

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 15th May 2012**



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

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 15th OF MAY 2012.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, work commitments.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

PRAYERS

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

1. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reported that every member had signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office, and had been issued with a copy of the Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by the Leeswood Community Council.

Resolved

That the foregoing information as provided by the Clerk be recorded.

2. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2012/13

Prior to the election of the new Chairman, the retiring Chairman, Cllr Richard Williams thanked all members for the support that he had received during his year of Office.

He referred to the difficult time that he had experienced in regard to the passing of his mother, and thanked the Vice Chairman, Miss Marie Reynolds for standing in for him.

He commented as to how much he had enjoyed his Term of Office, and welcomed the opportunity to carry out the role again.

He congratulated Cllr Raymond Hughes on being elected again to the Flintshire County Council, and wished the incoming Chairman, Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds a happy and successful Term of Office.

Cllr Carlton Jones thanked Richard for the way in which he had carried out his term as Chairman, for the way in which he had represented the Leeswood Community Council, not only in the Council Chamber but outside, and that many accolades had been received from members of the public.

Carlton congratulated Cllr Raymond Hughes again on being elected to Flintshire County Council, and commiserated with Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds.

Cllr Raymond Hughes thanked Richard and Carlton for their kind words, he congratulated Cllr Richard Williams on his Term of Office; he had soldiered on during the sad loss of his mother, and that he had done a first class job.

Cllr C E Jones proposed that Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds be elected as Chairman, his proposal was duly seconded.

Resolved

That Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds be elected as Chairman for the forthcoming Community Year 2012/13.

The retiring Chairman, Cllr R Williams invested Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds with the Chain of Office.

Cllr Miss M Reynolds thanked members for their confidence in her, and also thanked the retiring Chairman Cllr R Williams for an excellent year in Office.

3. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2012/13**

It was proposed by Cllr J Caruana and seconded by Cllr R Williams that Cllr K McCallum JP be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Community year 2012/13.

Resolved

That Cllr K McCallum JP be elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Community Year 2012/13.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CEMETERY SUB COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2012/13**

Resolved

That Cllr R Hughes be elected as Chairman of the Sub Committee, supported by Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, J Caruana, H Evans, T Hughes and C E Jones JP.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP**

The point was made that members of the Community Council rarely attend these meetings, and that it is more beneficial to have a member of the North Wales Police attending at Council meetings.

Resolved

That any member wishing to attend may do so.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Resolved

That Cllrs J Caruana and E Saul be nominated.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATE TO SERVE ON THE CASTLE CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Resolved

That Cllr J Caruana be nominated, and that Cllr R Williams be nominated as Sub.

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8. MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllrs R Hughes, and D Rule expressed a declaration of interest of interest in Agenda Item 7 (1), that being a planning decision in respect of a multi-use games area at Phoenix Park recreation ground, as they serve on the Committee.

9. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr K McCallum and seconded by Cllr C E Jones that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 3rd of April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

10. ACQUISITION OF LAND RE CEMETERY REQUIREMENT S

The Clerk advised that he had written to a Mr Graham Halstead, the owner of a parcel of land, to the rear of the English Chapel, but had not yet as received a response.

The Clerk was asked to hasten a reply.

Cllr C E Jones referred to an area of land adjacent to the new house opposite to the Druid Inn, and suggested that an enquiry could be made, as to whose ownership it is in.

Cllr R Hughes suggested that it may be advantageous to speak again to Mr George Owens the owner of the land abutting the cemetery.

Cllr C E Jones considered this as a way forward, and that perhaps the new Chairperson, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, along with Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, R Hughes and the Clerk could make contact with Mr Owens.

Resolved

1. That a response from Mr Graham Halstead be hastened.
2. That the Clerk establishes the owner of the land adjacent to the new house opposite the Druid Inn.
3. That a further attempt be made to negotiate with Mr George Owens, and that this be rested with the Chairperson, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, R Hughes and the Clerk.

11. **PLANNING APPLICATION**

Plan No. 049617

Proposal: Construction of waste transfer building and continuation of a non hazardous waste management operation.

Location: Old Bridge Inn, Station Lane, Padeswood.

A comment was made by Cllr G Sherwood that the application would involve a very large steel shed; Cllr D Rule commented that it would change the landscape.

The point was questioned as to whether or not a site meeting could be arranged.

The Clerk informed that site meetings could only be permitted, following a request by the County Council member.

Cllr R Hughes promised to pursue the possibility of a site meeting with the Planning Department, he informed that the application is in its infancy, and it would be some time before it is determined.

Resolved

That the outcome of the request for a site meeting be awaited.

12. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

1. **Proposal:** Construction of a 30 x 90 metre tar macadam skate boarding area and 34 x 20 metre multi-use games area with tar macadam surface

Location: Phoenix Park recreation ground, Leeswood.

