

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 12th June 2012**



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CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 12th OF JUNE 2012.

PRESENT

Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds, Chairman of the Council (in the chair)
Cllr Kevin McCallum JP, Vice Chairman
Cllrs Mrs Jayne Atkinson, Mrs Carol Bie, Joseph Caruana, Harry Evans, Raymond Hughes, Timothy Hughes, Carlton E Jones JP, David Rule, Graham Sherwood, Edward Saul, Richard Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

PRAYERS

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Chairman, Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds.

MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in any matters agendad.

33. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr R Hughes and seconded by Cllr C E Jones, that the minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on Tuesday the 15th of May 2012 be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

It was proposed by Cllr R Hughes, and seconded by Cllr R Williams that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Leeswood Community Council, held on Tuesday the 15th of May 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

In regard to Minute No. 29, Site Meeting at Bryn Estyn, Cllr E Saul regarded that this was an incomplete account, for the reason that he had suggested that Cllr K McCallum should have declared an interest in the matter, for the reason that the bus stop is located outside of his premises.

The Clerk responded insomuch that it is the responsibility of the member to decide whether or not he or she should declare a personal interest, and in the Clerks opinion in this instance, this was not necessary.

Cllr K McCallum also referred to the account, which stated that Cllr E Saul had verbally insulted the Officer of the Flintshire County Council; Cllr K McCallum continued that this had been misrepresented and that the conduct referred to was the inappropriate manner which Cllr E Saul had addressed the Officer.

34. POLICE LIAISON

Cllr C E Jones referred that it was some time since there had been a Police presence at the meetings; he suggested that the matter with regard to Policing in the community should be clarified.

The Police and Community Support Officer, Andrea Ellis usually attends meetings, but has missed the last three.

Resolved

That the matter with regard to Police presence at meetings, and Policing in the community be clarified with the Area Inspector.

35. ACQUISITION OF LAND RE CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk reported that he had gained information that the land in Pontblyddyn opposite the Druids Inn and adjacent to the new property was in the ownership of a Mr S Lomas, however he had not as yet been able to contact him.

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had attempted to contact Mr George Owens owner of the land abutting the cemetery, but so far had been unsuccessful.

With regard to the parcel of land in the village, in the ownership of Mr G Halstead, the Clerk informed that he had spoken to Mr Halstead, that if possible he was quite willing to do something for the community, and that he was prepared to meet with members of the Community Council.

Members looked at this as being a positive way forward, and suggested that the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Cllrs R Hughes, C E Jones and the Clerk arrange to meet with Mr Halstead.

Resolved

That arrangements be made for the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Cllrs R Hughes, C E Jones and the Clerk to meet with Mr Halstead.

36. FLOWER BOXES – ENTRANCE TO VILLAGES

The Clerk reported that pursuant to Minute No. 21 of the May meeting Mr Barry Richards has now carried out this work.

Resolved

That the comments of the Clerk be recorded.

37. **CONDITION OF CEMETERY – JOB DESCRIPTION**

This matter was agendad in accordance with Minute No. 22 of the May meeting, at which it was suggested that this matter could be further addressed, and that a job description could be advantageous for the cemetery maintenance.

Cllr C E Jones referred that he was very disappointed with the condition of the cemetery, and that a job description needs to be in place.

He referred to the fact that in his opinion the areas of grass between the graves are not cut.

Cllr J Caruana suggested that a member should be appointed to liaise with the Cemetery Superintendent.

Cllr E Saul commented that there is a Cemetery Sub-Committee in place, which should meet and report back, and that this committee could appoint a ‘Clerk of Works’.

The Clerk suggested that perhaps the July Council meeting could be put back one week to the 10th, and that the Cemetery Sub-Committee meets on the 3rd of July, in order to design a job description.

Resolved

That the Cemetery Sub-Committee meets on Tuesday the 3rd of July in order to determine a job description for cemetery maintenance.

38. **MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 1st OCTOBER 2012**

The Clerk informed that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, and Monitoring Officer has informed that the next meeting for Town and Community Councils to meet with Flintshire Standards Committee will be held on Monday the 1st of October, 6.30 pm, at the Council Chambers at Buckley.

Resolved

That any member wishing to attend to inform the Clerk.

39. **BRIDGE INN FOOTBALL CLUB**

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence in the form of an application for financial assistance, in respect of the Bridge Inn Football Club.

The Clerk noted that he appreciates that applications are normally considered in February, but as the team wishes to commence in August, he considered it appropriate to agenda the matter.

Resolved

That financial assistance in the sum of £150 be afforded to the Bridge Inn Football Club.

40. **WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER – PROMOTING LOCAL DEMOCRACY**

Members had been previously circulated with copy correspondence in support of this matter.

The Clerk informed that part of the White Paper included that Town and Community Councils should have in place, a website, and be contacted by email etc, by the Annual meeting in 2014.

The Clerk suggested that he could provide members with further information on this.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the July meeting.

41. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURES 2011 – FILLING VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION**

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence from the Returning Officer, Flintshire County Council.

The Clerk referred to the Co-Option procedure which informed that a person co-opted must receive an absolute majority vote of the Councillors present and voting.

Resolved

That receipt of the correspondence, with regard to co-option be noted.

42. **DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE – DOG FOULING INITIATIVES**

In response to the Community Council's request for a public meeting to be held in Leeswood with regard to dog fouling, correspondence from the Environmental Protection Officer suggested that rather than convening a public meeting, an Officer would prefer to meet with the Community Council and a few residents, where the problem could be discussed.

