

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 9th January 2013**



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LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 8th OF JANUARY 2013.

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, C E Jones JP, D Rule, Dr G Sherwood, E Saul, R Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Were received from Cllr Mrs J Atkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

PRAYERS

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

165. DECLARATION OF INTEREST MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

166. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr J Caruana, and seconded by Cllr R Williams that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 4th of December 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

167. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute No. 145 Declaration of Interest Members Code of Conduct

It was recorded that Cllr K McCallum, had declared a personal interest in the item Leeswood and District Friends. This was recorded in error, Cllr K McCallum had not declared a personal interest in the item relating to Leeswood and District Friends.

Minute No. 150 -

Point one in the Preamble - stated "*to emphasise the continuation, to gather intelligence through regular Police dialogue-* this should have been phrased - "*To emphasise the value of continuing to gather intelligence*

168. ACQUISITION OF LAND CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

With regard to the acquisition of land adjoining the new property, Cllr R Hughes advised that the Highways Department are liaising with the Planning Conservation Department, with regard to the alignment of the hedge, and would report back to Cllr Raymond Hughes.

Resolved

That Cllr R Hughes be thanked for his information.

169. REVIEW OF CEMETERY FEES

In accordance with Minute No. 151, the Clerk advised of burial fees in other areas, as follows -

	<u>New Grave</u>	<u>//Re-open</u>	<u>//Cremated Remains</u>	<u>//Cremated Remains Re-open</u>
Mold Town Council	£645	£242	£194	£98
Flintshire C Council	£665	£250	£200	£100
Cilcain C Council	£422	£125	£146	£63
Leeswood C Council	£350	£300	£150	£100

Cllr T Hughes suggested that the new burial fees for the Leeswood Community Council be published in the Leeswood and District News.

Resolved

1. That the burial fees be as follows -

New Grave - £350

Re-open - £250

Cremated Remains - £150

Cremated Remains Re-open £100

2. That the scale of fees be published in the Leeswood and District News.

3.

170. PLANNING APPLICATION

Plan No. 050332

Proposal: Notification to fell eight Cypress Trees within Leeswood Hall Conservation area.

Location: Blackgates Lodge, Wrexham Road Pontblyddyn.

Resolved

That there be no objections to the application.

171. REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS

Members had been previously circulated with copy correspondence from the Head of Assets and Transportation, outlining the review of speed limits within the Leeswood Community Council area.

Observations were made on the following consideration -

Road number A541 – Section No. 9 Pontblyddyn from Alyn Bank to a point 300 metres East of the A5104 existing speed limit 30 mph proposed speed limit 40 mph.

The proposed speed limit, in the opinion of the consultant being 40 mph, the comments of the Flintshire County Council were that within the first 400 metres, there is a pub, a church, and a cemetery, then the level of development meets the criteria for a village, no review of speed limit required.

Cllr Mrs C Bie referred to the close proximities of properties to the road, and the difficulty of access and egress.

Cllr Mrs Bie therefore concurred that the maximum speed in this area should be 30 mph.

Road number A541 Section No. 10 Pontblyddyn from East of the A5104 to West of Fagl Lane Caergwrle existing speed limit 50 mph proposed speed limit 50 mph.

The Flintshire County Council's comments no review of speed limit required.

Members agreed that the speed limit from Fferm Farm to the dual carriageway should be reduced from 50 mph to 40 mph.

Resolved

1. That the above submissions should be forwarded to the Flintshire County Council.
2. That the recommendations of the Leeswood Community Council be published in the Leeswood News, and it be made clear that the boundary of the Leeswood Community Council finishes at the Lodge on the A541, and that the Leeswood Community Council is doing its utmost to bring about speed restrictions in the area from the Lodge to the commencement of the dual carriageway.
- 3.

172. INVITATION TO ATTEND FLINTSHIRE PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT STAKEHOLDER EVENT JANUARY 2013

Correspondence received from the Leisure Services Head Office was in the form of an invitation to attend the above event on Thursday the 31st of January 2013, at the Clwyd Room, Theatre Clwyd.

The feedback from the event will be important in identifying shortcomings in Children's Play Provisions and in developing an Action Plan.

Cllr R Hughes informed that he would be attending, in his capacity as County Councillor.

Resolved

That Cllr Mrs Carol Bie be nominated to attend.

173. STRONG ROUTE PROJECT GREEN FUTURES TRAINING PROGRAMME

Correspondence received from One Voice Wales invited representatives from Town and Community Council's to attend the event, the appropriate one for Leeswood, being on Monday the 18th of February, Town Hall Mold.

Cllr J Caruana showed an interest in attending.

Resolved

That Cllr J Caruana be nominated to attend the event, the course fee being £40.

174. BRYN AWL, STRYT CAE RHEDYN, LEESWOOD

This matter had been the subject of the exchange of correspondence between the Community Council and the Director of Environment.

The original request was for the 30 mph sign to be located prior to the Z bend on the Leeswood approach.

There was a subsequent request for two signs to be located either side of the bend denoting 'Caution - Double Bend'.

A response from the Head of Assets and Transportation informing that he had revisited the site and was satisfied that the forward visibility of the bends, alignment of the carriageway, and the presence of a centre hazard warning line are adequate to alert drivers of the road layout.

This is of course supported by the fact that there are no recorded collisions at this location, nor evidence of any damage to hedges, fences of verges due to the loss of vehicle control.

