



LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014.

PRESENT

Councillor J.E. Saul, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)
Councillor R. Williams, Vice-Chairman
Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, H. Evans, R. Hughes, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, K. McCallum JP and G. Sherwood.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor C. Bie and D. Rule.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

33. POLICE LIAISON

The Chairman, Councillor E. Saul welcomed PCSO Kelsey Evans to the meeting.

PCSO Evans advised Council that there had been ongoing shoplifting issues at the Co-Op on 11th, 14th and 18th May 2014. A man had been arrested and is now serving an eight week custodial sentence.

There had been an episode of anti-social behaviour with two boys believed to be from Mold playing on the roof of Ysgol Derwenfa.

Drug issues are increasingly a problem; PCSO Evans informed that she is getting more reports of this. The Police are trying to do something about this, but at present she could not give details. However, she advised that the Police would be very grateful for statements from the public. It would not be necessary for the individual to be named and anybody could ring Crimestoppers anonymously.

A statement has been released by the Police via Flintshire On-line or the Chronicle regarding the drugs on Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood. No drugs had been found at the premises, but a man arrested was known to have links and influence in the supply of drugs, these being 'strawberry haze' and cocaine.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP enquired as to whether there had been any news regarding the armed raid at the Co-Op. PCSO Evans informed that she had not spoken to the Officer involved in the investigation recently but would do so as soon as she was able.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP referred to the youngsters on the School roof; this was not a Youth Club problem. PCSO Evans advised that the boys involved had no reason to be in Leeswood.

Councillor R. Hughes commented that the drugs issue in Ffordd Siarl is ongoing. There are also issues with two properties in Bryn Clyd but no reports are being made by neighbours.

Councillor J. Atkinson reported an incident on the morning of Saturday 31st May at approximately 11.30am, where a motorcyclist came behind her while travelling through the double bends on the A541 Pontblyddyn and overtook her while at the same time doing a 'wheelie'. Further, Councillor Atkinson informed that on a daily basis at about 6.20am in the morning, a white Landover can be seen travelling through Pontblyddyn village at a speed of approximately 50mph/60mph. This was confirmed by Councillor T. Hughes, stating that although the registration number was unknown, the driver should be easy to catch as he travelled the same time every day. Councillor Atkinson stated that it seemed that drivers were using Pontblyddyn as a racetrack, extensive work had been carried out with regard to traffic calming measures but what else could be done other than place a static speed camera in the area. Councillor C.E. Jones JP referred to the speed camera in Pontybodkin which he believed to be effective. The Chairman, Councillor E. Saul, enquired if the Police have any influence regarding the siting of speed cameras. PCSO Evans informed that she would ask the Inspector.

PCSO Evans was thanked for attending the meeting.

34. MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting held on Tuesday 6th May and the monthly meeting also held on Tuesday 6th May had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that the minutes of the annual meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. Councillor G. Sherwood proposed and Councillor H. Evans seconded that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors were in agreement and each set of minutes to be signed by the Chairman, Councillor E. Saul.

35. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was asked if the minutes should be 'hidden', adapted or summarised with regard to the public display of them. Councillor R. Hughes advised that the Press were always permitted to attend the County Council meetings, but if an issue of sensitivity arose they would then be asked to leave the Chamber. The Clerk explained that the minutes had not been put in the Leeswood & District News or pinned on the notice board in the Community Centre because of the sensitive nature of some matters discussed. It was suggested that Mr. Gareth Roberts of the Society of Local Council Clerks be asked if any minute that was deemed to be sensitive could be removed before publication.

36. By full agreement of the Council this Minute is excluded.

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

Councillor R. Hughes reported that he had met with Mr Daniel Pugh, the grave digger, on the site of the land for proposed extension to the existing Cemetery. Mr Pugh had dug three trial holes and it had been ascertained that there was nothing wrong with the land, the ground was first class. It was likely that there would be a drainage problem but this could be dealt with as it had been in the Cemetery.

Question was raised to the possibility of asking Mr Owens if he would consider selling a larger piece of ground that could be used to extend the Church car park. It was acknowledged that the Landlord of the Druid Inn kindly allowed the use of half of the pub's car park, but there was concern that if his generosity was abused then he may stop this. A letter was to be sent to the Landlord of the Druid Inn thanking him for his kindness – all Councillors in agreement.