Furthermore the writer advised that the Flintshire County Council is currently working with proactive members of the community who want to reduce incidents of dog fouling in the area. This scheme was called 'DOG WATCH' which focuses on residents working with the Enforcement Team and North Wales Police.

Resolved

That the matter be further taken up at the meeting with the Street Scene, scheduled for Tuesday the 19th of June.

43. **ACCIDENT ON BRYN AWEL BEND – 29th MAY 2012**

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from a Mr Michael O'Marah which referred to an accident on the bend, on the 29th of May 2012.

The letter referred to a serious accident which had occurred on the above bend, at 2 pm Tuesday the 29th of May 2012.

The accident involved a parked Flintshire County Council vehicle and a motorcyclist.

The writer asked that the Leeswood Community Council could make the Flintshire County Council aware of this incident, as it is his experience that Flintshire County Council has an inability to correctly log traffic accidents which take place at the location.

Cllr E Saul suggested that the thirty miles per hour sign in this location is badly sited, and that it could be moved back before the bend.

Cllr J Caruana informed members that he had attended a site meeting at this location approximately twelve months ago, with this suggestion, and had been informed that thirty miles per hour signs could only be located in an area where there is street lighting.

Cllr G Sherwood suggested that countdown signs could be located prior to the thirty miles per hour sign.

Cllr E Saul informed that statistically, out of ten accidents only one results in serious injury.

Members suggested that the matter could be mentioned, to Officers of the Flintshire County Council, at the site meeting to address the passage of the public service bus, through Bryn Clyd and Heol-y-Goron.

Resolved

1. That a copy of the letter received Mr O'Marah be forwarded to the Highways Officer Flintshire County Council.
2. That the above suggestions with regard to the location of the sign, and countdown signs be taken up with the Officers of the Flintshire County Council, at the site meeting.

44. QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

Cllr R Hughes informed that there are fifty six £5 Crowns left, he mentioned that the Pre School Play Group had not been considered, and that this had been an omission.

The Clerk referred to Standing Orders, whereby once a resolution is made, it has a life of six months, there is machinery in place to revoke a resolution, that being that a Notice of Motion must be received, seven days prior to a meeting, and supported by a quorum of members.

Cllr R Hughes informed that he would take this course of action, with a view to the children in the Pre School Play Group, being presented with the Crowns.

It was also agreed to include an item in the Leeswood News to the effect that details of any Primary School pupils attending schools outside of the Leeswood area, inform the Clerk.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for a future meeting.

45. WASTE FOOD COLLECTION

Cllr Mrs J Atkinson informed that some two weeks ago, she was in need of additional food waste collection bags; she was informed that the driver did not have any bags.

She continued that she was the first stop on the collection round, with the result that if there were no bags available then request for additional bags would not be able to be met on the whole of the round.

Cllr R Hughes agreed to address this matter, and report back to the Council.

Resolved

That the matter be agenda'd following the report of Cllr R Hughes.

46. BUS STOP – STRYT CAE RHEDYN

Cllr K McCallum referred to the overgrown condition of the standing area at the bus stop.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of Street Scene.

47. OPEN AREA OF LAND, BRYN ESTYN – DINGLE ROAD

Cllr K McCallum informed that this area had now been completely enclosed, and fenced off.

Cllr R Hughes informed that the land was not in the ownership of the Flintshire County Council, and neither was it in the ownership of the Leeswood Community Council, consequently nothing more could be done, as this is a private matter.

Cllr E Saul informed that the land was the former site of a communal oil supply tank, and that it could have been purchased by the person who had fenced the area off.

Resolved

That the matter be closed.

48. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
COMPAC	Audit and Accountancy Service	£100.00
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£8.40
Barry Richards	Cemetery maintenance £280	
	Disposal of cemetery waste £20	
	Litter pick £330	
	Grass cutting around seats £20	Total: £650.00
G N I Jones	Salary, expenses, telephone calls, Postages, photocopying, stationery	£337.55

49. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk reported that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £32,600.75, and the current account an amount of £2,800.85 as of the 29th of May 2012.

Resolved

That the detail with regard to bank balances be recorded.

50. INCOME

None since last reported.

51. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Pontblyddyn Cemetery – Lose gravestones – Minute No. 154 – 01//11/11

Cllr R Hughes informed that himself and the Clerk had visited the cemetery and noted where there were lose gravestones etc.

Some of these dated back some thirty years, and that it may not be possible to contact the owners.

Cllr Hughes suggested therefore that a price could be obtained from the stone masons for record purposes, in the event of owners not being traced.

2. Christmas Illuminations (ongoing)

The Clerk advised that included in the estimates was a sum of £3,000 for Christmas Illuminations, to date an invoice had not been received; the Clerk doubted whether the Community Council would be invoiced at this late stage.

Taking into account the poor performance of the contractor, insomuch that the illuminations were not installed until a week before Christmas, it was suggested that if an invoice is received, it should not be paid in full.

3. Re Bin Capacity – Pontblyddyn Cemetery – Minute No. 279 – 02/05/12

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had arranged for a replacement bin to be provided.

4. Arriva Buses Wales – Incidents after November 2011 – Minute No. 17 - 15/05/12

The Clerk advised that he had not received a response from Arriva Buses, and taking into account the time that the complaint had been registered, he did not anticipate receiving any further communication.

5. Bus Stop at Bryn Estyn – Minute No. 18 – 15/05/12

The Clerk informed that he had again pursued this issue with the Transportation Officer to the effect that confirmation was awaited that this bus stops did not now meet the criteria on Health and Safety grounds, and the bus would not stop, in order for passengers to alight only.