

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 2nd DECEMBER 2014.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, C. Bie, H. Evans and K. McCallum JP.

The Clerk reported that in her telephone conversation with Councillor H. Evans the previous evening, he had indicated a wish to resign from the Community Council.

PRAYERS

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Chairman, Councillor J.E. Saul.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

147. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Kelsey Evans was on duty and therefore in attendance.

Recent activity was as follows: –

22/11/2014 – On Bronallt – a theft of work clothes had taken place from a resident's washing line.

24/11/2014 – On Ffordd Estyn – an episode of criminal damage with a theft of a number plate from a trailer.

There had been no incidents in Pontblyddyn.

In regard to the prosecution relating to premises on Ffordd Siarl being used as a place for the supply of drugs, a sentence of nine months custodial had been passed but this was suspended for eighteen months. Disappointment was

expressed at this and it was queried as to whether the Criminal Prosecution Service could appeal the sentence.

PCSO Evans advised that she had no further information regarding the speed survey that had taken place in Pontblyddyn during the months of May, June and July. Councillor J. Caruana requested that when the data became available it could be sent to the Clerk – PCSO Evans stated that she would do this.

The Chairman, Councillor J.E. Saul, thanked PCSO Evans for attending the meeting. PCSO Evans wished all Councillors a Merry Christmas, this was reciprocated.

148. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 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.

149. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes that had not been included on the Agenda.

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

151. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

Councillor R. Hughes confirmed that this was ongoing and the Flintshire County Council Legal Department acting on behalf of the Community Council would be communicating with the Solicitors appointed by Mr G. Owens.

152. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

153. PLANNING AMENDMENTS

Planning Application Reference Number: 052267

Location: Y Fferm, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold, CH7 4HN.

Notification that there had been an amendment to this Planning Application had been received. There was no information detailing the amendment and because of this no discussion took place.

154. PLANNING DECISIONS

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use – To establish a commercial (equestrian stud) use.

Evella Stud, Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4ST

Information received from the Planning Department, Flintshire County Council that a Certificate of Conformity had been agreed.

155. CADWYN CLWYD – NOTICE BOARD/SEAT FUNDING

Councillor R. Hughes reported that he had been out with the men fitting the seats. He pointed out that the men had been going to fit a seat on the top of Heol-y-Goron as this had been on the plan even though it had not been passed by the Community Council. Fortunately he was able to advise that this was not to happen. All the seats had now been fitted. Councillor Terry Hughes informed that the re-positioning of the seat at the top of Bryn Clyd to by the Bus Stop had been very much appreciated.

There had been an issue with the Welsh wording to be put on the top of the new notice boards. 'Cymdeithasol' was the wrong word for Community and this had now been corrected to 'Cymuned'.

156. A541 PONTBLYDDYN – CAMERA

A reply was awaited from Sgt 51 J. Roberts of Go Safe Wales.

Comment was made that it was important to have a static camera in place especially as there had been a number of fatalities on that piece of road. It was pointed out that some of the accidents which had occurred had only involved one vehicle.

157. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor J. Caruana advised that there was nothing to report.

158. HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Caruana advised that there was nothing to report. The next meeting of the Liaison Committee was to take place on 8th December 2014.

Observation was made that there had been some information on the Hanson website informing that a number of employees had been taken on. This was good news for the locality.

159. NOXIOUS SMELL IN THE COMMUNITY

There were no further reports of a noxious smell in the Community. However, Councillors would still monitor this.

160. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that there had been no further meetings of the Community Centre Management Committee since the last Council meeting. The next meeting of the Management Committee was to take place on Monday 8th December 2014. Councillors were reminded that forthcoming events were a Family Night to be held on Saturday 20th December and a New Year's Eve Dance to be held on 31st December.

161. BIG BUDGET CONVERSATION/COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS

Community Advance Guidance notes had been received from Mr Ian Bancroft of Flintshire County Council and Ann Woods of Flintshire Local Voluntary Council.

In his correspondence, Mr Bancroft advised that the revised Community Asset Transfer scheme had been launched by Flintshire Local Voluntary Council. Also enclosed were guidance notes and expression of interest form. Any enquires were to be directed to Flintshire Local Voluntary Council or Flintshire County Council. Flintshire County Council were happy to come out and meet in order to explain the process in more detail and discuss any initial ideas. The Expression of Interest (EOI) stage is only an idea stage and there is no commitment other than showing an interest in an asset. EOI forms need to be returned to FLVC and are considered monthly so the initial closing dates are the last day of November, last day of December and so on. Should the EOI progress to the next stage, a background pack of supporting documents including surveys and cost information will be supplied.

