

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 7th May 2013**



GN.I.JONES
CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 7TH OF MAY 2013.

PRESENT

Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Chairman of the Council (in the chair).
Cllr K McCallum JP, Vice Chairman
Cllrs Mrs C P 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.

1. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2013/14

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr C E Jones, and seconded by Cllr R Hughes that Cllr K McCallum be elected as Chairman for the ensuing Community Year 2013/14.

The retiring Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, invested the incoming Chairman, with the Chain of Office, following which he took the Chair.

The newly elected Chairman, Cllr K McCallum thanked the proposer and seconder of the motion, Cllrs C E Jones and R Hughes, and for the support of other members, for putting their trust and confidence in him. *M. Reynolds*

The Chairman now referred to the retired Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, and thanked her for the excellent way in which she had discharged her duties as Chairman, and the way in which she had controlled the meetings of the Community Council during her Term of Office.

Cllr Miss M Reynolds responded, by thanking Cllr K McCallum and also the remaining members for their support, during her Term of Office.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING COMMUNITY YEAR 2013/14

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr R Hughes, and seconded by Cllr C E Jones, that Cllr E Saul be elected as Vice Chairman, for the ensuing Community Year 2013/14.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF CEMETERY SUB COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING COMMUNITY YEAR 2013/14**

Resolved

That the present incumbance be elected on block for the ensuing Community Year 2013/14, namely Cllr R Hughes, Chairman of the Sub Committee, Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, J Caruana, H Evans, T Hughes and C E Jones JP.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF A DELIGATE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP**

Resolved

That any member wishing to attend may do so.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Resolved

That Cllrs J Caruana, and E Saul be reappointed.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF DELIGATE TO SERVE ON THE HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Resolved

That Cllr J Caruana be appointed, with Cllr R Williams nominated as a Sub.

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7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

8. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr J Caruan and seconded by Cllr Miss M Reynolds that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 2nd of April 2013, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr K McCallum.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute No. 235 / 236 Overhanging branches, Dingle Road The Nant, Pontybodkin to Pontblyddyn

Cllr R Hughes commented that there are still fallen branches, the County Council however is waiting for funding necessary works to be carried out.

Cllr C E Jones suggested that an awful lot of money needs to be found on The Nant which in his opinion is a disaster area.

The Clerk informed that he had spoken to Hartsheath Estate and that they had commissioned a company to provide a report as to what needs to be done on The Nant from Pontblyddyn to Coed Talon.

Minute No. 222 Arriva Bus Service Mold to Leeswood

The Chairman, Cllr K McCallum questioned whether or not the Clerk had reaffirmed the situation, whereby the Arriva Bus Service does not always call in at the Mold Bus Station, so leaving passengers for Leeswood stranded.

The Clerk informed that he had once again contacted the Transportation Officer Flintshire County Council with this matter.

Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that if at any time the Arriva bus breaks down then it will not come through Leeswood, as this would result in the driver being out of hours.

Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that this did happen on occasions, more commonly with the 5.30pm bus service from Mold.

Cllr H Evans referred to comments that he had heard, insomuch that the roads, out of Leeswood in the Mold direction are not considered to be satisfactory, and that the bus service from Leeswood into Mold will travel as far as Bryn Estyn, and then double back, and using Ponybodkyn Hill to exit the village.

Cllr R Hughes suggested that Arriva could use smaller buses, the Chairman, Cllr K McCallum commented that this was the situation, some ten years ago.

The Clerk again was asked to contact Arriva making the point that on occasions the bus does not enter the Mold Bus Station, so leaving passengers stranded, also the fact that on several occasions the 5.30pm service from Mold to Leeswood has known to break down.

Members suggested that perhaps a way forward would be to invite representatives of Arriva to attend the meeting of the Community Council.

Cllr T Hughes suggested that we could possibly find out what buses travel from Mold to Tryddyn.

Resolved

That the Clerk take the necessary action as outlined above, and extends an invitation for representatives of Arriva Bus Services to address the Community Council.

Minute No. 238 Flower boxes at entrance to villages

The Clerk advised that he had spoken to Mr Barry Richards, and that he would be attending to the flower boxes in approximately two weeks time, when the fear of frost has disappeared.

10. POLICE LIAISON

Cllr R Hughes informed that Lisa was now back to work on a phased basis, and on light duties following her operation.

She had informed him that there had been one garage break-in, and complaints about noise late at night in King Street and Queen Street.

There had been attempts to break in to cars, but no damage had been done.

Young persons will shortly be invited to take their bicycles along to the Prince of Wales Inn, and to the Phoenix Park Play Area, to be etched with personal details.

A member reported that he had been told by a resident of Leeswood that a car had been parked on the highway for some time, which did not have a road fund license.

Cllr R Hughes agreed to pass this information on to Lisa.

