

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 6th JANUARY 2015.

PRESENT

Councillor J.E. Saul, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)
Councillor R. Williams, Vice-Chairman
Councillors J. Atkinson, C. Bie, 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 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.

174. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Kelsey Evans was on duty and therefore in attendance. Also in attendance was Temporary Inspector Dave Jolly.

Recent activity was as follows: –

11/12/2014 – A garage on Bryn Clyd – it appeared that there were motorbikes in the garage and these were targeted.

11/12/2014 – outside Kebab Shop, Queen Street – car was taken. There was an element of racism involved with this incident. A couple of people had been arrested.

16/12/2014 & 21/12/2014 – Co-Op Store – shoplifting. One person had been arrested and charged.

19/12/2014 – Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – burglary – the investigation was ongoing.

Temporary Inspector Jolly informed the Council that PCSO Kelsey Evans would be finishing as the Community Officer and transferring for twelve months to the

Community Safety Department. There will be a replacement full time PCSO and it is hoped that she will attend the next Community Council meeting and introduce herself. For the time being PCSO Andrea Ellis and other PCSOs who know the area will cover the gap until the new PCSO is in place. The Chairman, Councillor J.E. Saul, thanked Inspector Jolly for coming to the meeting to explain the situation. Councillor R. Hughes stated that the Community had had three good PCSOs; Andrea Ellis, Lisa Hughes and Kelsey Evans but unfortunately they had all left the post of Community PCSO. Temporary Inspector Jolly informed that PCSO Kelsey Evans' new post was a temporary secondment for twelve months and she would be returning to South Flintshire. Councillor C. Bie wished her well in her new post and thanked her for her work in the Community. This was endorsed by all members of the Council.

Advanced notice was given by Inspector Jolly that the South Flintshire Consultation Meeting would be held at Mold Police Station.

Councillor J. Caruana referred to the matter of vehicles speeding in the Community. In particular he mentioned that a car had been travelling so fast through the village that he had been unable to take the registration. This car had cause to skid on the bend at the area of the Surgery then regain control. Concern was expressed that this could have resulted in a serious accident if a car had been travelling in the opposite direction. PCSO Evans stated that she would be passing the speed surveys on to the new PCSO for information. Councillor Caruana asked if any speed surveys had been taken on the upper part of Dingle Road. PCSO Evans advised that this had been done during an afternoon. It was pointed out that a better time to undertake a survey in this area would be early morning or between 5pm and 6pm.

175. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

176. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

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

178. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR HARRY EVANS

Councillor Harry Evans had written to tender his resignation from the Community Council. He wished all Councillors well for the New Year. A letter was to be sent to Councillor Evans thanking him for his work as Community Councillor.

The Clerk informed that she would contact the Flintshire County Council to start the process of advertising the vacancy.

179. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

Correspondence had been received from Flintshire County Council Legal Department stating that they were aware that this Council wished them to act on our behalf in the proposed acquisition of land at Bank Farm, Pontblyddyn. The Legal Department confirmed that they were happy to deal with the proposed transaction on the basis that this Council met their reasonable legal fees which would be approximately £400 plus the cost of any disbursements that may be incurred. Copy correspondence of the Flintshire County Council letter to Mr Owens' Solicitors, Messrs Llewelyn Jones was also received.

Query was raised as to whether the Planning Application had been submitted. The Clerk advised that she had completed the form and this was ready to be sent in to the County Council. At the same time notice would have to be served to Mr Owens stating the Council's intention to submit the Planning Application. It was agreed that it was not necessary to submit the Application yet, it would be soon enough once the land had been acquired.

180. CEMETERY SUBCONTRACTOR

The Clerk reported that on the Thursday following the last meeting she had contacted Mr Barry Richards in regard to a complaint of litter being left in the area of the seat on Dingle Road. She had been surprised that Mr Richards had mentioned that he would be receiving a letter from her, especially as the said letter had only been typed that day. This had put her in an awkward position with him as she did not wish to discuss the content of the letter on the telephone.

During this telephone conversation Mr Richards had told the Clerk that he had a large amount of topsoil available to him for use at the Cemetery, the only cost to this Council would be the transportation of the topsoil from its present location to the Cemetery. The Clerk explained to Mr Richards that she would inform Council about the topsoil at the next meeting. In the meantime Mr Richards had approached the Chairman, Councillor J.E. Saul, with regard to the topsoil and had obtained permission to move it to the Cemetery. Councillor R. Hughes expressed concern at this as he was the Chairman of the Cemetery

Sub-Committee and should, therefore, be the person Mr Richards speaks to or the Clerk.

181. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

182. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

Planning Application Reference Number: 052570

Outline Planning re Residential Development

Location: Laura Ashley Unit, Pontybodkin Hill, Leeswood.

