



## LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016.

#### PRESENT

Councillor R. Williams (in the Chair)

Councillors J. Caruana, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, Terry Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, J. Phoenix, J.E. Saul and G. Sherwood (Vice-Chairman).

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, D.K. Crowther, K. McCallum JP and D. Rule.

#### DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman, Councillor R. Williams, thanked Councillor J.E. Saul for taking the photographs at the Presentation Evening held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and also for having them put in the Chronicle newspaper.

#### 261. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

Also circulated were the minutes of the donation meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood, Vice-Chairman that this be accepted - all Councillors agreed.

#### 262. UPDATING HONOURS BOARD

The Chairman, Councillor R. Williams and the Clerk had met with Mike prior to the meeting to discuss updating the Honours Board. Mike explained that he would need to purchase the gold leaf required for putting the names on and there would also be a cost for his time. He quoted £100 but this may change according to expense incurred. All Councillors agreed that this was acceptable. The Clerk explained that the Board would be updated following the May meeting when the new Chairman would take over.

**263. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO 3461 Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend the meeting.

**264. ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

It was reported that Mr. George Owens had been in contact with his Solicitors and hopefully some progress would now be made with regard to the purchase of land adjacent to the Cemetery. Once Mr. Owens' Solicitors contacted the Flintshire County Council Legal Department, Mrs Sian Jones would re-open the file.

**265. CEMETERY**

The Clerk informed that she had contacted Mold Town Council for information regarding a Contract for Aled Davies Agricultural Services. However, the details provided were not suitable.

It was suggested that the Clerk should get in touch with FLVC with regard to this. All Councillors were in agreement.

**266. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Number 054863

Change of disused quarry to Country Park incorporating heritage attraction, recreational uses and visitor centre with associated parking.

Hanson Fagl Lane Quarry, Fagl Lane, Hope.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed by all Councillors that they were in support of this.

Application number 054968

Erection of bungalow.

Land rear of Delfryn, King Street, Leeswood, Mold, CH7 4SB.

It was agreed by all Councillors that there were no observations.

**267. PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no planning decisions.

**268. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

An Easter Bonnet Parade Dance was being held as a fundraising event on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Councillor R. Hughes reported that the flooring had been replaced in the storeroom. The toilets had been completely refurbished and the Committee room re-decorated. A new ramp had been put outside the fire exit located in the Committee room.

From 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, the cost of hiring the Committee room for the Community Council meetings had risen from £10 to £15. The Clerk informed that the rent for April 2015 to March 2016 has been paid.

**269. STEVE JONES, STREETSCENE, FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL - COMMUNITY TRANSPORT UPDATE**

Mr Steve Jones, Head of Streetscene & Transportation, Flintshire County Council attended the meeting. He informed that he was present in order to explain the changes that would be occurring to bus services that were subsidised by Flintshire County Council. These bus services run early morning and late evening. Currently they are subsidised in excess of £1million and this cannot be sustained. Reductions to the bus services will be incremental but the end result could be that rural areas will become isolated. It is hoped that a community or a group of communities will be prepared to take on the subsidised transport provision in particular in low utilisation areas at certain times of the day. The B37 bus service which runs on a Wednesday between Rhydtalog - Treuddyn - Leeswood - Padeswood - Mold is to be withdrawn. Another service, the D42 which runs Monday to Saturday between Flint - Mold - Leeswood - Treuddyn - Caergwrle - Wrexham is to have the service withdrawn after 7.00pm. In order to mitigate these service withdrawals, the intention is to work with existing community transport providers and the communities to provide a link into service centres/core bus routes. A workshop is to be held at County Hall in April for communities to attend - details of this will be provided.

Query was raised over the provision of the 26 and 27 services Wrexham - Mold, these were commercial services and not affected by the subsidy removal. Flintshire County Council bought tickets from Arriva for the children to travel to school.

Concern was expressed as to what the situation would be in three years' time when it was likely that the services had been completely withdrawn. The communities involved would have had no experience of providing transport services and help would be needed. Would it be better to work with an organisation such as Welsh Border Communities Transport? It was further pointed out that there were no public transport services to connect with rail services which is not helpful for members of the community. This is something that could also be looked into.

It was pointed out that the community had lost a service to Chester - the times of this service had not been sensible and travellers were left with little time in Chester for it to be worth using the service.

The Chairman, Councillor R. Williams thanked Mr Jones for attending the meeting.

**270. CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL NAME TO LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

There had been no further information regarding this.

**271. COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE - THE LATE CLERK CYRIL D. WILLIAMS AND THE LATE COUNCILLOR RONALD TATTUM**

The Clerk informed that she intended to purchase plaques that were in keeping to the plaque already on the Honours Board. These would be brass with screws on

each corner. It would then be necessary for someone to put them on the Board. Councillor R. Hughes stated that he could do this.

**272. POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK**

No further information had been received regarding this matter.