11. PROVISION OF LAND FOR CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had visited the property of Mr Owens on three occasions, but had not been able to contact him.

The Clerk informed that he had also visited the premises of Mr Owens, again no contact had been made.

Resolved

That the matter be reagenda for the June meeting, and further attempts be made to contact the landowner, Mr Owens.

12. PLANNING DECISION

Proposal: Change of use from ground floor shop to residential use (to include existing accommodation at first floor) and removal of bay window and infilling of shop window opening.

Location: Old Britannia Stores, Britannia Road Leeswood.

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

Resolved

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

13. PROVISION OF SALT BIN

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of an email, received from a Mr Martin Downes, who resides to the rear of the Bridge Inn Pontblyddyn.

The email referred to the fact that Mr Downes had been blocked in during the snowy weather, and that a snow plough had blocked the Bridge Lane entrance.

He continued that he had phoned the County Council to ask for a salt bin, but that he was told that this needs the OK from the Community Council.

If a salt bin was to be provided then the ideal position would be over the bridge on the lane, but not in the car park.

Cllr R Hughes informed that the County Council will provide a salt bin, but that it must be paid for by the Community Council.

Cllr R Hughes offered to take Mr Dave Bell, the Area Convenor Flintshire County Council, to the location, and would record back to the June meeting.

Resolved

That Mr Martin Downes be informed of the action being taken by the Community Council, and that the matter be reconsidered following the visit by Cllr R Hughes and Mr Dave Bell.

14. PROPOSED EXTENNSION TO EXISTING 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT A541 PONTBLYDDYN

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from Flintshire County Council, which informed that the County Council is now proposing to revise the previous proposals, and introduce a 50 mph speed limit on the North West bound carriageway of the A541 between Caergwrlle and Plas Teg. In addition to this, the existing length of the 50 mph speed limit South of Pontblyddyn village is to be reduced to a 40 mph speed limit.

This revision to the speed limit will result in lower traffic speeds well in advance of the termination of the dual carriageway, which has been the scene of recent collisions.

The Chairman, Cllr K McCallum commented that this proposal certainly addresses recent concerns in the area.

Resolved

That foregoing information be received with thanks.

15. FOOTPATH FROM A5104, BOTTOM OF CONSTITUTION HILL, TO A541

Cllr C E Jones referred to the above footpath, and to the fact that it is virtually impassable.

The Clerk suggested that when Cllr R Hughes visits the location for the salt bin, then perhaps the footpath could be examined, as it is the responsibility of Flintshire County Council.

Resolved

That the footpath is visited and inspected, by Cllr R Hughes, and Mr Dave Bell, Area Co-ordinator.

16. PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY

Cllr C E Jones informed that the area which accomodates the water tap now contains piles of dead leaves and flowers, in the bin recently provided.

He suggested that perhaps this should be taken away, and that this would result in dead flowers etc being put in the receptacles at the bottom of the cemetery.

Cllr R. Hughes agreed to visit the cemetery the following day along with the Superintendent Mr Barry Richards, and remove the bin.

Resolved

That Cllr R.Hughes be thanked for his kind offer.

17. NOTICE BOARD - ENTRANCE TO THE CEMETERY

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the posts supporting the notice board had rotted and that the notice board was lying on the ground.

Resolved

That the contractor who provided the notice board be asked to carry out the necessary repairs.

18. LICENSING LAWS

A member referred that some time ago every Town and Community Council received a letter from the Licensing Panel, when a new license was to be applied for, a transfer of name, extension of hours etc, and that this no longer happens.

The member questioned what the policy is now with regard to consultation, and whether or not there is any differential between the Licensing Laws for Public Houses and Clubs.

He also questioned whether Clubs are treated differently from Public Houses, when determining the amount payable for Non Domestic Rates.

The Kings Club in Leeswood was referred to, it was the opinion of the meeting that this should be treated on a level playing field, to the likes of the Bridge Inn Pontblyddyn, and the Druid Pontblyddyn, and the Prince of Wales Leeswood.

Reference was also made to the fact that the Coed Llai Sports and Social Club, had now been renamed The Kings Club, the Clerk was asked again to establish how this has been possible.

Resolved

That the Clerk make the necessary enquiries with Flintshire County Council, Council Tax Office, and Licensing Panel with regard to the above issues, and to establish the policy for issuing licenses to pubs and clubs.

19. PONTBLYDDYN SIGN IN THE HEDGEROW

A member questioned whether or not the name Pontblyddyn would again be defined in the hedgerow.

The Clerk informed that he had spoken to a representative of Hartsheath Estate, and he was assured that the name Pontblyddyn would be redefined.

20. LACK OF INFORMATION OF MINUTES IN THE LEESWOOD AND DISTRICT NEWS

A member quoted an insertion in the Leeswood News suggesting that as a lack of information of the Community Councils business within the Leeswood and District News, the residents of the Community Council area would not be kept up-to-date with certain issues.

