

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 4th June 2013**



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

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2013.

PRESENT

Cllr K Mc.Callum JP, Chairman of the council (in the chair).

Cllr E Saul, Vice Chairman.

Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, 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 Mrs C Bie, Miss M Reynolds

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

32. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest

33. **MINUTES**

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr J Caruana, and seconded by Cllr C E Jones that the minutes of the Annual Meeting, and the minutes of the Leeswood Community Council, held on Tuesday 2nd May 2013, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman Cllr K Mc Callum.

34. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute No. 17 - Notice Board Entrance to the Cemetery

The Clerk explained that he had been unable to make contact with J P Joinery, the original supplier and that it may be necessary to seek a further supplier.

Minute No. 20 - Lack of information in the Leeswood and District News

The preamble referred to Mrs K Rosco, this was corrected insomuch that the actual spelling is Roscoe.

Minute No. 22 - County Council Matters

Cllr R Hughes corrected the preamble insomuch that it was recorded that the pot holes on Bryn Clyd, and Heol-y-Goron are scheduled for filling in the month of June, the streets are in actual fact to be resurfaced at the end of June.

35. POLICE LIAISON

The meeting was informed that a large number of bicycles had been personalised, the previous weekend at the Community Centre, so many in fact that there were insufficient forms available.

There would be a further session, at the Phoenix Park Play Area.

36. FLOWERBOXES AT ENTRANCE TO VILLAGES.

The clerk assured members that works were imminent, to fill the flower boxes .

Resolved

That the information as provided by the Clerk be noted.

37. HEDGE ROW CONTAINING THE NAME PONTBLYDDYN

The Clerk reaffirmed that he had spoken to the Heartsheath Estate, and that the name Pontblyddyn would be restored as soon as possible.

Resolved

That the information as provided by the Clerk be noted.

38. ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk recorded that he had been able to speak to Mr Owens, the owner of land adjacent to the cemetery.

He continued that he had mentioned to Mr Owens, the last valuation of £32,000, for the purchase of land, Mr Owens responded insomuch that he thought that this was excessive, and that he had not instructed his agent accordingly, he had in fact instructed a valuation of £27,000.

The Clerk further informed that Mr Owens was not aware of the fact that an amount of £1,2000, in respect of professional fees, had been paid to his agent.

In view of the amount of money involved, it was considered advisable to seek a valuation from the district valuer, further more that there would be need for a site investigation, as the area of land could contain colliery spoil.

The Clerk suggested that in the first instance, it would be necessary to seek a meeting with Mr Owens, in order to further discuss the possibility of a site investigation, together with any other condition.

Resolved

That a meeting be arranged with Mr Owens, involving Cllr R Hughes, Chairman of the Cemetery Subcommittee and Cllr E Saul along with the Clerk.

39. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

This matter is agendad as an ongoing matter, following minute No. 28 of the May meeting.

The member who had instigated the matter informed that there had been no further developments , but that anyone wishing to make any observations, should contact him.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

40. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT 1972
REVEAL COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES IN THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from the Legal and Democratic Services.

The correspondence included a questionnaire, which included various questions with regard to suggestions additions or deletions to the area, number of councillors, together with any further suggestions.

There had been a plenary meeting, the previous week, and one of the questions stemming from that was would Leeswood Community Council consider taking over the Pont-y-bodkin area.

A further point was the fact that Leeswood Community Council area consists of two wards, Pontblyddyn and Leeswood, two Councillors represent Pontblyddyn, and eleven represent Leeswood, and would there be a train of thought to form just one ward.

The trend of thought of the meeting was that two wards should remain and it would be appropriate for people from the Pontblyddyn ward to represent Pontblyddyn, and Leeswood alike.

At the meeting, the Director of Democratic services had stated that if members are happy with the status quo, then they must say so, and say why.

In conclusion the Clerk informed that members could complete the form individually, or collectively on behalf of the Community Council.

Members resolved to complete the questionnaire collectively, and on behalf of the Community Council.

A copy of the completed questionnaire appears as an appendix to the minutes.

Resolved

That the completed questionnaire, is the unanimous collective view of members.

41. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STREET LIGHTING POLICY

Correspondence from the Head of Street Scene informed that following the approval of the new Street Lighting Policy, Flintshire County Council offers each Community Council the option to procure energy for its own lighting through the County Council's procurement process.

Energy for County Councils lighting is procured on an annual basis by consultants acting on behalf of all Welsh authorities, and the rate for the current 2013/14 financial year is 10.3 pence per kw/hr, and councils will be notified in each year.

The total annual cost will be recharged to each Community Council at the beginning of the calendar year, together with a single handling charge of £50 per year.

The Clerk advised that the current charge made by Scottish power is 12 pence per kw/hr.

He recommended therefore that the Community Council transfers its supplier to Flintshire County Council.

Members concurred with the Clerk.

Resolved

That the supplier for street lighting electricity, be transferred from Scottish Power to Flintshire County Council.

42. PROVISION OF FESTIVE LIGHTING.

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence from the head of Street Scene, informing that Flintshire County Council will now no longer be directly installing, maintaining, removing nor storing festive illuminations, on behalf of Town and Community Councils.

Flintshire County Council will however if required tender for the contract for the installation on behalf of Community Councils , allowing for the best possible value for money, and insuring that contractors engaged are competent to carry out such activities.

