



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)  
Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman of the Council  
Councillors 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 Councillors J. Atkinson and J. Phoenix.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **257. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 had also been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **258. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend. She had sent a report of activity for March 2017: -

##### **Incident update – Leeswood**

10/03/2017 – Attempted burglary x 2 on Sycamore Drive and Ffordd Derw.

18/03/2017 – Burglary other than a dwelling (no entry gained) at a shed located on Britannia Road.

##### **Incident update – Pontblyddyn**

No reports of incidences in Pontblyddyn.

Comment was made that whilst these reports are very much appreciated, there did not seem to be any ongoing information about previous incidences. All Councillors agreed that it

would be helpful if PCSO Hadfield-Jones was able to give reports about on-going issues and any outcome. The Clerk was to e-mail the PCSO requesting updates.

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

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Mrs Nesta Davies of Messrs Llewelyn Jones Solicitors. Mrs Davies informed that she had been in contact with Mrs Sian Jones, Legal Services, Flintshire County Council regarding the purchase of land adjacent to the Cemetery. E-mail correspondence had been received from Mrs Sian Jones, Legal Services, Flintshire County Council confirming that it would seem that progress had been made and it was hoped that the purchase could go through soon.

**260. CEMETERY**

Councillor R. Hughes informed that there had been a meeting with Mr Aled Davies the Cemetery Contractor. It had been a successful meeting and Mr Davies was satisfied with the terms of the contract. The contract would be for a three-year period starting from this year. Mr Davies had brought up some issues with the Cemetery: - a) the clay which was now spreading out and b) the gravedigger was building a large mound on the graves, this required the redistribution of clay on the graves. It was agreed that there may be a use for the clay when the extension to the Cemetery is obtained. The Clerk was to write to the various undertakers and request that the gravedigger build a more even mound without a big hump when filling in the graves.

Councillor R. Hughes is to look into the Community Council obtaining kerb stones which Mr Davies would put in at a cost additional to his agreed contract. Other suggestions were for a cage to be placed in the area of the storage shed to hold the plastic bottles that are used for water and a sign to stop people turning on the grass.

The Clerk reported that she had gone to the Cemetery during the heavy rain on the morning of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. There was no evidence of waterlogging but water was running down the road way in the Cemetery. This seemed to be coming from the area where the salt was deposited near the hedge which was the boundary with the top field. Councillor R. Hughes had reported that Plot 1 seemed 'spongy' underfoot and the Clerk stated that this certainly appeared to be the case but there was no issue with retained water.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Cemetery Sub-Committee should be convened on site once the election period had passed.

**261. PLANNING DECISIONS**

Application reference number – 056536

Construction of menage.

**Sunnybank, Lon Castanwydden, Leeswood. Mold, CH7 4SU.**

This planning application had been approved.

**262. FINANCE REPORT QUARTERS 1-3 OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Finance Reports for quarters 1-3 of the financial year 2016/2017. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D. Rule that these reports be accepted. All Councillors were in agreement.

**263. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, reported that he had sat on the interview panel for the Age Friendly Communities Project Co-Ordinator. There had been four candidates and the position had been offered to the successful candidate. Other than that, there was no further information.

**264. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the minutes from the Liaison Committee meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Also circulated was the Agenda for the next Liaison Committee meeting which is to be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Councillor J. Caruana informed that the Cement works had been closed down with immediate effect following a report that there had been a leak. Further details were to be obtained.

**265. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The screening of the Six Nations, had met with variable attendance, the Wales v England and the Wales v Ireland matches being the most successful. As this was a different type of event from those usually arranged by the Management Committee, it had resulted in a significantly younger group of people coming in

Flintshire County Council has now informed that the Clinic space is an integral part of the Community Centre and will be included in the asset transfer. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood pointed out that the Clinic may be ideal for use as an office for the Age Friendly Communities Project Co-Ordinator.

Forthcoming Community Centre Management Committee fundraising events are: -  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Curry Night and  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Hot Pot Supper Night.

