

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 10th July 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 10th OF JULY 2012.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllrs Mrs Jayne Atkinson, Harry Evans.

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.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllrs R Hughes and C E Jones declared a personal interest in Item No. 11 (3), as they are Governors at Ysgol Derwenfa.

55. MINUTES

It was proposed by the Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Bie that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 12th of June 2012, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

56. POLICE LIAISON

The Clerk explained that P.C.S.O. Andrea Ellis would have been at the meeting, she however had deployed to the Police Contingency at the Buckley Jubilee.

The Clerk informed that he had written to the Inspector at Mold asking for clarification as to what the Policing arrangements are now for the Leeswood area, for example – do we still have the Community Beat Manager, that fact that there has now been three meetings without a Police presence, and informing him of the next Community Council meeting.

The Clerk concluded that as of yet he had not received a reply.

57. **ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

The Clerk informed that he had spoken to Mr Graham Halstead, owner of the parcel of land adjacent to the English Chapel, and that he had arranged to meet with him at 6.30 pm on Monday the 16th of July. The meeting had previously agreed that the Chairman, Miss M Reynolds, the Chairman of the Cemetery Sub-Committee Cllr R Hughes and Cllr C E Jones accompany the Clerk.

The Clerk further explained that he had spoken to the owner of the New House, opposite the Druids Inn, and learned that she also owned the parcel of land adjoining the property.

The Clerk had pointed out to her that the Community Council was looking to acquire land for cemetery purposes, and questioned whether or not she would then be prepared to release part of the field.

The lady advised that she has two acres of land, and that she would give the matter some consideration. The Clerk agreed to revisit her in approximately three weeks time.

Resolved

That the information as provided by the Clerk be noted, and that the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, the Chairman of the Cemetery Sub-Committee Cllr R Hughes, Cllr C E Jones, and the Clerk meet Mr Halstead on Monday the 16th of July.

58. **CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk informed that the Cemetery Sub-Committee had met on Tuesday the 3rd of July in order to design a job description.

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the form for consideration.

Members worked through the form, a slight edition was made to the effect that litter etc would also be picked up during the winter period.

Cllr T Hughes pointed out that at the previous meeting he had been asked to inspect the cemetery, and he continued that if in his opinion work was not done to the specification, then what was his next course of action.

The meeting agreed that he would report to the Cemetery Sub-Committee Chairman, Cllr R Hughes and the Clerk, and they would then speak to the Cemetery Superintendent.

Resolved

That the job specification be approved, and that in the event of the specification not being kept to, then Cllr R Hughes, Chairman of the Cemetery Sub-Committee, along with the Clerk would further the issue with Mr Barry Richards.

It was also agreed that the job specification be monitored and reviewed.

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

This matter was agendad pursuant to the resolution of the June meeting.

The Clerk reported that the main issue is that there is a recommendation in the Bill that Town and Community Councils should be contactable by email, and have in place a website, not later than the Annual Meeting, in May 2014.

Cllr E Saul commented that the existing Leeswood website is the Community Council's website.

Resolved

That the foregoing information as provided by the Clerk and the comment of Cllr E Saul be recorded.

60. **DISTRIBUTION OF FIVE POUND CROWNS, RE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

It was minuted in the June meeting that Cllr R Hughes will submit a Notice of Motion to the fact that the children in the Leeswood Pre-School Playgroup should receive the Five Pound Crowns.

The Notice of Motion was submitted by Cllr R Hughes, supported by Cllr C E Jones, Cllr T Hughes and Cllr Mrs J Atkinson.

Cllr R Hughes had also added to the Notice of Motion that the Dwylo Bach Nursery should also be included.

The Notice of Motion was carried, and that only children from the Leeswood Community Council area be presented with the Crowns.

The Clerk advised that four pupils from Leeswood attend both the Abbots Lane Junior School, and the Pen-y-ffordd Junior School, and one pupil attends St John's School Pentrobin

Members were further informed that two children attend Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold, Ysgol Glanrafon, Mold, and one at Abermorddu.

The Clerk was awaiting the information from the two schools in Tryddyn, and St David's RC School in Mold.

