

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 4th Decemberr 2012**



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CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 4TH OF DECEMBER 2012.

PRESENT:

Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Chairman of the Council (in the chair)

Cllr K McCallum JP, Vice Chairman

Cllrs Mrs C Bie, J Caruana, H Evans, R Hughes, T Hughes, Dr G Sherwood, R Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Were received from Cllr Mrs J Atkinson, C E Jones JP, D Rule, E Saul and Miss Lisa Hughes the Police and Community Support Officer.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

145. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr J Caruana declared a personal interest in item number 15, Leeswood Allotments Association.

~~Cllr R Hughes~~ declared a personal interest in items numbers 14 and 15, namely Leeswood and District Friends, Leeswood Allotments Association.

Cllr K McCallum declared a personal interest in items numbers 14 and 15, namely Leeswood and District Friends and Leeswood Allotments Association.

146. MINUTES

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

147. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Minute No. 119 – Police Liaison – In this minute the Police and Community Support Officer, Miss Lisa Hughes was referred to as Alison Hughes, the minute was corrected.
2. On page 55, Paragraph 3 - up from the resolution PC Aldous informed that it would be the Trunk Road Agency that would put the suggestion forward, Cllr R Hughes informed that the A550 is not a trunk road..
3. Page 55, Paragraph 3 – up from resolution minute number 119 – the Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum questioned who would make representations for a fixed camera, on the A550, PC Aldous informed that it would be the Trunk Road Agency, and that he would put the suggestion forward and report back.

Cllr K McCallum posed the question to the the Clerk, had he had any report back from PC Aldous, and furthermore in accordance with previous information, that the A550 is not a trunk road.

Within the report under Police Liaison, Cllr Carlton Jones informed that he had had contact with a victim, following anti-social behaviour, damage to his car, PC Aldous promised that he would visit the person following the meeting.

The question was asked as to whether or not PC Aldous had visited the person concerned, the Clerk was not aware of the answer.

Cllr R Hughes referred to the Police statement, which had informed that the person responsible for the anti-social behaviour was a local person, Cllr R Hughes had informed PC Aldous that he was not a local person, and asked for him to correct this statement; PC Aldous promised to do so, and that he would email the press office, Cllr R Hughes had not seen a correction to the report.

Furthermore the question be put to PC Garry Aldous as to whether or not he had made any enquiries with regard to the locating of a fixed camera on the A550.

It was agreed to write to PC Garry Aldous, asking him with regard to progress on the above matters.

148. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

This matter was agendad in accordance with the resolution of the November meeting, Cllr R Hughes to arrange for an Officer of the Flintshire County Council to visit the area adjacent to the new house, in regard to the acute bend, and visibility for access and egress.

Cllr R Hughes reported that the Highway Officer had stated that he could not express an opinion with regard to planning consent, without the presence of a Planning Officer, but that there would be problems with regard to the hedge.

Cllr Hughes saw the way forward, as to arrange a site meeting, involving both the Highways and Planning Departments.

Resolved

That a site meeting be held in order to discuss the above issue, involving the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Cllr R Hughes, and the Clerk, and that the findings would be reported back.

149. CASTLE CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cllr J Caruana informed that the plant was now running, and that he had asked for ongoing information with regard to noise, he suggested that anyone detecting a nuisance of noise should immediately report to Castle Cement.

Cllr T Hughes asked for the telephone number to report the complaint to. Cllr J Caruana agreed to supply this.

In conclusion Cllr J Caruana informed that the fuel being burnt is meat and bonemeal and not tyres.

Resolved

That Cllr J Caruana be thanked for his report.

150. POLICE MATTERS

This matter was agendad in order to prioritise issues to be communicated to the newly appointed Police Commissioner.

The matter was instigated by Cllr K McCallum, who informed that he had spoken to approximately ten people, looking for priorities, they all came up with nothing; he further posed the question, "Are you happy with the present situation?" and the resounding answer was "yes".

Cllr K McCallum suggested the following points.

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1. To emphasise the continuation, to gather intelligence through regular Police dialogue with the Community Council, and local people. Cllr McCallum suggested that we do know where the bad eggs are in the village, and this should be beneficial to the Police, and that it is important to get a regular Police presence at meetings. Drug dealers should be a high priority, and the proceeding crime through drug dealing.

2. Cllr T Hughes referred to previous Police comments, namely, "let the little ones get on with it" "it's the big ones we want".

It was agreed therefore to highlight drug dealing and misuse of drugs.

3. To increase the fear of conviction as a deterrent, by imposing an appropriate sentence on the offenders, this as an academic point and suggests that the Commissioner should discuss this matter with the Crown Prosecution Service.
4. To increase Police presence on the streets.
5. To reopen the Custody Suite at Mold rather than having Officers travel to St Asaph, this is seen as a waste of man power resources and finances.

Resolved

That the above points be raised with the newly appointed Police Commissioner, and that the Chief Constable Mr Mark Polin, be copied in.

151. REVIEW OF CEMETERY FEES

This matter was agendad in accordance with the resolution of the November meeting.

The Clerk advised that the charge levied for a new grave is £300, and for a re-open grave £200.

The grave diggers fees for both can vary between £200 and £220, depending on depth and weekday or weekend.

The Clerk suggested therefore that members need to review the fee for a re-open grave.

Cllr T Hughes referred to problems with leaning gravestones, which is an expense to the Council, and this should be taken into account, when fees are levied.