**266. COMMUNITY COUNCIL OWNED STREET LIGHTING**

The Clerk reported that Scottish Power have been in contact regarding an inventory of the street lights in this Community Council's ownership. Scottish Power stated that according to records the Community Council had 46 lights in their ownership. This figure agreed to the information previously provided by Flintshire County Council. Councillor R. Hughes stated that he thought the street lights at the new properties were being paid for by the Community Council. These should be adopted by Flintshire County Council, Councillor Hughes advised that he would look into this.

At the same time, the Clerk informed that the issue regarding Scottish Power invoices had been resolved and these would now be sent to her.

**267. BUS STOP AT LLONG**

Subject to approval of the nearby residents, a hardstanding and pole is to be erected as a bus stop at Llong. Councillor R. Hughes informed members that Mr and Mrs Limb had expressed their gratitude for the support from the Community Council regarding this matter.

**268. COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY/TOWN COUNCILS ELECTION TIMETABLE**

Members had been circulated with a reminder copy of the Election Timetable for the elections scheduled to be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This was accepted.

**269. WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT – WHITE PAPER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

Information on the Welsh Assembly Government White Paper for Local Government Reform and the section applicable to the Community Councils had been circulated to all members. The consultation is open until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This was accepted.

**270. SOUTH FLINTSHIRE POLICE CONSULTATION MEETING**

The next South Flintshire Police Consultation meeting is to be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Council Chambers, Mold Town Hall between 6pm and 7.30pm. Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman to the Council and Councillor R. Hughes advised that they would be unable to attend due to prior commitments.

**271. DEMENTIA FRIENDS – HELPING TO CREATE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Correspondence had been received from Estelle Nock, Dementia Friends Information Worker, Alzheimer's Society, giving details of the Dementia Friends initiative which aims to increase dementia awareness and change the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about dementia. It was pointed out that a Dementia Friendly café was run at the Salvation Army shop in Mold. The correspondence was accepted.

**272. THE GOOD COUNCILLORS GUIDE 2017 VERSION**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Welsh Government publication 'The good councillor's guide' 2017 version. This was accepted.

**273. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) 30mph signs on Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes informed that these signs are now to be moved extending the 30mph speed limit.

b) Road signs on Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – the signs on the dual carriageway on the Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn now unreadable are to be replaced with smaller signs.

c) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes reported that there were ongoing water issues on Phoenix Park in the area of the old pond. The bank and the path are to be elevated so that the water runs underneath.

d) Thanks – Councillor R. Hughes thanked the Community Council members for their support over the years. It had been very much appreciated and he believed that there had been good team work. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, thanked Councillor R. Hughes for his work as County Councillor stating that he had carried out good work for the community and wished him well in the forthcoming election.

**274. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

a) Cars parking on footpath on Bell's Corner, Leeswood – Councillor D. Rule brought attention to the ongoing issue with cars parking on the footpath on Bell's Corner, Leeswood. Councillor R. Hughes advised that the only resolution to the issue would be to have double yellow lines and a letter had already been forwarded to Streetscene requesting that these be given consideration.

b) Bryn Clyd/King Street junction, Leeswood – it was brought to the Council's attention that the parking of vehicles on the junction of Bryn Clyd and King Street, Leeswood is presenting problems for the buses travelling to the OAP bungalows. On one occasion the bus turned up Bryn Clyd but was unable to pass the vehicles parked on the junction and had to reverse. A suggestion was made that if the bus could not get up Bryn Clyd then perhaps the drivers could go up Heol-y-Goron instead.

**275. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence had been received.

**276. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – Mar. 2017	£567.89	£0.00	<b>£567.89</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£43.45	£0.00	<b>£43.45</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – February 2017	£488.00	£97.60	<b>£585.60</b>
Flintshire County Council	Match funding play area equipment 2016/2017	£2,500.00	£0.00	<b>£2,500.00</b>
Scottish Power	Street lighting electricity	£2,103.12	£105.14	<b>£2,208.26</b>
Mr B Williams	Rent of allotments	£500.00	£0.00	<b>£500.00</b>
HMRC	PAYE/NI quarter 4 2016/2017			

**277. INCOME RECEIVED**

No income had been received.

**278. BANK BALANCES**

At present, there is £57,807.48 in the deposit account and £16,059.74 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 7.40pm.