



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 1st NOVEMBER 2016.

PRESENT

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

125. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood welcomed Mr. Paul Robson, Integrated Transport Manager at Flintshire County Council who was in attendance to discuss Community Transport. Flintshire County Council do not govern the provision of public transport. There is no regulation and the County Council cannot request that transport is provided where there is none. Any requested services would have to be supported by funding. Between £300,000 and £500,000 per annum has been wasted in bus subsidies. In some areas, the cost of providing a bus service has cost the County Council £98 per passenger. This is not sustainable and, therefore, new ways to provide transport has to be developed. Part of this development is to find out at community level what type of transport service is needed. Questions to be asked are a) what services do you want; b) where are the gaps and c) how do you plug the gaps? The services provided would need to be cost effective. There is a possibility that there could be a combination with school services, that the buses could be utilised when running empty back to the depots. Residents in some areas struggle to get to the doctor's surgery so working with GPs is under consideration to try and fit appointments to travel times, in particular around school times either in the morning when the buses run empty after dropping off the schoolchildren or in the afternoon before they pick them up. Various different modes of transport can be developed and how the provision is made up requires analysis.

It was pointed out that there is a good commercial service which runs through the community Monday to Saturdays, however, the last bus from Wrexham to Mold is at 5.45pm and from Mold to Wrexham at 6.40pm. At present the Sunday service which was convenient for afternoon visiting at the hospital is still running, it was hoped that this would not be lost. The lack of a bus service in the later evening is very restrictive to anyone who requires the

use of a bus for hospital visiting or possibly attending a football match. Query was raised as to whether a survey on all services had been undertaken, Mr Robson stated that statistics could be provided.

A form of questionnaire leaflet was available. Suggestion was made that as there was going to be an Age Friendly meeting leaflet drop at the houses in the community, it would be useful if the Community Council could post both sets of leaflets at the same time. Mr Robson said that this could be arranged.

Observation was made that the initial meeting regarding cutting the bus subsidies indicated that there would be a cost to the Community Council. Mr Robson advised that this was not necessarily the case any longer, there would be a certain amount of reliance on the goodwill of bus operators who already had contracts with the County Council for provision of school transport etc. hoping that they would be prepared to give something back and support communities. The issue regarding the provision of community transport is ongoing. It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue links with the neighbouring communities of Treuddyn and Llanfynydd.

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman, thanked Mr Robson for attending the meeting.

126. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

127. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Age Friendly Open Meeting

The Clerk advised that the leaflets for the Age Friendly meeting to be held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 would be ready on Friday 4th November 2016. Delivery areas were to be split between Councillors.

128. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend the meeting this evening. It was pointed out that this was the second meeting in a row that the PCSO had been unable to attend. The Clerk stated that she had not received a report.

Comment was made in regard to the ongoing issue with parking part on and part off the pavement in the area of Bells Corner. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to both Mr Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council and Inspector Jonathan Bowcott of North Wales Police, advising them of the problem and requesting a site meeting.

Further comment was made that on Sunday 13th November 2016, there would be a Remembrance Service held at the Cenotaph on Bells Corner and many members of the Community including children would be present. Any parking on the pavement at that time would be dangerous if people had to stand in the roadway. It was suggested that an advisory letter be put together and distributed to the residents of Queen Street and Eaton Place.

129. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk informed that there was no progress to report on this matter. It was agreed that the Clerk should try and speak to Mr. George Owens or his daughter about this to hopefully move matters along.

A suggestion was put forward that a special project group be created to deal with the required works on the Cemetery extension. All Councillors were in agreement, the members of this are:
- Councillor G. Sherwood, Chair to the Council; Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chair to the Council; Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman to the Cemetery Sub-Committee; Councillors C.E. Jones JP, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

130. FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was suggested that the Finance Committee had insufficient members. To this end, it was agreed that a further two Councillors be added, these being Councillors J. Caruana, Vice-Chair to the Council and R. Hughes.

The Finance Committee now consists of the following members: - Councillor G. Sherwood, Chair to the Council; Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chair to the Council and Councillors R. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, K. McCallum JP and J.E. Saul.

131. COMMUNITY COUNCIL OWNED STREET LIGHTING

The Clerk reported that she had e-mailed Darell Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council requesting the details of the street light repair and maintenance agreement between this Community Council and the County Council. A list of the Community Council owned street lights had also been asked for.

132. CEMETERY

It was reported that excess clay from the digging of a grave was being deposited on the top soil. As the grave diggers are sourced by the undertaker, it was agreed that the Clerk write to all local undertakers advising of the problem and to request that the clay is deposited in a different area of the Cemetery to the top soil.

133. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

134. PLANNING DECISIONS

No notifications of planning decisions had been received.

135. HALF YEARLY FINANCE REPORT 2016/2017

The financial reports for the half year of 2016/2017 had been circulated to members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be accepted. All Councillors were in agreement.

136. CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

Correspondence had been received from Revd Carole Poolman, Priest in Charge at Christ Church Pontblyddyn advising of the intention to repair the Church car park. The Clerk reminded Council that as per the Right of Way agreement half of the cost is to be borne by the Community Council.

All Councillors agreed that a letter of reply be forwarded requesting copies of the quotations received and the job specification.

137. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the officers of the Management Committee had met with Mr Ian Bancroft and Mr Neal Cockerton at Flintshire County Council in order to clarify the asset transfer. Mr Bancroft and Mr Cockerton had stated that the Community Centre in its entirety including the part that was once the Club would be included in the transfer, also the out buildings.

Bookings were good and only a couple of weekends did not have a function between now and the New Year. The Clerk informed that the new Bar Manager, Mr Adam Wynne, had arranged for a refurbishment of the bar with new pipes and cooling system at no cost to the Community Centre Management Committee.

Community Centre Management Committee organised functions in the next couple of months included a Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale to be held on 12th November, a Christmas Dance on 17th December and the Annual New Year's Eve Dance on 31st December.

138. POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK

Councillor R. Hughes informed that the work on the pond area on Phoenix Park was now complete. It was commented that Flintshire County Council had come on board quickly with this job and Councillor R. Hughes was thanked for his efforts regarding this. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor Terry Hughes that letters be sent to Mr Alan Roberts at Flintshire County Council and Mr David Jones of Leeswood Farm, thanking them for their work in regard to this matter. All Councillors in agreement.

139. FLINTSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Caruana reported that the Flintshire Standards Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2016 had focussed on the updated Code of Conduct. If Councillors feel offended by words or actions of fellow Councillors, there are procedures of complaint to follow.

140. PUBLIC OMBUDSMAN SERVICE FOR WALES – GUIDANCE ON CODE OF CONDUCT

From Gareth Owens of Flintshire County Council, an e-mail regarding the changes in the guidance on the Code of Conduct which reflects the changes in the Code of Conduct itself. Councillors have already received a copy of the updated guidance. This was accepted.

141. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Correspondence has been received from the Flintshire County Council informing that the consultancy period has now moved on with the production of a 'Strategic Options – Growth and Spatial Options' document. The six-week consultation exercise starts on Friday 28th October 2016 and ends on Friday 9th December 2016.

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood informed that he and the Clerk had attended the workshop held at county hall on Tuesday 25th October 2016. He went on to suggest that this

was a good opportunity for the Community Council to have an input on the current consultation exercise. It was agreed that a special meeting be held on Thursday 17th November 2016.

142. BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

The Boundary Commission are in the process of reducing the number of Welsh Parliamentary seats from 40 to 29. Delyn Parliamentary constituency would be abolished with parts going into a new Parliamentary constituency named 'Flint and Rhuddlan' and other parts joining Alyn and Deeside. It was proposed by the Boundary Commission that Leeswood community be moved into the Parliamentary constituency of Alyn and Deeside. Concern was expressed that the community would be losing a good MP in Rt Hon David Hanson.

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood advised that a number of alternatives had been suggested by the various political parties. He went on to point out that Mold was also being moved to Alyn and Deeside. As a community, we have strong ties with the town and it would be to our benefit if Leeswood community was in the same Parliamentary constituency as Mold. Another suggestion made was that Gwernaffield should be in the same Parliamentary constituency as Mold, it was proposed that this was moved to the new Flint and Rhuddlan constituency and to move Northop Hall into Alyn and Deeside as it did not make sense that Northop Hall and Northop should be in two different constituencies. Councillor C.E. Jones JP proposed that these opinions be sent to the Boundary Commission as they seemed to be the best option. This was seconded by Councillor R. Hughes. All Councillors in agreement.

143. OUR FLINTSHIRE, OUR FUTURE – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS NOVEMBER 2016

Correspondence had been received from Flintshire County Council informing of a series of events being held in Flintshire to consult with the public about the budget savings required. The meeting for this area is on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Four representatives are invited. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood and the Clerk would attend.

144. COUNTY FORUM

Sam Perry of Flintshire County Council had forwarded a copy of the meeting notes from the last County Forum meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2016. These had been circulated to all Councillors.

145. COUNTY FORUM – NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The last County Forum meeting was held on Thursday 27th October 2016. Councillor J.E. Saul (Community Council representative) and the Clerk attended. Information from Sam Perry of Flintshire County Council had been received advising of the dates for County Forum meetings in 2017.

146. ONE VOICE WALES – NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Notification had been received of a series open meetings arranged by the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner. The meeting in our area is scheduled for Monday 14th November 2016 at 6.30pm at Glyndwr University, Wrexham. This was accepted.

147. ONE VOICE WALES – CONSULTANCY SERVICES

From One Voice Wales information received about their Consultancy services available. This was accepted.

148. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Part re-surfacing of road through Leeswood village – work has now been completed on the road surface patching. A programme of white lining will start soon.

149. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Hedge cutting in community – comment was made at the excellent work of Mr Neil Williams of the Wylfa Farm in regard to the hedge cutting in the community. All Councillors agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent.

150. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Caerwys Town Council – invitation to the Civic Service of the Mayor of Caerwys to be held on Sunday 6th November 2016 at St Michael’s Church, Caerwys at 3.00pm. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood was to attend.

151. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – Oct. 2016	£567.89	£0.00	£567.89
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£40.06	£0.00	£40.06
Flintshire County Council	Summer Playscheme 2016	£1,420.00	£0.00	£1,420.00
	Totals	£2,027.95	£0.00	£2,027.95

152. INCOME RECEIVED

No income had been received.

153. BANK BALANCES

At present, there is £68,466.97 in the deposit account and £5,684.72 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to 29th September 2016.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.