



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 CEMETERY PONTBLYDDYN AND THE COMMUNITY CENTRE LEESWOOD ON TUESDAY 16th AUGUST 2016.

PRESENT

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

Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman

Councillors J. Atkinson, R. 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 D.K. Crowther, Terry Hughes, K. McCallum JP and J. Phoenix.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

73. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Nesta Davies, Solicitor who was acting on behalf of Mr George Owens that afternoon. Ms Davies informed that she had met with Mr Owens on 15th August 2016 and she could confirm that progress was being made towards the sale of land to extend the Cemetery.

74. CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries with the Bereavement Services Manager at Flintshire County Council regarding an inspection of the headstones at the Cemetery. This could be done at a cost of £4.00 per headstone. As there were 217 headstones at the Cemetery, the total cost would be £868.00. The Clerk explained that she had made a count of the headstones on Sunday 7th August 2016 and had not seen any unstable. It was pointed out that there were some leaning headstones and although they were not loose, it was suggested that they could be straightened. Observation made that any remedial work to headstones may require permission from the families who owned them. The Clerk was to look into this and also to contact Mr Blackwell of Blackwell's Stonemasons with regard to any works to be carried out. All Councillors agreed.

Various works requiring action at the Cemetery are as follows: -

a) the tree behind the Cremated Remains needed cutting back and the hedges required trimming, also there is deadwood on the bank near the entrance that should be removed. The Clerk is to speak to Aled Davies concerning this. All Councillors in agreement.

b) the noticeboard by the entrance to the Cemetery is in need of new backing and re-varnishing.

- c) the entrance gates are damaged and require repairing.
- d) there is a lot of clay behind the Cemetery shed which has been there for a considerable length of time, it would be almost impossible to move this. It was agreed by all Councillors that top soil should be put on this and an attempt be made to grow some plants.

75. MILLENNIUM CLOCK

A copy of the maintenance agreement had been received from Smith of Derby. This agreement was for an annual visit to inspect, clean, adjust and lubricate all normally accessible parts of the clock system and associated equipment. Where appropriate time side motors would be changed automatically at no additional cost. A call-out charge would be made for any notification of a breakdown or stoppage that resulted as normal wear and tear, misuse, neglect, failure of power supply, vandalism or other circumstances beyond the control of the maintenance company.

Following the clock running slow, the engineer from Smith of Derby attended the site and identified the problem to be with the controller. Smith's did not manufacture this and the engineer was unable to affect any repairs. The clock requires a Smith of Derby Auto Restart Unit to be manufactured, which will be fitted on site by the engineer, also two 300m round fluorescent tubes and starters to be replaced. It would cost £973.00 + VAT. Councillor R. Hughes proposed and Councillor J. Atkinson seconded that this quote be accepted with all Councillors in agreement.

76. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number – 055630
Erection of two storey extension
Station House, Alyn Lane, Llong, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4JR

Councillors observed that they hoped the extension would be sympathetic to the character of the building and that some of the old features would remain.

77. CHAIRMAN'S CIVIC SERVICE

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, will be holding his Civic Service on Sunday 18th September 2016 at the Leeswood Methodist Church at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments at the Community Centre. All members had been circulated with their invitations.

78. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT PADESWOOD WORKS OPEN DAY

Notification had been received from Hanson Heidelberg Cement that there was to be an open day at the Padeswood Works on Saturday 3rd September 2016. There would be guided tours of the site and various activities. Money raised on the day would go to Wales Air Ambulance and the Nightingale House Hospice.