The Clerk was asked where the Community Council's street lighting is now stored.

The Clerk responded insomuch that the small amount that remained was now more than likely obsolete , and would not comply with BS 7671 2008.

On the issue of sustainability a member agreed to research the British Standard 7671 2008.

The Clerk informed that he had been advised that Community Councils would be invited by Flintshire County Council to a meeting, in order to further the issue of the provision of festive lighting.

Resolved

That the matter be re-agendad, following the meeting referred to by the Clerk.

43. COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE FLINTSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Progress Report and invitation to a plenary meeting 10th June 2013

The correspondence advised that three stages have been reached where pilot projects have been carried out to test the processes and procedures developed by participants.

The projects are volunteering, publicity, and obstruction free walks.

Resolved

That any member wishing to attend the plenary meeting has the nomination of the Community Council.

44. PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY.

A member informed that the branches etc., from the pruning of the trees had been left on the ground, and not removed

Resolved

That the cemetery superintendent be asked to remove any such materials.

45. PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY - MAINTENANCE OF AREAS AROUND GRAVESTONES

A member informed of receiving complaints insomuch that the grass had not been cut close enough to the gravestones, so leaving an untidy condition.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of the cemetery superintendent.

46. LITTER BIN IN THE AREA OF THE TAP - PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY.

A member referred that the bin in the tap area had been taken away, and relocated to the entrance of the cemetery.

The Clerk informed that this was in accordance with the resolution.

The member suggested therefore that there may have been some confusion, his request was that the bin in the tap area should be regularly emptied.

A reference was also made to the fact that the hedgerows in the area contain various types of litter.

Resolved

That the cemetery superintendent be asked to bring the waste bin back to the tap area, to empty it on a regular basis, and to ensure that the hedgerows in that area are properly maintained, by the clearing of any litter.

47. MULTY USE GAMES AREA - PHOENIX PARK PLAY AREA

A member informed that there is a presence of litter in the area, and suggested that the Community Care Taker, Mr Barry Richards could include this on his Friday litter pick.

Members were in agreement with the suggestions.

Resolved

That Mr Barry Richards be asked to include the multi use games area in his collection round.

48. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

A member informed that following complaints from the residents of County Road, he was expecting to be handed a petition for speed deterrent measures.

Resolved

That the foregoing information be noted.

49. CASTLE CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE.

The Community Council's representative informed that at the last meeting, there were no issues raised.

The kiln waste lagoon, was now not to be used for that purpose, and was to be turned into a nature area.

With regard to emissions, he informed that the readings were very good.

A member informed that he had received complaints from the Parc Derwen and from the Maxwell drive area with regard to unsavoury smells, he had visited the area, but the smell was no longer present.

50. LICENCING LAWS.

A member referred to minute No. 18 of the May meeting, whereby the Licencing Panel was asked to address issues with regard to consultation with the Community Council, when the various types of licence were applied for, and what is the existing policy.

Furthermore the Kings Club was referred to, and asked as to whether or not consent need to be required, to change the name from Coed Llai Sports and Social Club to the Kings Club.

The Clerk informed that he had not as yet received a response.

The meeting was informed that issues in regard to the "Kings Club" would be the subject of a licencing meeting, to be held on Thursday the 6th June, at 10.00am.

The Clerk also informed that he had written to the treasurer, questioning whether there were any different rules, for assessing none domestic rates, in regard to public houses and clubs, again he had not received a response.

Resolved

That the Clerk request a response to the correspondence received above.

51. PAST CHAIRMANS SOCIAL EVENT.

A member referred to the poor attendance at the charity event of - Chairman, Miss Marie Reynolds, insomuch that only four out of thirteen members had attended.

He hoped that future events would be better attended.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the July meeting.

52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Plan No. 050822.
Proposal: Removal of kitchen/dining area at rear and erection of a rear extension to provide a larger kitchen/dining area and bedroom in loft.
Location: Alyn Bank Bungalow, Pontblyddyn, Mold.
2. Plan No. 050844
Proposal: Erection of kennels and garden store for residential purpose.
Location: Black Gates Lodge, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold.

Resolved

That the Council supports applications 1 and 2 above.

53. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Payee	Detail	Amount
Compacc Accountancy Services	Payroll on line filing, and preparation of wages 2013/14	£110
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£ 14.60
G N I Jones	Salary, expenses, photocopying Postage and telephone calls	£319.90
Mr B Richards	Cemetery Maintenance	£290.00
	Disposal of cemetery waste	£ 20.00
	Litter pick	£340.00
	Grass cutting around seats	<u>£ 20.00</u>
	Total:	£670.00
Dee Valley Water	Water charges Pontblyddyn cemetery	£ 13.65

Resolved

That the accounts in the above schedule be approved for payment

54. INCOME RECEIVED.

None since last reported.

55. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk advised that the balance of the Deposit Account was an amount of £42,051.09, and the Current Account an amount of £4,388.75, as of 30th May 2013.

Resolved

That the information with regard to bank balances be noted.

56. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT YET RESOLVED.

1. Loose grave stones, Pontblyddyn Cemetery - Minute No. 5 Minute No.54-1/11/11
2. Notice boards - Minute No. 273 -10/7/12
3. Arriva bus services - Minute No. 175 Mold Bus Station - 8/1/13
4. Seat at Pontblyddyn Cross Roads - Minute No. 239 2/4/13.