Reference was made to the headstones in the Cemetery – some of which tipped downwards. Concern was expressed that some of these headstones may have been erected too soon. The minimum for a headstone to be sited on a grave was six months following an interment. This was acceptable but should there be an issue with the settling of a grave and subsequent movement of the memorial, then the Stonemason would have to return and correct it. A further issue with the headstones in the Cemetery was the alignment of them. It was agreed that many of them were out of line and this problem should be addressed.

The Clerk reported that Mr M. Poglettke had called at her home to discuss the rapid sinking of his late wife's grave. As a result of this, Mr B. Richards, Cemetery Sub-Contractor had been asked to go to the Cemetery and add some soil to re-build it. It was pointed out that this was the job of the grave digger. Comment was made that graves were not being 'compacted' when re-filled and this resulted in the quick sinking of the grave, especially when there had been a

period of heavy rain. Agreed that this issue was the responsibility of the grave digger and when a problem like this could be seen they should be contacted to return. As the grave digger is sourced via the undertaker, it was suggested that Mr R. Williams of H.J. Williams be contacted to find out what the grave digger does in other Cemeteries.

38. CEMETERY FEES

Observation was made that Mr B. Richards, Cemetery Sub-Contractor had very little to do in the Cemetery during the winter months, but more than likely had a full day's work with possibly a little extra during the growing season. This, however, would need to be clarified with Mr Richards. It was remarked that the fee should be increased but reluctance was expressed at the extent of how much. Finally, it was agreed that the new grave price would rise to £500.00.

<u>New Grave</u>	<u>Re-Open</u>	<u>Cremated New</u>	<u>Cremated Re-Open</u>
£500.00	£300.00	£150.00	£100.00

39. CADWYN CLWYD – NOTICE BOARD/SEAT FUNDING

The Clerk circulated the report devised by the Chairman, Councillor E. Saul, outlining the locations in the Community for siting a notice board or seat or both. The following was agreed: –

<u>Site</u>	<u>Seat</u>	<u>Sign</u>
1. Dingle Road	Replace existing seat and lay foot rest paving slabs	No
2. Dingle Rd/Bryn Estyn	Remove existing seat and move salt bin to the old seat location. New seat fitted on site of salt bin, making good the concrete.	Fit new board on existing posts.
3. Wylfa/Oak Park	No	Fit new board on existing posts.
4. Phoenix Park/King Street entrance	New seat on the verge to the left of the post box.	Fit new board on existing posts.
5. Leeswood Community Centre	No	Fit new board on existing posts.
6. O.A.P. Bungalows	Remove the two existing seats and replace with one seat next to the notice board which is the location of the bus stop.	Fit new board on existing posts.
7. Ffordd Celyn	No	Fit new notice board on new posts.
8. Ysgol Derwenfa	No	Fit new notice board on new posts.

9. Top of County Road	Replace the existing seat.	Fit new notice board on new posts.
10. Pontybodkin Hill	Replace the existing seat.	No
11. Pontblyddyn Cross	Existing seat is considered to be satisfactory.	Fit new board on existing posts.

Literature had been received from Sarah Jones of Cadwyn Clwyd showing the options for seats. In the style of seat the Council preferred there were seven options:-

<u>Seat Type</u>	<u>Acrylic Coating</u>	<u>Street Tough</u>
Stirling (extended legs)	£363.00	£413.00
Stirling (pedestal base)	£417.00	£474.00
Tenby	£245.00	£319.00
Tenby (with arms)	£295.00	£370.00
Colwyn	£221.00	£295.00
Colwyn (with arms)	£271.00	£345.00
Barmouth	£392.00	£478.00

All prices quoted exclude carriage and VAT.

A quotation from Fitzpatrick Woolmer regarding the notice boards had also been forwarded by Sarah Jones. The quote was for free standing notice boards of an A1 size with a backboard of rubberised cork. For timber (FSC certified semi-seasoned oak) – £813.00 each and with the optional title board – £215.00 extra. Metal (powder coated stainless steel) £803.00 each and with the optional title board a further £231.00 each. Added to this would be a charge of £131.28 each for delivery. These prices are exclusive of VAT. It was pointed out that these prices were higher than anticipated. Councillor G. Sherwood took the details of the requirements and would contact a tradesman that he knew of in order to obtain another quote.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP thanked the Chairman, Councillor E. Saul, for the presentation of the notice board locations.

