



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 4th OCTOBER 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, 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, C.E. Jones JP, T. Hughes, K. McCallum JP and J. Phoenix.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

103. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Alan Hatton-Yeo of Volunteering Matters Cymru, Helen Jones and Ella Jackson from Flintshire County Council were present at the meeting to discuss the possibility of joining a pilot scheme regarding Age Friendly Communities.

The World Health Organisation Age-Friendly Domains cover; a) Social Participation, b) Respect and Social Inclusion, c) Civic Participation and Employment, d) Housing, e) Transportation, f) Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings, g) Community Support and Health Services and h) Communication and Information.

Improvement cycle for Age Friendly Communities: -

Years 1 and 2 Planning – a) involve older people, b) assessment of age-friendliness, c) development an action plan and d) identify indicators.

Years 3 to 5 Implementation – a) implement action plan and b) monitor indicators. Evaluate Progress – a) measure progress, b) identify successes and remaining gaps and c) submit progress report.

The membership cycle is of five years – this will hopefully give continual improvement.

In 2014 there was the launch of the Ageing Well in Wales Programme. All Local Authorities signed the Dublin Declaration and commitment to an Age Friendly Wales. 2015 saw every Local Authority in Wales develop an Ageing Well plan. For 2016/2017 there is to be a refresh of the Older People's Strategy.

Wales is aspiring to be a nation of Age-Friendly Places. These are somewhere where local people can come together to decide to change one or more things to make improvement for those who live there especially as they age. It might be something small but significant, such

as not parking on pavements so people with mobility problems, mothers with prams or anyone with visual impairment can move around more easily and safely. A recognition of lonely people in the community and the setting up of something such as a 'Casserole Club' to cook for others and share once a month. The local school children may be able to help with the older members of the community with gardening or putting their wheelie bins out.

There are eight simple steps to becoming an Age Friendly Community: -

- 1) As a community make a decision that you want to create change. As a first step, it is necessary to have a map of all things that are already happening within the community and to consider a way of how people can find out about these activities and how you can take part.
- 2) Start a community conversation. This could be an event, a shared meal or a series of talks between existing groups. It may be useful to have someone from outside the community to act as a facilitator to these conversations.
- 3) Take the ideas and prioritise one or two to work on. Be realistic about the ideas chosen, that they can make a positive difference for people in the community.
- 4) Think how these ideas can be put into practice, what needs to happen and who is going to do what and over what time scale. Go for ideas that are both achievable but at the same time will make a difference. Turn this into a plan of practical action and commit to making a change.
- 5) Submit the plan to the Ageing Well in Wales programme for recognition as a place that is working to become more age friendly. Be recognised for the plan and be endorsed as an Age Friendly Community.
- 6) Implement the plan. Work together in the community to make your plan work. If things don't go how expected, work to find a solution.
- 7) Assess to see if the plan has made the difference you expected. Look for all the unexpected benefits; a) people knowing more about what is going on; b) more people volunteering in the community and c) people feeling more part of where they live. These are important changes.
- 8) Recognise and celebrate achievements. Hold a community party. Stop and remember that being Age Friendly is ongoing then consider how to make it even better.

Support is available from: -

Ageing Well in Wales Resource Hub,
National Expert Lead on Age Friendly Communities,
Older People's Strategy Co-ordinator,
Older People's Engagement Worker.

Funding is available from: -

Local Authority Welsh Government Funding for Engagement,
Big Lottery grants (Awards for All, People and Places, 'Celebrate') community grants,
Big Lottery Accelerating Ideas Plot – decision deferred to December 2016.

Councillors agreed that a start would be to hold a public meeting on a suitable date where Alan Hatton-Yeo, Helen Jones and Ella Jackson could attend. The Clerk was to liaise with Helen Jones regarding this.

104. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by

Councillor R. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

105. POLICE LIAISON

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

106. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

There was no progress to report on this matter.

107. CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes offered to contact the Blacksmith in Padeswood about the repairs required to the Cemetery gates.

The Clerk had spoken to Mr Blackwell, Stonemason and he was prepared to have a meeting on site at the Cemetery in November regarding the re-alignment of headstones. This work would be carried out in January/February of the new year.

108. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number – 055986
Erection of extension to provide lift facility.
7 Riverside Court, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4HA.

All Councillors agreed that there was no objection to this.

109. PLANNING DECISIONS

No notifications of planning decisions had been received.

110. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2015/2016

The External Audit Report for 2015/2016 was presented to Council. A change was required to the Annual Return as the Fixed Assets had been overstated. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D. Rule that the Return be amended and the findings of the External Audit be accepted. All Councillors agreed.

111. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood reported that at the last meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee he had been elected as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Lucille Ingman, Mrs. Flora Roberts and Mrs. Mary Williams had been made Honorary Life Members.

