

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 12 February 2013**



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

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 12th OF FEBRUARY 2013.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from the Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum JP
Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, Mrs C Bie.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

204. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds declared a personal interest in the application for financial assistance received from Nightingale House Hospice; Cllr J Caruana declared a personal interest in the application received from Leeswood Allotments; Cllr R Hughes declared a personal interest in the application received from the Leeswood Bowling Club and the Leeswood and District Friends.

205. DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS

The Clerk advised that the amount included in the budget is £2,000.

Members had been previously circulated with the list of applications received.

The Clerk apologised that he had received an application from the Leeswood Allotment Association, which was not listed.

The meeting was also informed that an application from Leeswood Brownies had been posted to the Clerk, recorded delivery, but it had not been received.

It was agreed therefore to add to the list Leeswood Allotment Association, and Leeswood Brownies.

The Clerk advised that he had received a letter from the Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum which suggested that as the organisations appeared to be quite wealthy, and assuming that there is a similar situation this year, he suggested we recognise the importance of ensuring that the Skate Board Park, as specifically their first annual insurance premium, should get off to a flying start.

He proposed therefore that for this year only we continue to support the local organisations, by making a grant of £50 instead of £150, last years donations, and then that the £100 residue left over from each organisation be diverted to the Skateboard Project.

Cllr R Williams referred to a previous resolution whereby the Skate Park Project should be treated as a separate entity.

Cllr R Hughes referred to the letter received from the Vice Chairman, and expressed his total opposition for money to be taken from other organisations for the benefit of the Skate Park, and wished that this statement be recorded.

Cllr C E Jones suggested that the letter received from the Vice Chairman should be disregarded, and each application taken on its own merit.

Cllr R Hughes suggested that when the applications were considered that the emphasis should be put on applications which cater for the younger persons, a sentiment which Cllr C E Jones also agreed with.

Cllr R Hughes further suggested that we should have further information with regard to the organisations, for example how many members did the organisations consist of, and the makeup of, for example young members.

It was agreed with regard to the Leeswood Friends that the first years insurance premium should be paid in full, this amounting to approximately £1,450, the exact amount not being known at the time.

Resolved

That the application for financial assistance be determined as follows:

1. Pontblyddyn Cricket Club - £150
2. Nightingale House Hospice - £150
3. Leeswood and District Angling Club - £150
4. First Leeswood Guides (Senior Section) - £100
5. Leeswood Rainbows - £150
6. Leeswood Guides - £100
7. Bridge Inn Football Club - £100
8. Pontblyddyn Mother Union - £50
9. Leeswood and District Senior Citizens - £100
10. Leeswood Bowling Club - £150
11. Leeswood Allotment Association - £100
12. Leeswood Brownies - £150
13. Wales Air Ambulance - £150

206. ENGLISH METHODIST CHAPEL – BETHANNIA CHAPEL

Cllr T Hughes proposed that as the total of donations allocated above is in the sum of £1,600, then an additional £200 be afforded both the English Methodist Chapel, and the Bethannia Chapel, making a total of £400 to each.

Resolved

That both the English Methodist Chapel, and the bethannia Chapel be granted an additional £200, making a total of £400 each.

207. **PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS 2013 – 2014**

To assist members, statements highlighting the estimates for 2012/13, the probable actual amount for 2012/13, and the provisional estimated sums for 2013/14 as inserted by the Clerk, had been previously supplied.

The estimated net expenditure as suggested by the Clerk was an amount of £67,500, the Clerk had estimated a probable actual balance as of the 1st of April 2013 of £36,000, leaving a precept amount of £31,500.

The Clerk had provided information that the current years precept was an amount of £39,000. this wouldn't reflect a decrease of £7,500.

This was explained by the fact that in 2011/12, there was an amount included for festive lighting of £4,000, this had not been billed for. Furthermore cemetery receipts were in excess of those expected.

Finally an amount of £2,000, had been included for elections, the actual amount billed was £356.

The Clerk suggested however that in his opinion it would not be prudent to reduce the precept to an amount of £31,500, he suggested a figure of £33,000.