2. **Proposal:** Erection of a single storey WC and lobby extension

Location: 11 Llys Ann, Leeswood.

The Chief Planning Services Officer informs that the two above application have been approved.

Resolved

That the information as provided by the Chief Planning Services Officer be noted.

13. **INDUCTION TRAINING FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS**

Members had been previously circulated with copy correspondence advising of induction training for Town and Community Councillors on Wednesday the 20th, Thursday the 21st and Friday the 22nd of June 2012, in the Council Chambers, County Hall, Mold.

Times being 5 pm till 8 pm on the Wednesday, 2 pm till 5 pm on the Thursday, and 9.30 am until 12.30 pm on the Friday.

The Clerk suggested that members may wish to make their own arrangements, a contact number was provided on the correspondence.

The Clerk encouraged members to attend the sessions, as coverage of the Members Code of Conduct would be listed, and that this is of paramount importance to Councillors.

Resolved

That members make their own arrangements, with regard to attending the induction training.

14. BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2012

An invitation is extended for the Community Council to participate in the Flintshire County Council Environmental Competitions.

Resolved

That the Leeswood Community Council participate in the competitions.

15. COUNTY FORUM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 8th OF FEBRUARY 2012

Members had been previously circulated with copies of minutes of the meeting.

Resolved

That the correspondence be received.

16. LEESWOOD CLOCK TOWER

The Clerk advised that the Leeswood Clock Tower is not subject to a maintenance contract agreement.

He continued that he had contacted J B Joyce and Co., experts in this field, a copy of their report was enclosed for members consideration.

The report advised that a service contract could be entered into, at a cost of £189, per annum, an option was to accept a three year agreement for a fixed price sum of £567, payable in advance, thus avoiding possible increases in cost for three years.

Members recognised that it is essential for a service contract to be in place, and considered that a three year contract would be more favourable.

Resolved

That a three year contract be entered into, with J B Joyce and Co (Smith of Derby Ltd).

17. **ARRIVA BUSES WALES**

Incident of the 2nd November 2011

The Clerk reminded members of the complaint of the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, inasmuch that the bus did not stop at the Mold High School, despite the fact that pupils had rang the bell on three occasions, this had been forwarded to Arriva at their Hawarden depot.

A response from Arriva, Hawarden informed that the bus from Leeswood to Mold was operated by Arriva's Wrexham depot, and that the complaint ought to be addressed to them, at Berse Road, Caego, Wrexham.

The Clerk informed that he had spoken to the Hawarden office, and asked that the letter be forwarded to Arriva at the Wrexham depot.

The person he spoke to agreed to do this, but no subsequent response had been received. The Clerk was asked to forward the complaint to the Wrexham office.

Resolved

That the nature of the complaint be forwarded to the Wrexham office.

18. **BUS STOP AT BRYN ESTYN**

Cllr K McCallum referred to the 'bus stop' previously at Bryn Estyn that had now been relocated to Haydock Close.

He referred to the site meeting that had taken place, at which it was informed that the previous bus stop at Bryn Estyn did not now meet with the necessary criteria.

Cllr McCallum continued that he had an idea, that would serve residents of the Dingle area, and that would be that the bus would continue from the Stryt turning left into Haydock Close/ Goodwood Grove, entering Maxwell Drive, then turning left and then allowing passengers to alight in Maxwell Close, at a close proximity to Dingle Road.

Cllr E Saul commented that this would be more complicated than the bus stopping at Bryn Estyn.

Cllr K McCallum reiterated that the former 'bus stop' at Bryn Estyn does not now meet with the criteria, and that nothing is going to happen with it.

Resolved

That the foregoing proposal of Cllr K McCallum be put to Arriva buses Wales.

19. **OPEN LAND TOP OF DINGLE ROAD / HAYDOCK CLOSE**

Cllr K McCallum advised that some three to four days ago fencing posts have appeared on the land, and it was his opinion that the whole of the land is to be fenced off by a resident of the last bungalow adjacent to the land; Cllr McCallum questioned where is it going to stop.

Cllr E Saul advised that the land originally belonged to the developer, and it housed a communal heating oil tank for a supply to the properties.

Cllr R Hughes advised that insufficient information is known regarding the land, it is not common land or council land.

Resolved

That an attempt be made to identify the ownership of the land.

20. **STREETSCENE SERVICE – FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from the Streetscene Manager, requesting an Officer to attend a Community Council meeting, and to introduce the Area Supervisor, and explain the Supervisors role in working with the community in the future.

It was suggested that perhaps a night apart from the normal Council meeting could be suggested, and that a representative of the North Wales Police, could also be invited to attend.

With this thought, Cllr C E Jones commented that we had not seen the Police Officer for some time and that the situation with regard to Community Beat Manager should be clarified.

The Clerk was asked to clarify the matter with regard to Community Beat Manager.

Resolved

That an invitation be extended to the Streetscene Manager to attend a meeting with the Community Council on the 19th of June, and that a representative of the North Wales Police also be invited.