40. MEMORIAL – LATE CLERK G.N.I. JONES

Councillor R. Hughes reported that he and the Clerk had met with Mr R. Eltham at the Pontblyddyn Cricket Club. Permission had been given for the planting of the willow tree. A Flintshire County Council man would dig the hole in preparation for the planting. The County Council had agreed to the planting of the tree at the bottom of Bryn Clyd. Each tree would cost £30. It was agreed that a stone plaque would be sited by each tree bearing the inscription ‘Planted by Leeswood Community Council in memory of Nigel Jones, Clerk & Financial

Officer 1997–2013’. Councillor R. Hughes was to contact the stonemason, Mr S. Blackwell in regard of this.

41. A541 PONTBLYDDYN – CAMERA

Much of this item had been discussed in the presence of the PCSO (minute 33). Information received from Councillor R. Hughes that the Flintshire County Council had met on site with the Police. There had been no further information received about the most recent fatal RTA on the A541 Pontblyddyn. A letter was to be sent to Mr N. Cockerton at Flintshire County Council requesting the placement of a static speed camera on the A541 Pontblyddyn.

42. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor J. Caruana made reference to the sustainable development activity of local industry at a local level. He asked for approval from the Council to examine this and research into the most eligible local industries to be approached. Members were in agreement.

43. HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Caruana reported that it had been the intention of the Liaison Committee and Hanson Heidelberg Cement to hold a joint meeting with the Press. However, Councillor Colin Bithell of Penyffordd Community Council contacted the Press of his own accord. This was discussed at the Liaison Committee meeting – nothing could be done about it and the matter would be sorted internally.

A new bagging system was to be set up at the plant. There would be a small extension to the building but this would not overspill the boundary. The total investment would be approximately £1million and it would create between seven and nine jobs. It would be environmentally friendly as much as possible.

There had been a dust breach at the Plant; the levels of any pollutant were very small. Complaints of noise nuisance had been received, but this was not generated by the Plant. Operations were now at a much lower noise level. The rail network was being used more frequently to keep the big wagons off the highways. Currently there is a very good environment record.

44. COMMUNITY REVIEW UPDATE

Information had been received from Flintshire County Council. This was accepted.

45. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMPETITIONS

These took the form of Best Kept Garden and Best Kept Hanging Basket and it was agreed that they would take place as in previous years. The prizes would be 1st – £50; 2nd – £30; 3rd – £20 per competition. Councillor R. Hughes stated that he would organise a judge.

46. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Buckley Town Council Civic Service – Councillor R. Hughes informed that he had intended the Civic Service of the Chairman of Buckley Town Council. This Civic Service would be a hard act to follow as there was a parade led by the Buckley Town Band. The refreshments after the Service were a cup of tea/coffee and a selection of biscuits. It was commented that people like coming to Leeswood because of the refreshments put on.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP congratulated Councillor R. Hughes on being elected as Vice-Chairman of Flintshire County Council 2014/2015.

Councillor E. Saul, Chairman, stated that he had been considering his Civic Service. A date was set for 14th September at 2pm and the venue the English Methodist Church. The Clerk would attend to the arrangements.

47. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

Councillor J. Atkinson, Community Council Representative on Governors of Ysgol Derwenfa – Councillor Atkinson advised that her term of Office was due to end. All members were in agreement that she should continue as Governor.

Arriva Buses – it was brought to the Council's attention that the 12.40pm Sunday service bus Leeswood to Mold did not arrive. The enquiry line which is open from 7am until 10pm was unanswered. Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that the service does not run through the village any longer; it is only by request. Further observation was made that the Saturday service had not travelled around Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron as the buses were 'overheating'. The Clerk was to ring Arriva Wrexham depot in regard to this.

Planters beneath Leeswood Signs – it was agreed that the boxes be removed and future planting should be in the ground between the posts of the Leeswood Signs.

48. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Request for a Council Member to be part of the Urdd Fundraising Team for 2016 – no nomination.

49. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B. Richards	Cemetery Maintenance Disposal of Cemetery Waste Litter Pick	£695.94
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£25.97
K. Davies	Bulbs	£48.00
Dee Valley Water	Water – allotments	£23.56
	Total	£793.47

50. INCOME RECEIVED

Mr B. Duckett	Burial – out of area	£500.00
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51. BANK BALANCES

The bank statements had not been received at the time of the meeting.

52. ANY MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

a) War Memorials Trust – Minute No. 165 – 07.01.2014 – a reply is awaited from London.