For example which piece of land is the Community Council intending to acquire for cemetery extension, who were the winners of the garden and hanging basket competitions.

The Clerk informed that he has issued either by delivery or posting Mrs Rosco with copies of the minutes, as opposed to the previous practice, where he would issue her with an extract of the minutes, this was not now possible, because of typing facilities.

With regard to the suggestion of the piece of land, members referred that it would be only necessary to inform that the Community Council was seeking additional land, but it would not be prudent to say from whom.

The point was further made that minutes are available, within one week of the meeting on the Community Council's website, the Clerk also informed that a copy of the minutes is deposited within the Community Centre.

It was the opinion of the members that the above facts provide the residents of the Community Council area with ample opportunity to be kept up-to-date with the matters discussed at Council meetings.

Resolved

That Mrs K Rosco, be advised that the minutes are available, within one week on the Community Councils website, from which extracts can be taken, furthermore a copy of the Minute Book is deposited, following the meeting, in the Community Centre.

21. NAMING OF MEMBERS IN THE MINUTES

The matter was discussed, as to whether or not it would be advisable to refer to members names in the preamble of the minutes.

It was reported that some time ago there was a resolution that members names should not be included.

Resolved

For future minutes, members names are not quoted, except in cases where a member may wish for his or her name to be recorded.

22. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

The meeting was informed that the potholes on Bryn Clyd and Heol-y-Goron are scheduled for filling in the month of June.

He further informed that the parking areas to the rear of Bryn Clyd had been cleaned, he encouraged people to use this area.

23. STRYT CAE RHEDYN

In response to the Community Councils request for the 30 mph sign to be relocated backward of the Z bend, a response from the Head of Assets and Transportation referred to Traffic Regulation Orders, and to the unfunded Traffic Regulation Orders list.

The writer continued that he would treat the latest letter as a request to add the extension of the existing speed limit to that list. Members will appreciate that the list is subject to both prioritisation and funds being made available, so there is of course no guarantee that the request will be prioritised.

Resolved

That detail of the response be recorded.

24. GUIDES AND RANGERS QUIZ

The Clerk advised that he had received information in regard to the Leeswod Guides and Rangers quiz night, arranged for Friday the 17th of May, in the Leeswood Community Centre, doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

Resolved

That members be encouraged to take part in the quiz.

25. 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	£314.98
Mr B Richards	Cemetery maintenance £290 Disposal of cemetery waste £20 Litter pick £272	Total: £582.00
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance	£1,175.90
Zurich Insurance	Insurance Premium	£1,278.35
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£23.90
Zurich Insurance	Insurance Premium tax	£76.70

26. INCOME RECEIVED

Date	Detail	Amount
03/4/12	Refund of VAT to the 31/3/13	£634.95
26/4/13	Cremated remains	£150.00

27. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk reported that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £33,596.09, and the current account an amount of £1,809.30, subject to unrepresented cheques, as of the 30th of April 2013.

Resolved

That the information with regard to bank balances be recorded.

28. AN INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the paper presented to a meeting, attended by Cllr J Caruana.

Cllr J Caruana reaffirmed that he was very interested in this subject, and for the sustainability of the planet.

He continued that it is necessary to examine what type of products have a derogatory effect on the planet. Furthermore how to minimise the carbon footprint.

The Chairman, Cllr K McCallum suggested that as this is a very important issue, then it could be an ongoing matter for the agenda.

Cllr J Caruana invited members, at any time to contact him with regard to seeking further information on any matter, and that he would like members feelings on the issue.

Resolved

That the foregoing dialogue be noted, and that the matter be placed on future agendas as a ongoing issue.

29. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION IN RESPECT OF DONATIONS

The Clerk advised that letters of thanks are received from Wales Air Ambulance, Leeswood Wesley Methodist Church, and the Bridge Inn Football Club.

Resolved

That receipt of the letters of thanks be recorded.

30. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1.Lose gravestone Pontblyddyn Cemetery Minute No. 54 1/11/11

2.Noticeboard Minute No. 273 10/7/12 Cadwyn Clwyd

3.Distribution of five pound crowns Minute No.124 4/12/12

The Clerk advised that the five pppound crowns were no longer available.

4. Arriva Bus Service Minute No. 175 Mold Bus Station 8/1/13

23a **BOUNDARIES REVIEW – TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

The Clerk informed that earlier in the day he had received a letter from the Head of Democracy and Governance, Flintshire County Council, informing of a meeting to discuss the issue, to be held in Mold Town Hall.

Resolved

That the Chairman, Cllr K McCallum and the Vice Chairman, Cllr E Saul be nominated to attend.

NB The Clerk to provide the members with the documentation.