21. **FLOWER BOXES**

Cllr T Hughes referred to the overgrown condition of the three flower boxes on the approaches to the Leeswood Community Council area, and now the time had come for the matter to be addressed.

Resolved

That Mr Barry Richards be asked to carry out the necessary works to provide floral decorations in the flower boxes.

22. **CONDITION OF CEMETERY**

Cllr C E Jones referred to what he considered to be an untidy condition of the cemetery, which he had recently visited, part of the cemetery was cut, other areas left uncut; weeds were in existence on the driveways.

Cllr R Hughes referred to uneven edgings, and that such works as these could have been carried out in the months when grass cutting is not necessary.

Cllr C E Jones suggested that a job description be drawn up for the Cemetery Superintendent, and that perhaps the cemetery could be inspected on a monthly basis, with a report provided for member's consideration.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the June meeting for further consideration.

23. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr R Hughes informed that during the previous period of torrential rain he had driven around the Leeswood Community Council area for approximately two hours looking for flooded areas, mainly concerned with property.

Effectuated areas were in the vicinity of the vicarage and garage.

He reported that he still had in his possession shovels and rock salt to be used in the event of snow and icy conditions. Fortunately there had been no incidents requiring the use of these.

Cllr Hughes suggested that they could now be stored in the cemetery shed. Members were in agreement with this.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

24. LEESWOOD COMMITTEE – PHOENIX PARK

Cllr C E Jones offered his congratulations to the committee for their endeavours, working towards the play equipment for Phoenix Park.

Cllr R Hughes informed of the financial commitment, and an application was being made to Synthite works in Mold.

Cllr Mrs C Bie suggested that an approach could be made to McDonalds, in compensation for the litter problems that emanate from their packages which are strewn around the area.

Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Mrs C Bie for this suggestion.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

25. CONDITION OF PHOENIX PARK

Pursuant to the Community Council's complaint to Flintshire County Council with regard to the untidy condition of Phoenix Park, a response from the Public Open Spaces Manager apologised to learn that the area has been left in a very untidy and littered condition by users.

At the present time the play area is inspected and de-littered every seven days by the playground maintenance team. If however any issues are reported then the aim is to respond the same working day especially if it's a safety hazard.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that the play area does now look tidy, and she had noticed a Flintshire County Council operative on site.

Resolved

That the detail of the response from the Public Open Spaces Manager and the comments of the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds be noted.

26. STRYT CAE RHEDYN – ACCIDENT REPORT

In response to the letter received from Mr O'Marah, a resident of Stryt Cae Rhedyn, informing that there had been an accident on the road, the head of Assets and Transportation informed that the accident data basis which is shared with the Police only contained records of accidents when an injury (or accidents) has been sustained. This is the common practice for all Police areas.

As mentioned in the letter from Mr O'Marah, the Police were present at the accident on the 26th of June 2012, and it can only be assumed that there were no notified injuries.

It is not possible therefore to amend the records, as the only agency able to record and generate accidents are the Police.

The Clerk suggested that Mr O'Marah could be supplied with a copy of the letter.

Resolved

That the content of the letter from the Head of Assets and Transportation be noted, and Mr O'Marah be supplied with a copy.

27. LEESWOOD UNDER FIVES PLAY GROUP

The Clerk advised of a letter, in the form of an application from the Leeswood Under Fives Play Group for financial assistance in the sum of £50 in order for the children to participate in the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

Leeswood Pre Play Group Under Fives is a charity run organisation in which committee members and parents are actively raising monies on a daily basis. At present there are seventeen children from the Leeswood area attending the group who solely rely on donations and government funding in order for the play group to keep running.

Members felt that this was a worthy cause, and voted to support the application.

Resolved

That financial assistance in the sum of £50 be afforded to the Leeswood Under Fives Play Group in respect of the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

28. 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, telephone calls, postages, Photocopying	£327.94
Mr B Richards	Cemetery maintenance - £280 Disposal of cemetery waste - £20 Litter pick - £ 264	Total - £564.00
Scottish Power	Street lighting electricity	£365.02
Zurich Municipal	Insurance premium	£1309.38
Leeswood Diamond Jubilee Committee	Financial Assistance	£500.00
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£44.85
Dee Valley Water	Water charges	£45.34

29. INCOME RECEIVED

Date	Detail	Amount
30/04/2012	Precept from Flintshire County Council Precept - £13,000 Contribution to Cemetery provision - £1,726.00	£14,726.00

30. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk reported that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £33,874.85, as of the 29th of April 2012.

The current account statement had not been received.

Resolved

That the detail with regard to bank balances be noted.

28. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

- 31 Pontblyddyn Cemetery – loose gravestones – Minute No. 154 – 1/11/11
Members felt that this matter should be addressed as a matter of priority.
2. Christmas Illuminations (ongoing)