Resolved

That an amount of £33,000 be precepted upon Flintshire County Council

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PRECEPT 2013/2014

	<u>Estimate 2012/13</u>	<u>Probable/Actual 2012/13</u>	<u>Estimate 2013/14</u>
<u>CEMETERY</u>			
Removal of Clay	250	460	250.
Right of Way	1	1	1
Water Charges	50	50	55
Maiten.Contract	3,696	3600	3720
Contingency	250	-	250
Grave Marker	50	-	50
Purchase of Land	20,000	-	30000
Seats Maintenance	250	-	250.
<u>TOTAL:</u>	24,547	4411	34576
<u>STREET LIGHTING</u>			
Energy	1,500	1480.	1600.
Maintenance	1,700	1800.	1850
Repairs			
<u>TOTAL:</u>	3,200	3280	3450
<u>HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS</u>			
Comm.C'taker C'trct	3,650	3498	3588
Maint. Gardens/ Grass	280	260.	300.
Environment Comp.	350	300.	250.
Festive Lighting	-	-	3500.
<u>TOTAL:</u>	4,280	4058	7638.

	<u>Estimate 2012/13</u>	<u>Probable/Actual 2012/13</u>	<u>Estimate 2013/14</u>
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION			
Website	250	240	250.
Playgrounds Equip	-	-	-
Honours Board/ Chain of Office	60	-	175.
Civic Exp	200	-	100.
Stationary	60	40	50.
Insurance	1,350	1309.	1350.
Annual Subs	100	97.	105.
Chairman's Allowance	300	300.	300.
Civic Sunday	375	180.	375.
Clerks Salary	4,848	4848	4848.
Secretarial Allowance	150	150	240.
Expenses	540	540	551 552
Telephone/Postages	130	120	150.
Comm. Centre Hire	150	150	150.
Photocopy/Printing	250	250.	270
Seats/ Notice Boards	200	-	300.
Play Leader Scheme	2,000	1598	1648
Donations General	2,000	2000	2000
Donations Comm. Centre	750	750	750.
Donations Christ Church Pontblyddyn	500	500	500.
English Methodist Church	200	200	200.
Bethania Chapel	200	200	200.
Litter Bins	200	-	200
Clrs. Expenses/Conf.	50	-	50.
Audit Fee	500	440	500.
Ins. Leeswood News	500	500	500.
Prov. Of Balances	5,000	-	6000.
Elections	2,000	356	500
Youth Apprec.	500	-	500.
* MILLENUM CLOCK	-	567	-
Leeswood P'group	1,500	1500	1500.
Allotments	650	1050.	600.
Queens Diamond Jubilee	800	1740.	-
TOTAL:	26,313	19625	24863.
	<u>Estimate 2012/13</u>	<u>Probable/Actual</u>	<u>Estimate 2013/14</u>

* PAYMENT IS FOR A THREE YEAR AGREEMENT, NEXT PAYABLE 2015.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	58,340	31,074	70,527
INCOME			
Bank Interest	10	10.	10.
Special Exp/Contrib Flintshire C.C	1,450	1,450.	1,475
Cemetery Fees Recvd.	800	1,250.	1,000.
VAT Refund			
F.C.C Envir Comp.			
Allotments	500	550.	550.
TOTAL INCOME:	2,760	3,260	3,035
NET EXPENDITURE:	55,155	27,814.	67,492

To calculate the precept certain factors have to be taken into consideration:

- a) The Probable Actual Balance as at 1/4/2013
- b) The Net Probable Actual Expenditure for 2012/2013

	\pounds	
The balance brought forward as at 1/4/2012		24,966
Add Precept Flintshire County Council 2012/13		39,000
Total Financial Resources 2012/13		63,966.
Less Probable Actual Net. Exp. 2012/13		27,814
Probable Actual Balance at 1/4/2013		36,152
	SAY	36,000.

$\pounds 67,492$

From the provisional figure for 2013/14 members will see that the net provisionally estimated figure is a amount of \pounds which would be funded by the Probable Actual Balance brought forward as at 1/4/2013 and the Precept.

The Precept in the current financial year is $\pounds 39,000.$

The Band D charge in the current year is $\pounds 46.99$

The Council Tax Base B and D equivalent for 2013/14 is 813.11

Example Net Estimated Exp 2013/2014 $\pounds 67,492$ SAY $\pounds 67,500.$

Probable Actual Balance 1/4/2013 $\pounds 36,000$ $\pounds 36,000.$

Precept $31,500.$

A Precept of \pounds 31,500 would mean a Band D Charge of $\pounds 38.74.$

A PRECEPT OF $\pounds 33,000$ WAS AGREED