This was being included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Planning & Development Control Committee to be held on 17th December 2014.

Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that this had been passed but only for twelve months.

183. PLANNING DECISIONS

Planning Application reference – 052642

Erection of detached garage and store.

3 The Orchard, County Road, Leeswood, Mold, CH7 4RX.

Information received from the Planning Department, Flintshire County Council that this has been approved.

184. CADWYN CLWYD – NOTICE BOARD/SEAT FUNDING

These have now been positioned in the Community. Councillor R. Hughes commented that there had been a complaint about the notice board not holding the notices put up, the pins were coming out. Query was raised if there was possibly something defective with the cork backing that was causing the problem. It was agreed that Councillor G. Sherwood would speak to the provider of the notice boards about this.

185. A541 PONTBLYDDYN – CAMERA

A reply had been received from Sgt 51 J. Roberts of Go Safe Wales. In his correspondence, Sgt Roberts advised that Go Safe are in consultation with the Local Authority to get a fixed camera introduced within the 40 mph stretch of the road. He would update this Council with the outcome.

The daily traffic volumes for each stretch of the A541 through Pontblyddyn is as follows: –

30 mph limit – 7 day average 8476

40 mph limit – 7 day average 4065

50 mph limit – Northbound/Westbound 7 day average 4269

50 mph limit – Southbound/Eastbound 7 day average 4237.

186. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

187. HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Hanson Heidelberg Liaison Committee held on 8th December 2014 had been received and circulated to all Councillors.

188. NOXIOUS SMELL IN THE COMMUNITY

Councillor J. Atkinson reported that she had noticed a particularly unpleasant smell in Pontblyddyn on the morning of Friday 2nd January 2015. The Clerk advised that she had noticed an unusual odour in the early hours of 25th December 2014 in the area of the New Inn/Constitution Hill. There were no further incidences noted.

189. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

There was nothing to report.

190. BIG BUDGET CONVERSATION/COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS

Correspondence had been received from Flintshire County Council advising that the Leeswood Community Centre can be removed from the Community Assets list as an Expression of Interest has been received. Councillor R. Hughes advised that an Expression of Interest was being sent in by the Leeswood Bowling Club in regard to the bowling green. The Clerk informed that she had not received any correspondence from Flintshire County Council about this yet.

191. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Correspondence and maps outlining the candidate sites in the Community for possible development had been forwarded by Flintshire County Council. The Chairman, Councillor J.E. Saul, would scan these documents onto his computer and e-mail copies to all Councillors. This item was to be added onto the Agenda for the next monthly meeting.

192. iLCA / CILCA QUALIFICATION FOR CLERK

The Clerk reported that she had attended the Society of Local Council Clerks meeting held at Acton Resources Centre on Friday 12th December 2014. A guest speaker at the meeting had explained that local Councils in England were obliged for the Clerks to take the iLCA/CILCA qualification and this was likely to happen in Wales. If the Council permitted the Clerk would like to take the CILCA

qualification at a cost of £250. It was agreed that if the Clerk was prepared to take the qualification then the Community Council would fund it.

193. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor R. Hughes informed that the trees in the Community will be done.

194. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Dog Fouling in the Community – Councillor T. Hughes referred to the problem of dog fouling in the Community. The Clerk informed that at the meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks in December there was a guest speaker from Acton Community Council who discussed the issues that there had been in Acton with dog fouling. They had got the local schools involved with producing posters. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Ysgol Derwenfa and ask if the children could participate in a dog fouling campaign by producing posters.

b) Dual Carriageway Pontblyddyn to Mold – Councillor R. Williams reported that there had been water running across the road which had frozen. This was proving hazardous to motorists. Councillor R. Hughes was to report this.

195. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Flintshire County Council – re: Art, Culture & Events in Flintshire – this was accepted.

b) Flintshire County Council – Register of Electors – this was accepted.

c) National Resources in Wales – Trees in Wales’ Towns and Cities – this was accepted.

d) Stroke Association – request for a donation – this was deferred until the donation meeting in February 2015.

e) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – request for a donation – this was deferred until the donation meeting in February 2015.

196. 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	£26.60
Dee Valley Water	Water – Allotments	£10.15
Dee Valley Water	Water – Pontblyddyn Cemetery	£12.16
Leeswood & District News	Insertions 01/04/14 to 31/03/2015	£500.00
Mr Gareth Roberts	Attendance at Finance Committee 18/11/2014	£15.00

N. Williams	Moving of top soil to the Cemetery	£80.00
	Total	£1,225.91

197. INCOME RECEIVED

Beryl Hughes	Burial Cremated Remains	£100.00
George Edward Caldwell	Memorial	£100.00
	Total	£200.00

198. BANK BALANCES

At 29th December 2014, there was £40,872.11 in the business money manager account and £5,831.22 in the community account.

199. 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.

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