



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 21st MARCH 2017.

PRESENT

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

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, K. McCallum JP, J. Phoenix and R. Williams.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

255. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

Correspondence had been received from Natural Resources Wales in response to the report submitted (Tier 1 Assessment of the Risk Posed to Controlled Waters, Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Proposed Cemetery Extension – J E Saul, February 2017).

Based on the information submitted, Natural Resources Wales would recommend to the local authority that they should only grant planning permission if the condition as detailed is attached to the planning permission. This would address the significant concerns identified and, therefore, they would not object.

The condition is that burials shall: -

- a) be a minimum of 50m distance from a potable groundwater supply source,
- b) be a minimum of 30m distance from a water course or spring,
- c) be a minimum of 10m from field drains
- d) not take place into standing water. The base of the grave must be above the local water table.

Natural Resources Wales are now satisfied that the cemetery extension poses a low pollution risk to groundwater provided that the stipulated condition is included within any planning permission.

Councillors agreed that this condition would be attached to any planning application made. Councillor J.E. Saul volunteered to draft the planning application and send it to the Clerk prior to submitting it to Flintshire County Council. All Councillors in agreement.

256. CEMETERY

Members had been circulated with a suggested maintenance contract for the Cemetery. The Clerk explained that she had obtained information from a couple of Community Councils who took care of their Cemeteries and had adapted it to suit this Council.

Councillors accepted the contract in principle with some amendments: -

- a) the Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter work in the Cemetery was to be detailed separately,
- b) the contract was to be reviewed every three years and renewed subject to the satisfaction of both parties,
- c) the contractor and the council are to meet twice a year – in March and October,
- d) a notice of termination of three months for either party was to be added.

It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that subject to these alterations the contract could be sent to Aled Davies for his inspection. All Councillors in agreement.

Rather than meet with Mr Davies at the next monthly meeting of the Council, it was agreed that he be requested to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Thursday 30th March 2017 at 6.30pm. All Councillors in agreement.