Resolved

That the Crowns be presented to the children who live in the Leeswood Community Council area attending the Leeswood Pre-School Playgroup and Dwylo Bach Nursery.

61. **PASSAGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE BUS, BRYN CLYD – HEOL – Y – GORON**

The Clerk reported that members of the Community Council met with Officers of the Flintshire County Council, on site, with regard to vehicles being parked at the junction of Bryn Clyd and Queen Street so preventing access for the bus.

The point was put forward that if parking restrictions were laid at the junction of the two roads, then this would solve the problem.

Officers of the Flintshire County Council pointed out that this could not be done until Civil Parking Enforcements were in place, and that a report is currently being drawn up for submission to the Welsh Assembly, and that 'no parking' restrictions at the junction could be included, but until such time as arrangements are in place, nothing more could be done.

The Officers did however confirm that they would speak to Arriva, the bus company, asking that if access could not be gained by Bryn Clyd, then Heol-y-Goron could be used, and exit via Bryn Clyd.

Cllr C E Jones made the comment that we must wait and see how the enforcement of Civil Parking offences develops.

Resolved

That the foregoing information be noted.

62. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Plan No. 049504

Proposal: Erection of a new stable block and manure store

Location: Land rear of 2 Bryn Awel, Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood.

Resolved

That the application be objected to as it is considered that it would result in an increase in traffic flow, on a dangerous bend, where access and egress would be gained

2. Plan No. 049617

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

Location: Old Bridge Inn, Station Lane, Padeswood.

Resolved

That the Chief Planning Services Officer be informed that the Leeswood Community Council has concern that the run-off of contaminated water could find its way into water courses.

3. Plan No. 049789

Proposal: siting of two storage containers

Location: Ysgol Derwenfa, Queen Street, Leeswood.

Resolved

That the application be supported.

4 Plan No 049732

Proposal: Erection of three number detached houses, conversion of existing church hall to two number, three bedroom residential units, and the formation of a new vehicular access

Location: Church Hall, Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn.

Resolved

That there be no objections.

5. Plan No. 049837

Proposal: Demolition of lean-to store, and erection of a new disabled WC extension.

Location: Christ Church, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn.

Resolved

That the application be supported.

Note:

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds declared an interest in this application.

Cllr R Hughes referred to the time taken, in considering the applications, and suggested that if there are more than three applications agendad, then to give the opportunity for consideration, then the meeting should commence at 6 pm.

Cllr K McCallum informed that members can view any applications, on Flintshire County Council website, which would speed up the process.

Resolved

That if more than three applications are agendad, then the meeting be convened for 6 pm.

63. LITTER PICK WORKSHEETS

The Clerk had enclosed for member's consideration the suggested worksheet, to be completed on a weekly basis, by Mr Barry Richards.

The sheet contained the date the work is carried out, time commenced and time finished, and listed every street in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn.

Resolved

That the worksheet be approved.

64. TOWN / COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON FLINTSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from the Monitoring Officer.

The correspondence invited Town and Community Councils to put forward a name for consideration to be included on the Committee, only one name would be selected from all the Town and Community Councils in Flintshire.

Resolved

That any member wishing to put his or her name forward could do so.

65. DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE- DOG FOULING INITIATIVE

The Clerk informed that a response from the Environmental Protection Officer was agendad for the June meeting, which informed that rather than him calling a public meeting, then he may well meet with some residents of the community.

The resolution from the June meeting, was that the matter be taken up, when the Community Council meet with Streetscene.

The Clerk continued that when the matter was mentioned to Streetscene, the Council was informed that the Area Manager would arrange for the Dog Warden to visit the area, and that dog fouling has come out as one of the main two points with regard to Streetscene exercise.

The Area Manager would request additional dog litter bins throughout the community, he will look at the area in general and would ask the Enforcement Officer to tackle the problem of dog fouling, he ensured that a good system will be in place.

With regard to loose dogs, this is the responsibility of Pest Control, and that he would maké an approach to the responsible Officer.

He urged members to list complaints with regard to dog fouling but added that any such incidents must be witnessed.

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had met with the Area Manager, and that several dog litter bins would be located throughout the Leeswood area.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds considered that Streetscene is an excellent initiative that it was nice to meet with the Area Manager, who expressed that, he wishes to take pride in his area.