Ann Woods, in her correspondence, advised that if there was interest in any of the assets, progress could be made by either a) arranging a meeting with the County Council and other parties through Sian Speed or b) complete an Expression of Interest form which had been included.

Observation was made that the playing fields on Phoenix Park now had the Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Trust award which protected their status for 100 years. It was important to know the cost of taking these assets on. The Skate Park and MUGA pitch were protected by a 21 year lease and the responsibility of Leeswood and District Friends.

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had obtained expression of interest forms for the Leeswood Community Centre Management Committee and the Leeswood Bowling Club.

162. FESTIVE LIGHTS

Councillor J.E. Saul, Chairman, advised that the Festive Lights would be installed early December. Comment was made that they were up but not all lit

and those outside Ysgol Derwenfa had been on in the morning. The Chairman stated that that he would contact the electricians as it was possible that the timers had not been set correctly. Cost of the festive lights is approximately £2,000 for installation and new attachments with an additional cost in Pontblyddyn of £1,000 for traffic management.

Reference was made by Councillor J.E. Saul, Chairman, to other communities who had a ‘grand switch on’ of lights. This was something that could be considered for next year.

163. COUNTY FORUM MEETING

Minutes of the County Forum meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2014 at the Mynydd Isa Community Centre had been received from the Flintshire County Council and circulated to all Councillors. The next meeting of the County Forum was to take place on Thursday 26th February 2015 at the Sychdyn Village Hall.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that this Council offer to host a County Forum meeting – all in agreement.

164. TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRECEPTS 2015/2016

Correspondence received from the Revenues Manager at Flintshire County Council regarding the Town/Community Council Precepts (2015–16). The Council Tax Band ‘D’ Tax Base has been calculated to be 823.71. This will allow Town/Community Councils to calculate next years’ precept based on the number of properties expressed as an equivalent number of Band ‘D’ properties. To assist with the calculation of next year’s Council Tax Bills, the Precept form has to be sent to Flintshire County Council by no later than 30th January 2015.

165. SUMMER PLAYScheme

Information about the Summer Playscheme held in Leeswood has been received from Flintshire County Council. Attendance was as follows: –

<u>Day</u>	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>
Monday	38	16	31	22	20
Tuesday	38	22	25	21	24
Wednesday	41	12	15	19	16
Thursday	36	23	20	19	21
Friday	30	22	19	21	20
Total	183	95	110	102	101

Comment was made that the Summer Playscheme had been a success with good attendance.

It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the Leeswood Community Council finance the Summer Playscheme again next year for a five week period – all Councillors in agreement.

166. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor R. Hughes informed that the County Council ‘Tree Man’ would be doing some tree cutting.

Reference was made to an empty bungalow where the Flintshire County Council was doing a lot of work and taking a great deal of time to make it ready for the next resident. There had been a lot of workers and vans in the area of the bungalow during the time the work was being carried out. Councillor R. Hughes advised that all bungalows would be having new kitchens as and when they came empty. Money was not being wasted – the County Council could only spend what they have. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Claire Budden in the Housing Department of Flintshire County Council querying the length of time and manpower it took to refurbish County Council properties between changes of residents.

167. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

None brought to the attention of the Council.

168. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod** – request for financial assistance – this was to be deferred to the donation meeting in February.

b) **Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru** – request for financial assistance – again this was deferred to the donation meeting in February.

169. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B. Richards	Cemetery Maintenance Disposal of Cemetery Waste Litter Pick	£582.00
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£31.85
Flintshire County Council	Summer Playscheme	£1,398.20
Blackwell Stonemasons	Repairs to grave J. Lovelock	£360.00
Bryn Williams	Allotments	£500.00
K. Davies	Bulbs	£115.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£2,987.05</u>

170. INCOME RECEIVED

David Malcolm Parry	Re-open Grave	£100.00
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171. BANK BALANCES

No bank statements had been received as yet.

172. ANY MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

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

b) Arriva Wales – Wrexham to Mold Bus Service – Minute No. 119 – 07.10.2014 – a response is awaited from Arriva Wales. Councillor Terry Hughes pointed out that the 26 service is terrible, especially in regard to overcrowding. It was suggested that Arriva Wales be contacted and a representative invited to a meeting with the Community Council at a time convenient to them. Councillor J. Caruana pointed out that if no response was received from Arriva Wales then further letters should be sent, each time to a higher office.

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