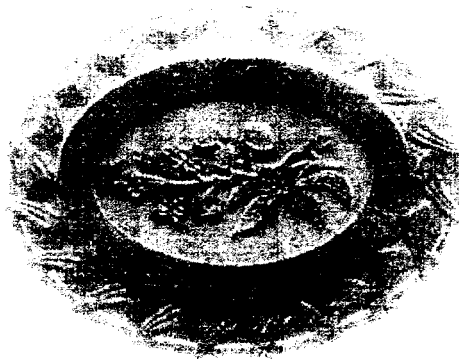


LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 7th March 2012**



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CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 7th OF MARCH 2012.

PRESENT

Cllr R Williams, Chairman of the Council (in the chair)
Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Vice Chairman
Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, J Caruana, H Evans, R Hughes, T Hughes, D Rule, E Saul.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllrs C E Jones JP, K McCallum JP, and K W Richardson.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

243. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

244. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds and seconded by Cllr R Hughes, that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 6th of February 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr R Williams.

245. ACQUISITION OF LAND – PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY

The Clerk advised that he had emailed Davis Meade Property Services, agents acting on behalf of Mr Owens, with regard to the Community Council's final offer of £20,000, thanking Mr Owens for his consideration, but that the asking price of £32,000 was beyond the financial means of the Community Council, and unfortunately the Community Council would have to look elsewhere.

The agent had informed the Clerk that the offer of £20,000 had not been accepted, but the matter was still open for an improved offer.

Cllr R Hughes reiterated that the land in question was not worth the money, and it was now necessary for the Community Council to look elsewhere, a view that was shared by members.

Resolved

That members consider what other land in the Community Council area could be available for cemetery purposes and that the matter be reagenda'd for the April meeting.

To calculate the precept certain factors have to be taken into consideration:

- a) The Probable Actual Balance as at 1/4/2012
- b) The Net Probable Actual Expenditure for 2011/2012

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|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| The balance brought forward as at 1/4/2011 | 11,898 |
| Add Precept Flintshire County Council 2011-12 | <u>37,000</u> |
| Total Financial Resources 2011/12 | 48,898 |
| Less Probable Actual Net. Exp. 2011-12 | <u>32,259</u> |
| Probable Actual Balance at 1/4/2012 | <u>16,639</u> say 16,000 |

From the provisional figure for 2012-13 members will see that the net provisionally estimated figure is an amount of **£55,155** which would be funded by the Probable Actual Balance brought forward as at 1/4/2012 and the Precept.

The Precept in the current financial year is **£37,000**

The Band D charge in the current year is **£45.26**

The Council Tax Base B and D equivalent for 2012/13 is **£829.96**

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| Example Net Estimated Ex. 2011/12 | 55,155 |
| Probable Actual Balance 1/4/2011 | 16,000 |
| Precept | ----- 39,155 say £39,000 |
| A Precept of £39,000 would mean a Band D Charge of | £46.99 |

This reflects an increase for a Band D property of **£1.73** per annum, approximately 3.5p per week.

As previously reported the Council revised offer of £20,000 re cemetery land has not been accepted by the landowner.

Members will note that there has been no provision made for Christmas Illuminations for 2012/13.

An option would be to reduce the estimate for purchase of land and include monies for Christmas Illuminations; I would suggest however that to provide for future provision a reasonable substantial amount is included under Cemetery – Purchase of Land.

246. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – 4th OF JUNE 2012

The Clerk had provided members with a commemorative medallion received from Vaughtons, an attractive piece of material, bearing the Queen's head, and available for personalisation, this at a cost of £5 plus post and package.

He continued that he had also spoken to the Royal Mint, and that it was possible to purchase a £5 Crown, for face value, with an additional £1 for mounting on a appropriate card, slightly larger than a credit card.

Members saw this as the way forward, and asked the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements to purchase the £5 coin.

Members were reminded that the memorabilia would be presented to each pupil at the Ysgol Derwenfa, and that investigations be made in order to establish whether there are any pupils from Leeswood who attended other schools, such as Tryddyn, the three schools in the Pen-y-ffordd Community Council area, and the St Davids RC School in Mold.

The Chairman, Cllr R. Williams offered to visit the Tryddyn School the following day.

It was also agreed to purchase an additional thirteen Crowns for each member of the Council to be repaid by the member.

Resolved

1. That arrangements be made to purchase the required quantity of Crowns.
2. That investigations be made with the schools within the Pen-y-ffordd Community Council area, Tryddyn and Mold.

247. NORTH WALES POLICE – NEW ROLE WITHIN THE NORTH WALES POLICE

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from Chief Inspector Darren Wareing, which informed that he has been approached to take a position with Operation Support Services function to head up the Roads Policing Unit for North Wales. He will also be involved in the command of specialist units, including Firearms, Dogs and Air Support Unit, as from the 29th of February 2012.

He informed that his successor is Chief Inspector David Roome, who has worked in the county before, having been the District Inspector for North Flintshire.

Resolved

That a letter of congratulations and thanks be communicated to Chief Inspector Darren Wareing, and a letter of welcome be extended to the new Chief Inspector, David Roome.

248. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY SUMMER PLAY SCHEME PROGRAMME 2012

Monday 23rd July 2012 to Friday 24th August 2012

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from the Director of Lifelong Learning, which informed that the play scheme will go ahead at a cost of £898; the Clerk advised this amount has been included in the budget, furthermore that Flintshire County Council has now been provided with funding to provide for the scheme to go ahead.

