

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 5th March 2013**



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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 5th OF MARCH 2013.

PRESENT:

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

Cllr K McCallum JP, Vice Chairman

Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, Mrs C Bie, J Caruana, H Evans, R Hughes, T Hughes, C E Jones JP, Dr G Sherwood, E Saul, R Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Were received from Cllr D Rule.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

204. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

205. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr J Caruana, and seconded by Cllr H Evans, that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 5th of February 2013, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

206. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute No. 191 – Civil Parking Enforcement

The Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum asked whether or not Flintshire County Council had taken over Civil Parking Enforcements; Cllr R Hughes informed, not as yet, and that the report is awaiting verification by the cabinet.

207. CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Chairman of the Sub Committee, Cllr R Hughes reported that he had not as yet received any further information from the Highways Department, with regard to observations of the acute bend.

He considered that the Council needs to think again with regard to the proposal of forming a cemetery in the land adjacent to the new property, as this will involve an enormous sum of money.

The Clerk suggested that as the accounts are now carrying an amount of £30,000 for cemetery requirements, should we approach Mr Owens.

Cllr T Hughes commented that we should not go back to Mr Owens, simply because we had the money, the sentiments were shared by Cllr C E Jones.

Cllr R Hughes volunteered to speak again to Mr Owens in regard to the possibility of reopening negotiations.

Resolved

That Cllr R Hughes, along with Cllr Mrs J Atkinson again approach the owner of the land adjacent to the cemetery, Mr G Owens in order to renegotiate a purchase price.

208. STRATEGY FOR FLINTSHIRE LIBRARIES 2013 – 2016

Persuant to the Community Council's request for the restoring of the Mobile Library Service, a response from the Principle Librarian informed the Mobile Service was reviewed, and delivery schedules were reorganised in April 2011.

There is a three weekly visit made to Leeswood on Tuesday mornings, from 9.30 am till 11.30 am at Maes-y-Meillion, and 11.30 am to 12.05 am at the Prince of Wales.

The writer had enclosed pamphlets detailing dates of visits over the next few months, members were supplied with several copies, the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds volunteered to place the remainder in the Doctors Surgery for information for the public.

The dates of the visits are as follows - 19th of February, 12th of March, 2nd and 23rd of April, 14th of May, 4th and 25th of June, 16th of July, 6th and 27th of August, 17th of September, 8th and 29th of October, 19th of November, 10th of December.

Cllr Mrs J Atkinson suggested that the above times are unsuitable for children.

Cllr R Hughes commented that there will be libraries in the schools.

Resolved

That the foregoing information, and members comments be recorded.

209. SURVEY OF FIXED PLAY AREAS

The Clerk reported on correspondence received from the Head of Culture and Leisure, which gave an indication with regard to the standard of play areas within the Community Council area, they were graded red, amber, and green.

The Phoenix Park Play Area was graded amber, the Pontblyddyn Play Area was graded green.

The amber classification was graded high and the green very high.

The survey was carried out however in 2010, things have moved on since then, and the Phoenix Park Play Area would now qualify for a green rating.

Resolved

That the foregoing information be recorded.

210. UNTIDY GARDENS / PROPERTIES / COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES

Cllr H Evans complained with regard to the untidy condition of some Council house gardens.

Cllr R Hughes once again commented that this is a County Council problem, nothing to do with the Community Council, and he appealed to members to bring such matters to his attention, prior to the Community Council meeting.

Resolved

That the above information be noted.

211. BRITANNIA STORES

A member informed that he had received a complaint over the website, with regard to the untidy condition of the front of the Britannia stores.

It was suggested that a polite request be forwarded to the owner, informing him of the complaint we had received with regard to the appearance of the Britannia stores, together with a polite request that some improvement works could be carried out to make the property more asthetically pleasing.

Note: A planning application has been received for change of use of the stores to a dwelling.

212. ARRIVA BUS SERVICE

The Chairman, Cllr M Reynolds informed that once more the Arriva bus service from Mold to Leeswood is not entering the bus station, so leaving passengers for Leeswood stranded.

Resolved

That the above complaint be forwarded to Arriva Wales.

213. PROPOSED EXTENSION TO EXISTING 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT – A541 PONTBLYDDYN

Correspondence from the Head of Assets and Transportation informed that Flintshire County Council is proposing to extend the existing 50 mph speed limit on the North West bound carriageway of the A541 Pontblyddyn.

The proposal has been designed to reduce traffic speeds well in advance of the termination of the dual carriageway, which has been the scene of recent collisions.

Cllr R Hughes informed that there will be other features included, for example rumble strips on the approach.

Resolved

That the Head of Assets and Transportation be informed that the Community Council is in support of the proposal.

214. M.U.G.A. PITCH

Cllr R Hughes informed that the M.U.G.A. pitch is up and running, and has markings for football, netball, hockey etc.

With regard to the skate park this is three parts finished.

Furthermore there will be a tarmac footpath from the lane to the pond.

Members congratulated Cllr R Hughes and the Friends of Leeswood on the excellent facility that is being created.

Resolved

That the foregoing dialogue be noted.

215. 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, postages, photocopying, stationery	£336.28
B Richards	Cemetery maintenance £280 Disposal of cemetery waste £20 Litter pick £264	Total: £564.00
Once Voice Wales	Conference fee Cllr J Caruana	£40.00
Dee Valley Water	Water charges allotments	£12.79
Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds	Civic Sunday expenditure	£135.38
Friends of Leeswood	Insurance premium - play area	£1,461.66

216. INCOME RECEIVED

£550 from Leeswood Allotments Association

Resolved

That the detail with regard to income be noted.

217. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Clerk reported that letters of thanks were received from Leeswood and District Senior Citizens, Pontblyddyn Mother Union, Leeswood Angling Club and Leeswood Rainbows, Guides and Rangers.

218. STANDING ORDERS – RISK ASSESSMENT – FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk informed that it is an external audit requirement to approve the above statements on an annual basis.

Members had been previously provided with the documentation.

Resolved

That the standing orders, risk assessments and financial regulations be approved.

219. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Pontblyddyn Cemetery – loose gravestones – Minute No 55 – 1/11/11
2. Notice boards – Minute No. 73 – 10/7/12 – Cadwyn Clwyd
3. Distribution of £5 Crowns – Minute No. 124 – 4/12/12

The Clerk advised that he was awaiting information from the Royal Mint as to whether or not the £5 Crowns in respect of the Queens Diamond Jubilee are still obtainable.