**273. BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION - JUDGES' INFORMATION EVENING**

Received from Janet Kelly, Competition Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council, details of the slide show presentation given by the Competition Judges at the Information Evening. The Clerk advised that she had applied for free wildflower seeds which could be used in the community. One of the requests from the Judges was that a fairly detailed map of the community highlighting particular areas to look at be provided. Judging for the Best Kept Community would take place during the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

It was reported that a pile of garden rubbish had been left on the Bethel Chapel verge. Comment was raised as to whether the new owners of Slievnamon were aware that the verge belonged to the Council. Query then arose if it was absolutely certain that the verge belonged to the Council - the only way to check this out was through the Land Registry and this would be expensive.

**274. COLLECTION AND DELIVERY OF REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS FROM LEESWOOD SURGERY**

A suggestion was put forward that a system could be put in place to help those members of the community who were unable to get to the Surgery to collect their repeat prescriptions. It was pointed out that many of the infirm had carers who would do this for them. Also, it was likely that they would know of someone who was prepared to do this for them.

**275. THE LATE MRS DOROTHY GRIFFITHS - MEMORIAL SEAT AT CEMETERY, PONTBLYDDYN**

Correspondence was received from Mr K Harper requesting that the Community Council give consideration to the placing of a bench seat at the Cemetery, Pontblyddyn, in memory of his late partner Mrs Dorothy Griffiths. Members of the Community Council had already met with Mr Harper at the Cemetery and they advised that they saw no problem with this as long as the seat was securely placed. It was agreed by all Councillors that this should be allowed.

**276. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

- a) Dingle Road, Leeswood - this had now been patched up and work on the Hall Hill was to take place next.
- b) By Llong - this needs major work and would be done when possible.
- c) By Prince of Wales Public House, Leeswood - the water running across the road is coming from land to the rear of the Prince of Wales Public House. It was agreed that this was a hazard particularly during the winter period when it iced over. This matter was being looked into.

## **277. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

- a) Water leak on Dingle Road, Leeswood - it was brought to the Council's attention that there was what appeared to be a leak outside a property on Dingle Road. Comment was made that there was a spring in this area and it was likely that the 'leak' was actually that.
- b) The Nant - it was reported that the bank was slipping and the trees were leaning right over. Comment was made that there had been a grant to repair the damaged fencing. This area of the Nant was not part of this community.
- c) Dual Carriageway Pontblyddyn to Hope - it was observed that the signage advising the road from Pontblyddyn to Hope as a dual carriageway was incorrect. Since the alterations, the road had been reduced to single lane and, therefore, should not be referred to as a dual carriageway. It was pointed out that the term dual carriageway did not refer to the number of lanes on the road but that the lanes were physically separated by a central reservation as it is in this case. Dispute was raised that a dual carriageway meant more than one lane. The Clerk advised that according to the Highway Code the definition is 'a dual carriageway is a road which has a central reservation to separate the carriageways' - no reference was made to the number of lanes. Further comment was made that there should be a sign stating 'No Overtaking', although as the road to Hope from Pontblyddyn was now obviously single lane it was felt that this was unnecessary. However, it was noted that what appeared to be a lane for cyclists was unmarked and perhaps something could be done about this.

## **278. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Mr. David Hanson MP - invitation to Flint Town Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 for Legion D'Honneur Award ceremony to honour Leeswood constituent Mr. John Kenneth Hughes. The Chairman, Councillor R. Williams is to attend.
- b) Holywell Town Council - invite to Mayor's 'St. Patrick's Charity Ball' on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in aid of 'Help for Heroes' at a cost of £25.00 per ticket. This was accepted.
- c) Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council - information regarding a free play about Dementia being staged at various venues on 14<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This was accepted.
- d) Mr. & Mrs. Barry Richards - thank you card received. This was accepted.
- e) Saltney Town Council - invite to Mayor's Charity Ball on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. This was accepted.
- f) Leeswood Community Centre Management Committee - thank you letter for donation. This was accepted.
- g) Miss Cheryl Francis - thank you card received. This was accepted.
- h) Boundary Commission for Wales - information received regarding the commencement of the 2018 Review of Parliamentary constituencies during this year. This was accepted.
- i) FLVC - informing that FLVC has become the first signatory of the Digital Inclusion Charter which is aimed at promoting basic digital skills and to help people get online. This was accepted.
- j) Tower Mint Ltd - Commemorative medals Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. All Councillors

agreed that pre-School and Primary School age children of the community should receive one of these.

**279. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing + Flowers Margaret & Cheryl/Plaque for Cheryl's picture	<b>£78.90</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - February 2016	<b>£538.40</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Grass cutting in Cemetery February 2016	
Leeswood Playgroup	Donation financial year 2015/2016	<b>£1,500.00</b>
Leeswood Methodist Church	Donation financial year 2015/2016	<b>£200.00</b>
Bethania Chapel	Donation financial year 2015/2016	<b>£200.00</b>
Christ Church Pontblyddyn	Donation financial year 2015/2016	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Hayls-craft	Cost of vases - Mr. Barry Richards gift	<b>£40.00</b>
Leeswood Community Centre	Rent for April 2015 to March 2016 (incl. Civic Service)	<b>£195.00</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,752.30</b>

**280. INCOME RECEIVED**

No income had been received.

**281. BANK BALANCES**

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