A planned fundraising event 'Curry and Drink Night' was to take place on Saturday 8th October 2016. The ticket price is £8. There were several private bookings with use of bar, so the Community Centre was very busy in the run up to New Year.

The Clerk reported that a new Bar Manager had been employed. On inspection of the bar area it was noted that some of the equipment needed replacing, this was hopefully to happen in the next few weeks.

112. MILLENNIUM CLOCK

The Clerk informed that the work on the Millennium Clock has now been completed.

113. POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK

Councillor R. Hughes advised that Flintshire County Council were preparing to start work on the pond area at Phoenix Park. It was hoped that the Community Council would consider providing £1,900 towards the cost of the work. Councillor R. Williams proposed and Councillor Terry Hughes seconded that the money be given with all Councillors in agreement. The Clerk was to contact Mr Alan Roberts at Flintshire County Council to inform him of this Council's decision.

114. FLINTSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Members had already received notice of the joint meeting between the Flintshire Standards Committee and Town/Community Councils to be held on Monday 3rd September 2016 at Pentre Halkyn. Councillor J. Caruana attended. This item was to be included on the Agenda for the next meeting so that Councillor Caruana could present a report.

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

Already circulated to Councillors – the Public Ombudsman Service for Wales has issued revised guidance on the new model code. This was accepted.

116. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL LDP WORKSHOP

Correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of workshops being held over three days during October in the Alyn and Deeside Room at County Hall. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood and the Clerk are to attend the workshop held on Tuesday 25th October 2016 between 5.30pm and 9.00pm.

117. ONE VOICE WALES WREXHAM/FLINT AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2016/2017

Details of the One Voice Wales Wrexham/Flint Area Committee Meetings 2016/2017 to take place at Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre have been received. These are to be held on 29th November 2016, 2nd March 2017 and 7th June 2017.

118. MODEL COMPLAINTS POLICY RECOMMENDED BY PUBLIC OMBUDSMAN SERVICE FOR WALES

A copy of the Model Complaints Policy as recommended by the Public Ombudsman Service for Wales has been received. Councillors agreed to adopt this. Once the policy had been adapted it would be put on the Community Council website.

119. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Vehicle parking issues – the issue with vehicles parking part on the pavement at Bell's Corner was causing drivers to travel over the white line on the wrong side of the road. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Inspector Jonathan Bowcott of North Wales Police

asking how this could be stopped. A further problem was the parking on the junction of Bryn Clyd and King Street. Vehicles are parking too close to the junction which was presenting problems for traffic especially the bus service.

b) Part re-surfacing of road through Leeswood village – work has now been completed on the road surface patching. It is now in good order and white lining will start soon.

120. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Household Recycling Centres Buckley and Nercwys – it was brought to the Council’s attention that both would be closed for a period in the new year at the same time. Councillor R. Hughes was to investigate this.

b) Civic Service 18th September 2016 – Councillor R. Hughes thanked the Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood for an excellent Civic Service. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Revd Pat Christopher for their work in putting on the Civic Service.

c) Honours Board – this had now been updated. The Clerk pointed out that it had taken a lot of work. Councillors agreed that Mr Atkinson should be paid a further £50.

121. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Holywell Town Council – invitation to the Mayor of Holywell’s Civic Service to be held on Sunday 16th October 2016 at St Peter’s Church, Rosehill, Holywell at 10.30am. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Joseph Caruana is to attend.

b) Bags of Help, the community grant scheme from Tesco – information regarding a grant scheme to improve green spaces and increase community participation. This was to put on the Council website.

c) Letter of complaint re a property on Maxwell Drive, Leeswood – this was anonymous, it was agreed that no action be taken.

d) Boundary Commission for Wales – correspondence regarding the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Initial Proposals – this item was to be put on the Agenda for the next monthly meeting.

122. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Printing of Ombudsman Code of Conduct guidance	£67.60	£0.00	£67.60
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – Sept. 2016	£567.89	£0.00	£567.89
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£41.67	£0.00	£41.67
Aled Davies Agricultural	Grass cutting in Cemetery Sept. 2016	£488.00	£97.60	£585.60
HMRC	PAYE Quarter 2 2016/2017	£369.60	£0.00	£369.60
Smith of Derby	Millennium Clock repairs	£973.00	£194.60	£1,167.60
Miss K.E. Tellett	Civic Service Catering	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
Leeswood Methodist Church	Donation for hosting Civic Service	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Mr R Bryan	Organist Civic Service	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Mr M Atkinson	Honours Board updating	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
	<u>Totals</u>	£3,307.76	£292.00	£3,599.96

123. INCOME RECEIVED

<u>From</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Total</u>
Flintshire County Council	Second instalment Precept 2016/2017	£15,333.33
HMRC	VAT refund 2015/2016	£1,833.47
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£17,166.80</u>

124. 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 9.00pm.