

**LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY  
The 14th February 2012**



**G.N.I.JONES**  
**CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL**

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 14th OF FEBRUARY 2012.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr R Williams, Chairman of the Council (in the chair)  
Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Vice Chairman  
Cllrs J Caruana, H Evans, R Hughes, T Hughes, C E Jones JP, K McCallum JP, E Saul.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Were received from Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, K W Richardson, D Rule,

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

### **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Chairman, Cllr R Williams

### **241. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

At the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> of February members had been circulated with the schedule of applications received, there were ten local organisations, and eleven national organisations, one being the Wales Air Ambulance.

The matter had been deferred to this evenings meeting, and the Chairman and the Clerk was asked to select the applications that they considered should be heard.

The recommendation of the Chairman and Clerk which was accepted by members was that the ten local organisations be considered, along with the application received from the Wales Air Ambulance.

Each application was accompanied by a financial statement, with the exception of Wales Air Ambulance, which is an ongoing appeal for funds, to maintain the service.

The Clerk advised that the amount allocated in the budget is £2,000, and that a local Council has powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make donations for the betterment of the community.

Following various suggestions, as to how the funds were to be allocated, it was finally agreed that each applicant be afforded the sum of £150.

### **Resolved**

That the sum of £150 be afforded to the following organisations:

1. Leeswood Bowling Club
2. Leeswood Rainbows
3. Leeswood Guides
4. Leeswood Rangers
5. Pontblyddyn Cricket Club
6. Leeswood Angling Club
7. Leeswood Brownies
8. Leeswood Allotment Association
9. Leeswood District Senior Citizens
10. Pontblyddyn Mothers Union
11. Wales Air Ambulance

**242. PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS – 2012/13**

- A) To consider the provisional estimated figures of income and expenditure as prepared by the Clerk, and circulated to members.
- B) To set the amount to be precepted upon Flintshire County Council for the forthcoming financial year 2012/13.

Members had been previously circulated with provisional figures of income and expenditure, together with a forecast of the probable actual balance that would be carried forward as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2012; the Clerk had estimated this at £16,000.

The net expenditure was an amount of £55,155.

The precept is calculated by deducting the estimated balance carried forward as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2012 from the net estimated expenditure figure of £55,155, leaving an amount of £39,155.

The Clerk explained that he had included an amount of £20,000, purchase of land, Pontblyddyn Cemetery. To do this he explained that last years budget had included an amount of £5,000, match funding for play areas, which will not be required this year, the £6,000 included in last years budget for purchase of land for cemeteries is carried forward, this providing an amount of £11,000 towards the £20,000.

He further suggested that for one year the festive lighting could be excluded, thus providing a further £3,500, which meant that the contribution for 2013 would be £5,500, which would not materially affect the precept.

Members worked through the various headings listed, and saw no reason to amend the figures as given by the Clerk.

It was agreed therefore to levy a precept of £39,000 on Flintshire County Council for the financial year 2012/13.

The Clerk had outlined that the Band D charge in the current year is £45.26, and that a precept of £39,000 would realise a Band D charge of £46.99, an increase of £1.73 per annum, approximately 3.3 pence per week.

With regard to the amount of £20,000 including under purchase of land for Pontblyddyn Cemetery, it was resolved this be ring fenced for a period of twelve months.

Cllr R Hughes referred to the grant of £1,500 to the Pre-School Play Group, the group providing an excellent facility for pre-school education.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds questioned whether accounts are received for the Pre-School Play Group, the Clerk explained that when it was resolved to provide a grant of £1,500, the accounts were then seen, which reflected a financial situation, which would not be capable of maintaining the service.

The point was made that accounts are not seen in respect of grants paid to the Community Centre, the Christ Church Pontblyddyn, the English Methodist Chapel and the Bethania Chapel.

Resolved

1. That an amount of £39,000 be precepted upon Flintshire County Council, for the financial year 2012/13.
2. That the amount of £20,000, in respect of purchase of land, Pontblyddyn Cemetery, be ring fenced for the financial year 2012/13.
3. That the budget for the financial year 2012/13 be as the following statements.

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## PRECEPT 2012/2013

	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2011/12</u>	<u>Probable</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>2011/12</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2012/13</u>
<b><u>CEMETERY</u></b>			
Removal of Clay	250		250
Right of Way	1	1	1
Water Charges	50	40	50
Mainten.Contract	3,672	3,600	3,696
Contingency	500	1,100 (fees)	250
Grave Marker	50		50
Purchase of land	6,000		20,000
Seats Maintenance	250		250
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10,773</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>24,547</b>
<b><u>STREET LIGHTING</u></b>			
Energy	1,400	1,400	1,500
Maintenance	1,350	)	1,700
Repairs	500	) 2,000	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,200</b>
<b><u>HIGHWAYS &amp; FOOTWAYS</u></b>			
Comm.C'taker C'trct	3,550	3,500	3,650
Maint. Gardens/Grass	200	300	280
Envirnmt. Comp.	300	350	350
Festive Lighting	3,500	3,500	-
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7,550</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>4,280</b>

	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2010/11</u>	<u>Probable</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>2010/11</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2012/13</u>
<b><u>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</u></b>			
Website	250	240	250
Playground equip	5,000	5,000	-
Honours Board/Chain			
Of Office	150		60
Civic Exp	200	90	200
Stationery	50	50	60
Insurance	1,350	1,280	1,350
Annual Subs.	112	95	100
Chairman's Allow.	300	300	300
Civic Sunday	375	-	375
Clerks Salary	4,800	4,800	4,848
Secretarial Allow.	150	150	150
Expenses	528	528	540
Telephn/Postages	120	120	130
Comm.Centre Hire	150	150	150
Photocop/Printing	225	225	250
Seats/NoticeBoards	200	-	200
PlayLeaderScheme	1,700	2,000	2,000
Donations General	2,000	2,000	2000
Donations Com.Cent.	750	750	750
Donations Christ Church			
Pontblyddyn	500	500	500
English Methodist			
Chapel	200	200	200
Bethannia Chapel	200	200	200
Litter Bins	200	-	200
Cllrs. Expens/Conf.	50	-	50
Audit Fee	450	900	500
Ins.LeeswoodNews	500	500	500
Prov.of Balances	5,000	-	5,000
Elections	500	-	2,000
Youth.Apprec.Outline	500	-	500
Leeswood P'group	1,500	1,500	1,500
Allotments	1,000	650	650
Queens Diamond			
Jubilee	-	-	800
<b>Total:</b>	<b>29,010</b>	<b>22,103</b>	<b>25,888</b>

	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2011/12</u>	<u>Probable</u> <u>Actual</u> <u>2011/112</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2012/13</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>			
<b><u>EXPENDITURE:</u></b>	<b><u>50,583</u></b>	<b><u>37,894</u></b>	<b><u>57,915</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>			
Bank Interest	10	10	10
Special Exp/Contrb			
Flintshire C.C.	1,400	1,400	1,450
Cemetery Fees Rcvd.	700	800	800
VAT Refund	-	2,800	-
F.C.C. Envir Comp.	-	125	
Allotments	-	500	500
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME:</u></b>	<b><u>2,110</u></b>	<b><u>5,635</u></b>	<b><u>2,760</u></b>
<b><u>NET</u></b>			
<b><u>EXPENDITURE:</u></b>	<b><u>48,473</u></b>	<b><u>32,259</u></b>	<b><u>55,155</u></b>