

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 3rd MARCH 2015.

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 and G. Sherwood.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

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.

228. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood 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 meeting held on Tuesday 17th February. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted – all Councillors agreed.

229. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Referring to minute number 227 of the meeting held on 17th February, Councillor J. Caruana advised that he had consulted with the members of the Allotments Association and they had no wish to submit an application for financial assistance for the year 2014/2015.

230. POLICE LIAISON

There was no Police Liaison Officer present. Councillor R. Hughes informed that he had not heard who the new PCSO was. Enquiries were to be made with Inspector Jolly regarding the new PCSO.

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

232. VACANCY FOR A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

No request for an election has been made, therefore, it is in order for the Community Council to fill the vacancy by co-option following the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 / Filling Vacancies by Co-Option. A notice of the vacancy was to be put on the Community Council website. The closing date for applications is to be 30th April 2015.

233. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

Councillor R. Hughes stated that he had spoken to Mr G. Owens who had informed him that there had been problems finding the deeds to the land. These had now been located and this matter should progress.

234. CEMETERY SUB-CONTRACTOR – MR B RICHARDS

Councillor R. Hughes advised that Mr Richards is currently in hospital undergoing treatment. There was no urgent work required at the Cemetery at present, grass cutting was not yet necessary but one grave needed some remedial work. In regard to the litter pick through the village, currently the County Council were bringing their mini pavement sweeper to the community although this would not actually be picking up any litter on Dingle Road or County Road.

A suggestion was put forward that the Community Council may consider approaching Mold Town Council for assistance with the Cemetery as a contingency until Mr Richards was able to return to work.

235. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

236. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

No planning notifications had been received.

237. PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions had been received.

238. A541 PONTBLYDDYN – CAMERA

Flintshire County Council had requested funding for this from the Welsh Assembly Government. If this was forthcoming then a static camera would be going up. It was noted that the Go Safe Wales vehicle had been in the area that morning.

239. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

240. HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

There had been no meeting of the Liaison Committee and there was nothing to report.

241. NOXIOUS ODOUR IN THE COMMUNITY

No reports of a noxious odour in the Community had been made since the last meeting of this Council.

242. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that there had recently been a Bingo held to fundraise and there was a forthcoming Coffee Morning on 21st March. Mrs S. Bidwell was retiring as Licensee of the Community Centre and Mr D. Heyward had kindly volunteered to take over the licence. It had also been suggested that as a way of saving money Committee members could staff the bar free of charge on a rota basis.

243. BIG BUDGET CONVERSATION/COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER/S

The Chairman, Councillor J.E. Saul commented that it had been an interesting meeting on 17th February. Councillor R. Hughes advised that new plans of the Community Centre were to be drawn up and following this there would be a condition survey.

It was agreed that an Expression of Interest was to be made by this Council regarding the Play Areas in the community.

244. COUNTY FORUM MEETING

A copy of the agenda for the County Forum meeting which had been held on 26th February 2015 had been received.

245. ONE VOICE WALES

Correspondence had been received from One Voice Wales advising Councils who have not been members in the past three years that they could join with a 50% discount. Also in the letter were details of the work that is carried out by One Voice Wales.

246. COMMUNITY MEMBER – LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION

Councillor C.E. Jones JP had requested that this item be included on the Agenda. It was brought to the Council's attention that a member of the Community had served 40 years in an organisation they were involved in and it was felt that some recognition should be made for this. A suggestion was made that this matter should be looked into further with a view to making some form of presentation to the individual.

247. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) **Pool on Phoenix Park** – no work can be carried out on the path – water is running like a stream from the bushes and needs to be piped.

b) **Nant Railings** – the work on these had now been done.

c) **Rear of Slievnamon border to Phoenix Park** – the boundary between this property and Phoenix Park had now been made secure by Flintshire County Council.

248. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) **Chairman's Board of Honour** – Councillor J. Caruana pointed out that the Honour Board needed updating. Councillor R. Hughes would make enquiries at Flintshire County Council about who they used to make the changes to their Honour Boards.

b) **Dog Fouling** – Councillor R. Williams reported that he had received complaints about the prevalent dog fouling on the upper fields of Phoenix Park. Query was raised as to whether the complainants were prepared to name the dog owners responsible for not cleaning up after them. It was understood that this would not happen. Observation made that it is very difficult to do anything about those responsible for the mess if their identities are not known.

c) **Pontblyddyn Cross** – Councillor R. Williams brought to the Council's attention the difficulties incurred by heavy vehicles making a left hand turn up the Corwen Road. It was necessary for the vehicles to mount the kerb and verge due to the tightness of the corner and not being able to get a wide enough swing to negotiate the sharpness of this. Agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Gerwyn Powell of the Highways Department, Flintshire County Council requesting that this matter be looked into.

d) **Vehicles parked on pavement outside development site old Church Hall, Pontblyddyn** – Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that there was a nuisance problem with vehicles parking outside this development site. This is now a Police matter and any sighting of vehicles parked in this area should be reported immediately.

249. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Buckley Town Council** – re: Chair’s Charity Concert, Saturday 18th April 2015 at the Elfed School, Buckley. Tickets are £10.00. Proceeds in aid of Royal Buckley Town Band and Help for Heroes.

b) **Flintshire Local Development Plan** – from Flintshire County Council advising that the Register of Candidate Sites has been delayed because there were over 700 sites put forward. The Council will shortly be publishing the Register of Candidate Sites – this can be viewed on their website and it will be available in hard copy at Council Offices and Libraries. In the process of preparing the Local Development Plan, representations will be invited on the candidate sites if they are to be included.

250. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B. Richards	Cemetery Maintenance Disposal of Cemetery Waste Litter Pick	£420.00
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£21.15
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses February	£538.40
K.T.L. Contracting Ltd.	Traffic Management re Festive Lights	£892.80
One Voice Wales	Membership 2015	£131.50
	Total	£2,003.85

251. INCOME RECEIVED

Blackwell’s Stonecraft	Memorial re Priscilla Morris	£75.00
H.J. Williams & Sons	New grave – Robert Francis	£140.00
H.J. Williams & Sons	New grave – Mervyn Jones	£150.00
	Total	£365.00

252. BANK BALANCES

The bank statements for February 2015 had not yet been received.

253. ANY MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

a) War Memorials Trust – Minute No. 165 – 07.01.2014 – the Flintshire County Council is responsible for the maintenance of the War Memorial. This item is to be removed from the Agenda.

b) Arriva Wales – Wrexham to Mold Bus Service – Minute No. 119 – 07.10.2014 – a response is awaited from Arriva Wales.