Furthermore in accordance with the Community Council's request for statistics of attendance figures for 2010 and 2011, these were provided, which showed that the total attendance figures for 2011 was four hundred and forty nine, and for 2010 three hundred and ninety nine.

Members commented that the Summer Play Scheme provides an excellent facility for young persons during the summer break, and that once again the Community Council participates.

Resolved

That the Director of Lifelong Learning be informed that the Leeswood Community Council participate in the Summer Play Scheme 2012, at a contribution cost of £898.

249. COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from the Council, which advised that the Council has to review maps of open access to mountain, moor, heath, down land and registered common land in Wales, and this letter gives an early notice of this work to inform of the timetable.

The review process will start on the 16th of July 2012, when the Countryside Council will issue draft maps of open country and registered common land, representations will be accepted with regard to these maps until the 23rd of November 2012.

Resolved

That detail of the correspondence be noted, and the maps be considered upon receipt.

250. PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2012 – 13

The Clerk advised that for the benefit of those members who had not been present at the budget meeting, it was resolved to precept an amount of £39,000 upon Flintshire County Council, and that the minutes of this meeting will be circulated for confirmation at the April meeting.

Resolved

That the foregoing be recorded.

251. SET OF KEYS FOUND ON PHOENIX PARK

Cllr H Evans informed that he had found a set of keys on Phoenix Park, three keys on a key ring, which he had handed in to the Co-op.

Resolved

That the thanks to Cllr H Evans be recorded, and that an appropriate note be included in the Leeswood News.

252. ARRIVA BUS SERVICE

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that she was a passenger on an Arriva bus, on Friday the 2nd of March, the bus leaving Leeswood at 8.20.

On the approach to the Mold Alyn High School, pupils rang the bell three times, but the driver did not stop, he eventually stopped at the next bus stop at the Morris's Garage.

Cllr Miss M Reynolds continued that she had taken up the issue with the bus driver as to why he had not stopped, and that he had been rude to her.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of Arriva buses.

253. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Launching of Streetscene

Cllr R Hughes informed that along with the Leeswood Community Council there had been other Community Council's who had requested that the Flintshire County Council consider taking over the street lighting stock.

He urged members and any other persons reporting a defective street lighting column to obtain the name of the person who they were speaking to, and ask them to return any information, as there is confusion in regard to the ownership, Flintshire County Council or Leeswood Community Council.

254. GYPSY LANE / PADESWOOD LAKE ROAD

Cllr R Hughes informed that improvement works were to be carried out to the bridge area on Gypsy Lane, and that it would be closed for a period of time to the main road.

Consequently Gypsy Lane from the bridge junction, to the A5104 is to be one way only, and there are to be five passing places introduced on Padeswood Lake Road to promote the flow of traffic.

Resolved

That the above information be recorded.

255. GRASSED VERGE AND HEDGE OPPOSITE BRYN CLYD

Cllr H Evans referred to the disgraceful condition of the grassed verge and hedge, as a result of the existence of litter etc.

Cllr Ray Hughes informed that he would attempt to identify the ownership of the area concerned.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the April meeting.

256. MATCH FUNDING – CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS

The Clerk informed that he had received a letter of acknowledgment from the Chief Leisure Services Officer, to the fact that for the financial year 2012/13, the Leeswood Community Council would not be participating in the match funding scheme.

Resolved

That the correspondence be noted.

257. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved

That the accounts contained in the following schedule be approved for payment.

| Payee | Detail | Amount |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| G N I Jones | Salary, expenses, photocopying, postages, telephone Calls, stationery | £482.77 |
| Mr B Richards | Cemetery maintenance £280 Disposal of cemetery waste £20 Litter pick £264 | Total: £564.00 |
| Dee Valley Water | Water charges – allotments £7 Water charges – cemetery £7 | Total: £14.00 |

258. INCOME RECEIVED

None since last reported.

259. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk advised that the balance of the deposit account is an amount of £27,519.32, and the current account an amount of £3,127.73.

Resolved

That the detail with regard to bank balances be noted.

260. INTERNAL CONTROL

The Clerk advised that it was now a requirement of the audit process, to have in place a system of internal control, a document which he had prepared, and had been previously circulated to members.

The Clerk continued that he would wish for a small number of members to work through the document of internal control, to examine such thing as insurance documents, invoices and PAYE records.

Resolved

That the Chairman, Cllr R Williams, Cllr R Hughes and Cllr Miss M Reynolds participate in the exercise along with the Clerk, on Tuesday the 20th of March.

261. STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk referred to the documentation of standing orders, previously circulated to members, and asked whether any review was required.

Members were quite happy with the current standing orders.

Resolved

That the comments of members be noted.

262. CIVIC SUNDAY

Members congratulated the Chairman, Cllr R Williams on the excellence of his Civic Sunday, and also the splendid buffet that was prepared by the Brownies.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds described it as an excellent day and a grand service.

Cllr R Hughes described the service as first class and that the event was very well attended, and referred to the large presence of Civic dignitaries.

It was agreed that a donation of £100 be made to the brownies for the preparation of the buffet.

Resolved

That the foregoing comments be noted, the Chairman be thanked for the excellence of his Civic Sunday, and that a donation of £100 be made to the brownies.