Cllr R Hughes referred to the by-laws which perhaps should contain a paragraph to the effect that the family are responsible for the safety of headstones, and that perhaps the cemetery by-laws should be considered, and rewritten.

Resolved

1. That the fee for a new grave be raised to £350, and a re-open to £300.
2. That the Cemetery Sub Committee consider the by-laws, and to write in a clause to the effect that the family are responsible for the safety of headstones.
3. That the Clerk establish burial fees, for other areas.

152. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY SUMMER PLAY SCHEME PROGRAMME 2013

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence advising that the cost to increase a play scheme from three weeks to five weeks will be an additional £1,200, in addition to the present level of £898.

To provide an extra play scheme for three weeks would be an additional £1,800 per location, and providing an extra play scheme for five weeks and additional £3,000 per location.

Cllr R Hughes recommended that at this moment the Leeswood Community Council simply register an interest, as in his opinion there other things on the horizon.

Resolved

That the Leeswood Community Council, register an interest only, at the present time.

153. PLANNING APPLICATION

Plan No. 049892

Proposal: Change of use from residential and public house to residential.

Location: New Inn, Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn.

Resolved

That the application be supported.

154. PLANNING DECISION

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

Location: Church Hall, Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn.

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

Resolved

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

155. MATCH FUNDING SCHEME

Improvements to Children's play areas 2013/14

Members were of the opinion that the play areas were well equipped, and that money could be saved by not participating.

Resolved

That the Community Council will not participate in the match funding scheme 2013/14.

156. LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT FRIENDS

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence in the form of an application for financial assistance towards meeting the cost of the public liability insurance premium for the multi-use games area and skate park on the Phoenix Park Play Area, the premium being an amount of £1,530.

Cllr R Hughes declared a personal interest in this matter.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum considered this to be a fantastic facility for young people, and for years to come, and suggested that the application could be put with other letters for financial assistance.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds asked whether insurance needs to be in place prior to the work taking place.

Cllr R Hughes informed that insurance needs to be put in place two weeks prior to the handover.

Cllr R Williams was of the opinion that as this will have a fantastic impact on the village, then finances should be kept separate, and the Community Council should help as much as possible.

The Clerk referred to the savings, in the region of £1,500 in respect of elections.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds suggested that when the budget is discussed, then this item could be included as an ongoing commitment.

Resolved

That this matter be treated as a separate entity when the budget is discussed, and that the Community Council help out as much as possible.

157. LEESWOOD ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Correspondence received from the Secretary of the Association, informed that there are a number of plots vacant, and that the Association would welcome anyone interested in joining this successful Association.

In respect of the vacant plots, the Association was seeking the Council's permission to invite people from the neighbouring communities to take up allotment space.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum, Cllrs J Caruana, and R Hughes declared a personal interest in this matter.

The meeting accepted that the vacancies had been advertised, and there still remained vacancies.

Cllr R Hughes informed that when the Association was formed, the Leeswood Community Council had to contribute an amount of £600, now there is no cost to the Community Council, he was of the opinion that outside persons should be allowed to join the Association.

Resolved

That the Secretary be informed that the Community Council is quite happy to allow persons from immediate neighbouring areas to join the Association, provided that local persons are given priority if and when a waiting list situation arises.

158. CULVERT FROM THE LAY-BY UNDERNEATH THE ROAD TO THE CRICKET CLUB CAR PARK

Cllr Mrs C Bie informed that the culvert is blocked, and in need of immediate maintenance.

Cllr R Hughes informed that the necessary works would be carried out during the course of the weeks.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

159. 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	£309.30
Mr B Richards	Cemetery maintenance £280 Disposal of cemetery waste £20 Litter pick £330	Total: £630.00
Leeswood & District News	Insertion of Minutes	£500.00
Mr T Evans	1 st Prize – Best Hanging Basket	£50.00
Mr K Kendrick	2 nd Prize – Best Hanging Basket	£30.00
Mrs P Dale	3 rd Prize – Best Hanging Basket	£20.00
Mrs Joyce Beeching	1 st Prize – Best Kept Garden	£50.00
Mr A Condren	2 nd Prize – Best Kept Garden	£30.00
Mrs M Condren	3 rd Prize – Best Kept Garden	£20.00
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£16.50
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	£37.00
Cllr Miss M Reynolds	Chairman's Allowance	£300.00

160. INCOME RECEIVED

None since last reported.

161. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk reported that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £34,054.87, and the current account an amount of £0.98p, as of the 30th of November 2012.

162. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Pontblyddyn Cemetery – Loose gravestones – Minute No.54 – 1/11/11

Mr S Blackwell has been instructed to carry out works.

2. Notice Boards – Minute No. 73 – 10/7/12

Cllr R Hughes informed that Cadwyn Clwyd had no available monies in this financial year, but would consider an application in the year 2013/14.

163. DINGLE ROAD AND COUNTY ROAD

Cllr R Hughes referred to an insert in the Leeswood News whereby it stated that Dingle Road and County Road would be resurfaced, this is in fact is not correct, it should have read traffic calming measures are being looked at for Dingle Road and County Road'.

Resolved

That the information as provided by Cllr R Hughes be noted.

164. CIVIC SUNDAY

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that a Civic Sunday had been arranged for 4 pm on Sunday the 20th of January, at Christ Church, Pontblyddyn.