Resolved

That detail of the foregoing commentaries be noted.

66. BUS TOP – BRYN ESTYN

The Clerk informed that the Head of Highways and Transportation, firstly apologised for the delay in responding to the Community Council's letter of the 18th of April, he confirmed however that the original bus stop was removed from site, and moved to a safer location at Oak

Park – Goodwood Grove junction, with the agreement of the Leeswood Community Council.
He concluded that there is not a suitable position for buses to stop safely at Bryn Estyn. He regrets that on this occasion he will not be able to further assist.

Resolved

That the comments of the Head of Highways and Transportation be recorded.

67. **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had received complaints of speeding in the Bryn Estyn / Dingle Road area, also County Road, and that he was having an Officer to carry out a traffic census in these areas, furthermore residents will be allowed to comment.

Cllr K McCallum questioned whether P.C.S.O. Andrea Ellis could team up with one of her colleagues, and use the speed gun.

It was agreed to put this suggestion to Andrea.

Cllr E Saul referred once more to the thirty miles per hour sign, on Stryt Cae Rhedyn on the Leeswood side of the bad bend, and whether an Officer of the Flintshire County Council had been questioned with regard to it being relocated prior to the bend.

The Clerk explained that the point was taken that the Officers, who had informed that thirty miles per hour signs could only be located in an area where there was street lighting, therefore the sign could not be relocated.

Cllr E Saul pointed out that the sign in its current location does not comply with the Traffic Signs manual.

He produced an extract from the manual that pointed out that where on an approach road of sixty miles per hour to thirty miles per hour then the visible distance of the sign must be one hundred and fifteen metres, and with regard to the sign on Stryt Cae Rhedyn, this is certainly not the case.

However if the sign was moved to a location prior to the bend, then it would conform to the manual, there being one hundred and fifteen metres visibility.

With regard to thirty miles per hour signs only being located where there is street lighting, reference was made to the 'Nant'; the Clerk commented that the whole of this area is thirty miles per hour, but there is no street lighting, and that this point along with regard to the sign on the 'Nant', not complying to the Traffic Signs manual, be brought to the attention of the Chief Highways and Transportation Officer.

Resolved

1. That the issue with regard to the thirty miles per hour signage on Stryt Cae Rhedyn be brought to the attention of the Chief Highways and Transportation Officer, that it does not comply with the Traffic Signs manual, again a request be made for it to be relocated, prior to the bend.
2. That to back up the above request, the Chief Highways and Transportation Officer be informed that there are thirty miles per hour areas (the 'Nant') where there is no street lighting.

68. **VILLAGE NAME – PONTBLYDDYN IN THE HEDGEROW**

Cllr Mrs C Bie referred to the village name 'Pontblyddyn' which is cut into the hedgerow which is opposite the Bridge Inn.

She continued that it is overgrown, and cannot now be identified, and asked if the necessary works could be done to once more define the name.

She also referred to the excellent floral decorations at the Bridge Inn and suggested that the proprietor should be complemented.

Resolved

That appropriate letters be directed to the person concerned with redefining the name 'Pontblyddyn' in the hedgerow, and also to the proprietor at the Bridge Inn.

69. **STREETSCENE**

Cllr K McCallum applauded Streetscene, he continued that he had requested that the grass at the bus stop could be cut, however Streetscene had gone further and carried out improvements to the grass verge, for which he applauded.

Cllr R Hughes informed that whilst Streetscene had been requested only to cut back the grass, he had visited the area and asked them to cut out the grass verge, so as to improve the waiting area.

Resolved

That the foregoing comments be noted.

70. **POTHOLE – A5104 – TOP LODGE**

Cllr R Williams informed of a pothole on the A5104 approximately fifty yards on the Pen-y-ffordd side of the Top Lodge.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of Streetscene.

71. **MANHOLE OUTSIDE OF CHIP SHOP**

Cllr R Williams complained that the manhole had been damaged.

Cllr R Hughes informed that this had been done by a waste collection firm, that the manhole is on private land, and it is an issue between the proprietor and the waste collection company.