Chapter 4 of the Traffic Signs Manual, which gives advice to traffic authorities on the correct use of warning signs states

1. Appropriate warning signs can greatly assist road safety. To be most effective, however they should be used sparingly. Frequent use to warn of conditions which are readily apparent tends to bring them into disrepute and detracts from their effectiveness.
2. Unjustified signage should not be used at individual locations in response to complaints from the public.
3. With regard to the Community Council's point that Stryt Cae Rhedyn is subject to a National Speed Limit (60 mph), but fail to recognise this is an absolute limit and not a target. This rule also states you should always reduce your speed when road layout or condition presents hazards, such as bends
4. Consequently based on the site conditions and available guidance, the case for the addition of two Double Bend warning signs isn't justifiable.
5. Cllr E Saul reiterated that there is no reason why the sign could not be put back prior to the double bend, he suggested that again this request be put to the Head of Assets and Transportation, qualified by a statement that the Community Council is simply attempting to make the area safe, which surely is in the cause for road safety.

Resolved

1. That detail of the response received from the Head of Assets and Transportation be noted.
2. That the above points, of Cllr E Saul be returned to the Flintshire County Council.

175. MATTER OF AN URGENT NATURE

Arriva Bus Service to Leeswood from Mold

Cllr R Hughes referred to the 5.30 pm service from Mold to Leeswood, whereby the bus frequently pulls into the lay-by in front of the bus station, as opposed to entering the bus station.

The effect of this is that passengers for Leeswood, waiting in the bus station, are left stranded.

Resolved

That the above comments be forwarded to the Transportation Officer Flintshire County Council with an appropriate request that at all times the bus uses the bus station.

Manhole bottom of Bryn Clyd

Cllr R Williams informed that there still remains a manhole at the bottom of Bryn Clyd.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of Streetscene.

176. SUSPICIOUS CAR REGION OF YSGOL DERWENFA

Cllr C E Jones referred to previous information inasmuch that there had been a car parked in the vicinity of the school, and the driver acting suspiciously, towards school children, and that this matter had been reported to the school Governors.

However PC Gary Aldous subsequently categorically denied that there had been any issue in line with this.

The Headmaster had emailed PC Aldous informing that the incident most certainly happened, and he asked for his comments.

However PC Gary Aldous had not replied, despite a further letter being handed to PCSO Lisa Hughes, still no response by the date of the next meeting.

The Headmaster was then asked to report the circumstances to the Police Constable.

Resolved

That the comments of Cllr C E Jones be noted.

177. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr Raymond Hughes informed that there were several street lights not functioning, but that Streetscene carries out a weekly patrol, following which any faults are corrected.

Resolved

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

178. REFUSE COLLECTION

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds complimented the excellent of the collection service provided over the festive season, and asked that Streetscene be complimented with regard to this.

Resolved

That the appreciation be expressed to Streetscene following the excellence of this service.

179. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM PC GARY ALDOUS

Enclosed for members information is the copy letter from the Leeswood Community Council to PC Gary Aldous and his response following his attendance at the meeting of the Community Council.

With regards to double parking, Cllr Carlton Jones considered that PC Aldous should not make such comments without a proper survey.

Cllr Raymond Hughes suggested that being as he has not seen the problem, that he may not believe the comments of the Community Council

Cllr Joseph Caruana considered that if PC Aldous does not believe us, then we should obtain our own evidence in the form of photographic confirmation, Cllr Caruana agreed to take some photographs of the problem.

The Clerk referred that PC Aldous had not commented with regard to him visiting the person the person whose vehicle had been damaged.

With regard to the question of the fixed speed camera, PC Aldous stated that he did not remember this conversation.

The Clerk informed that he had reminded him that it was on the A541, on the approach to the bends, where there had been a double fatality.

Resolved

That detail of the foregoing dialogue be recorded.

180. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Amount
G N I Jones	Salary, expenses, photocopying, postages telephone calls	£346.91
Mr B Richards	Cemetery maintenance - £280 Disposal of cemetery waste - £20 Litter pick - £264	Total - £564.00
Dee Valley Water	Water charges allotments	£9.55
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£16.15
Inland Revenue	Tax deductions paid over	£495.00
Hacker Young	External Audit Fee	£372.00
Royal Mint	Purchase of commemorative crowns	£180.00

Resolved

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

181. INCOME RECEIVED

Date	Detail	Amount
28/12/12	Cremated remains	£150.00

182. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk informed that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £31,059.56, and the current account an amount of £603.22 credit as of the 31st of December 2012.

Resolved

That the detail with regard to bank balances be recorded.

183. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Pontblyddyn cemetery Lose gravestones Minute No. 54 1/11/11
2. Notice Boards Minute No. 73 10/7/12 Cadwyn Clwyd 2013/14
3. Distribution of £5 crowns Minute No. 124 4/12/12

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 8th OF JANUARY 2013

MINUTE NO. 179

Correspondence received from PC Gary Aldous, the fourth paragraph of the preamble read -

“Cllr J Caruana considered that if P.C. Aldous does not believe us, then we should obtain our own evidence in the form of photograph confirmation; Cllr Caruana agreed to take some photographs of the problem”.

Cllr Joseph Caruana corrected this insomuch that he had not said that he would take some photographs of the problem.