**91. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACONS IN THE COMMUNITY**

Councillor J.E. Saul reported that he and the Clerk had met with Sarah Jones of Cadwyn Clwyd on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. The meeting had come about as the provision of internet access at the Community Centre was being looked into. At present Cadwyn Clwyd is running a project for the provision of ibeacons in communities. These ibeacons are a new way of providing information about the community whether historical or current. The information would be available on users' phones/tablets when they are in range of an ibeacon. Events at the Community Centre could be advertised this way. Sarah Jones had quoted a cost match of £750 per network and for this 50/60 ibeacons would be available. Consideration could be given to sharing a network with neighbouring Community Councils. The Clerk stated that she would contact the Clerks of Hope and Caergwrle, Llanfynydd and Treuddyn Community Councils to see if they would be interested in sharing a network. Councillors felt that this would enhance the community and at a reasonable cost. It was agreed by all Councillors that this project should go ahead.

**92. POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK**

A meeting with the contractor on Phoenix Park is planned. It is likely that this Community Council will be asked for a financial contribution to the works but the amount is as yet unknown.

**93. POST OFFICE, LEESWOOD**

Correspondence had been received from the Post Office regarding the changes taking place at the Leeswood Post Office. The plans had been finalised and the new look Post Office was scheduled to open on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 1.00pm. When the new branch opens, customers would benefit from a newly modernised Post Office service and longer opening hours – Monday to Sunday 7.00am till 10.00pm. An information leaflet was also attached detailing the comments made regarding the plans and the Post Office responses to them.

**94. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS – PLAY AREAS**

From Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer of Organisational Change at Flintshire County Council, correspondence in relation to Community Asset Transfers involving Play Areas. Flintshire County Council aim (subject to Council decision) to maintain all 182 play areas within the county for the year 2017/2018. In the longer term it is estimated that they will be able to maintain 124 of these play areas with the remaining 58 subject to Community Asset Transfer. Any community that has more than four play areas will be expected either to a) take over the play area in a Community Asset Transfer or b) the County Council will retain the play area and the town/community councils enter a service level agreement where they pay for the maintenance and upkeep. As Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community currently has three play areas; i) Phoenix Park, ii) off Ffordd Siarl and iii) to the rear of Bro Alyn, the Flintshire County Council will continue to maintain these for the time being.

**95. BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2016**

Flintshire County Council had forwarded reports of the Best Kept Communities Competition 2016. Heol-y-Dderwen had won second prize of £75.00 in the Best Kept Senior Citizen Estate section. The prize giving was to take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Alyn & Deeside Room at County Hall, Mold at 6.00pm.

On the whole the judges' comments in the other sections entered were very positive with constructive remarks on improvements that could be made.

All Councillors expressed their pleasure at the result and accepted the reports.

**96. ONE VOICE WALES WREXHAM/FLINT AREA MEETING AND AGM**

Details had been received regarding the next meeting of the One Voice Wales Wrexham/Flint Area Committee and AGM which is to take place at Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.00pm. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood and Councillor R. Hughes are this Council's representatives.

**97. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) Vehicle parking issues – it had been noticed that more and more cars were being parked on the junction of Bryn Clyd and King Street. The issue with vehicles parking part on the pavement at Bell's Corner by the Cenotaph was being looked into.

b) Part re-surfacing of road through Leeswood village – work was due to start on re-surfacing the road through Leeswood at the worse points.

**98. COMMEMORATION OF COUNCILLOR R. HUGHES YEAR OF OFFICE AS CHAIR TO FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 2015/2016**

It had been suggested that it would be a nice idea to acknowledge Councillor R. Hughes' year of office as Chair to Flintshire County Council. Observation was made that the late Councillor K.W. Richardson had also been Chair to Flintshire County Council in 2004/2005 and it would not be right to commemorate one Councillor's year of office without doing the same for the other. The Clerk suggested a plaque for both be purchased which could be put on the Chairman's board. All Councillors were in agreement with the Clerk to arrange in time for the Civic Service which was being held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**99. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Theatr Clwyd – invitation to attend an informal civic breakfast on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Clwyd Room at Theatr Clwyd at 10.00am. This is part of the theatre's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood was to attend.

b) Leeswood Girl Guides – a quiz night is being held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The Clerk would attend.

c) Buckley Town Council – invitation to attend Mayor's Charity Ball and Dinner to take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton. Tickets are £26.00.

d) Go Safe Public Opinion Survey 2016 – notification had been received regarding this Survey. Councillor J.E. Saul had included this link on the Community Council website so all Councillors were able to access it.

**100. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Detail</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	<b>£60.76</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – July 2016	<b>£567.89</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	<b>£38.14</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – August 2016	<b>£568.09</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Grass cutting in Cemetery July 2016	<b>£609.60</b>
Shaw and Sons Ltd	Cemetery record books	<b>£426.00</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street light maintenance June 2016	<b>£142.18</b>
Leeswood Community Centre	Balance of grant 2016/2017	<b>£1,135.69</b>
HMRC	PAYE Quarter 1 2016/2017	<b>£369.60</b>
Smith of Derby	Call out charge re Millennium Clock	<b>£180.00</b>
Festivelights.com	Additional Christmas lights	<b>£351.98</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Grass cutting in Cemetery Aug. 2016	<b>£613.20</b>
Shaw and Sons Ltd	Cemetery record books	<b>£192.00</b>
	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£5,255.13</u></b>

**101. INCOME RECEIVED**

None at the time of the meeting.

**102. BANK BALANCES**

At present there is £61,290.16 in the deposit account and £1,265.44 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.