Resolved

That the above remarks be noted.

72. **OVERGROWN HEDGE – NOTICE BOARD – PONTBLYDDYN**

Cllr R Hughes informed that the hedgerow was obscuring the notice board, and is in need of cutting back, the hedge is in the ownership of Hartsheath Estate.

Resolved

That an appropriate request be made to remedy the problem.

73. **NOTICE BOARDS – OLD CHAPEL**

Cllr G Sherwood advised that the notice board in the above location is in need of repair.

Resolved

That an inspection be carried out of notice boards, and the Clerk be given authority to arrange for any necessary works to be carried out.

74. **OVERGROWN HEDGE – 37 BRYN CLYD**

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that the hedge at the property is now encroaching on the footpath.

Cllr R Hughes volunteered to speak to the owner.

Resolved

That Cllr R Hughes approaches the owner with regard to having the hedge cut back.

75. **INCIDENT – SUNDAY 8th JULY 2012**

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that a black car had been parked, in which a man had exposed himself to some passing teenagers.

The Police had been informed, and letters had been communicated to pupil's homes.

Cllr T Hughes suggested that details of this could be included in the Leeswood News.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted, and that the matter be included in the Leeswood News.

76. **ARRIVA BUS SERVICE – MAXWELL DRIVE / DINGLE ROAD**

The Clerk advised of a response from Arriva Buses, to the Community Council's request that that now the bus stop at Bryn Estyn has been removed, then could Dingle Road be reached via Maxwell Drive.

This was not possible as it would put extra time on the journey and that there was no suitable place for the bus to stop on Maxwell Drive.

Resolved

That detail of the response be noted.

76a **ARRIVA BUSES WALES – INCIDENT ON 07.45 AM - SERVICE 27 – JOURNEY WREXHAM TO MOLD**

Correspondence from Arriva Buses Wales, referred to an incident reported last year, by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, whereby the bus driver had not responded to the request to stop at Mold Alun School, despite the bell being rung three times.

The driver in question has been identified, and has now been referred to the Driving School, to ensure he is fully aware of the company policy regarding passengers boarding and alighting, and the need to be courteous to passengers.

The writer thanked the Community Council for bringing this matter to the attention of Arriva Buses Wales.

Resolved

That the content of the response from Arriva Buses Wales be recorded.

77. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Resolved

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mr Bryn Williams	Rent Allotment field October 2010-March 2012	£1,000.00
G N I Jones	Salary, expenses, stationery, photocopying, postages	£335.13
Flintshire CC	Street lighting maintenance	£81.63
Smith of Derby	3 year maintenance of Leeswood clock	£680.40
Mr B Richards	Cemetery maintenance £280	
	Litter pick £264 / Disposal of cemetery waste £20	
	Cutting grass round seats £20 / Purchase weed killer £22.99	
	Total:	£606.99
Inland Revenue	Tax deductions paid over	£495.00
Leeswood Pre-school		
Play Group	Grant	£1,500.00
L/W Comm. Centre	Grant	£750.00
Christ Church		
Pontblyddyn	Grant	£500.00
English Methodist		
Chapel	Grant	£200.00
Bethania Chapel	Grant	£200.00

78. **INCOME RECEIVED**

None since last reported.

79. **BANK BALANCES**

The Clerk reported that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £32,604.42, and the current account an amount of £1,313.30, as of the 30th of June 2012.

80. **LEESWOOD FRIENDS**

Cllr R Hughes informed that grant aid in the sum of £103,278.00 had been received towards the provision of a multi-use games area and skate park on the Phoenix Park Play Area.

This left a shortfall of £43,000, further funding applications and fund raising activities were in hand.

Members congratulated the committee on their achievements.

Resolved

That the foregoing be recorded.

81. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

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

This matter is now underway, the Clerk has written to those persons concerned.

2. Christmas Illuminations (ongoing)

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

This matter should now have been resolved, and can now be deleted from the agenda.

4. Arriva Buses Wales – Incident November 11th 2011 – Minute No. 17 – 15/05/12

This matter can now be deleted from the agenda, see July minutes.

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

This matter can now be deleted from the agenda, see July minutes.