



LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2013.

PRESENT

Councillor K. McCallum JP, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)
Councillor E. Saul, Vice-Chairman
Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, H. Evans, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, M. Reynolds, D. Rule, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Councillor C Bie.

PRAYERS

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Chairman, Councillor K McCallum.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillor M. Reynolds declared an interest as she was considering applying for the post of Clerk.

130. MINUTES

The minutes of the emergency meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 had been circulated to all members. These were accepted as a true record of proceedings.

131. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

132. FINAL AGREEMENT – ADVERTISEMENT OF CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER – EVENING LEADER

A discussion followed regarding the advertisement for the post of Clerk/Financial Officer. Comment was made that there was misgivings that an advertisement had already been placed in the Leeswood & District Newsletter. It was observed that the salary should be removed from the proposed advertisement, although, as this was included in that in the Leeswood News, it was felt it could not be left out of that to be inserted in the newspaper. A further remark was made that the salary would be paid on a scale in accordance with experience. Observation that the hours the Clerk is

expected to work should also be indicated. **Council agreed on the proposed advertisement to be placed in the Evening Leader.**

The job description had been provided by Mrs E Snowden. This needed modification and the Vice-Chairman offered to scan it and make the relevant amendments.

133. CEMETERY – MR BARRY RICHARDS

Mr Barry Richards had approached a member of the Council advising that he would be unable to complete his work on his usual day and queried if it was possible for him to make up his time on another day. This was acceptable. It was pointed out that Mr Richards should in future contact the Clerk rather than individual members. A comment was made that there is litter picking in the community carried out by operatives of the Flintshire County Council as well as that done by Mr Richards. However, remarks were made that Mr Richards litter picks in areas that the County Council operatives do not cover, such as on the Dingle Road and the Constitution Hill.

134. ESTABLISH INTERVIEW COMMITTEE

Suggestion was put forward that the interview committee should consist of five members; two of these would be the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was proposed that the others should be Councillors R Hughes, CE Jones JP and a member from Pontblyddyn – Councillor J Atkinson, but if she was unavailable then Councillor C Bie could replace. Gareth Roberts was also to be requested to attend the interview process. It was stated that all applications should be opened at the same time.

135. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The cost of purchasing the Christmas lights would be £4,500 + VAT. This would be for twelve sets and connections which would remain in situ in the standards. Traffic management whilst the lights were put in place would be provided free of charge by Flintshire County Council. It was decided that coloured lights would be preferred to white lights. These sets would each consist of ten metre cables with 20 coloured bulbs. Six sets would be put in the area of the Pontblyddyn crossroads and six in the vicinity of the Leeswood Community Centre. If the lights were to be purchased off the internet the money would be expected up front. The Vice-Chairman stated that he was prepared to attend to this and he would then be repaid.

136. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Old Bridge Inn, Padeswood – Scarfo – retrospective planning application for the site which was to tidy up the actions of previous years.

Boundaries – Argoed Community had been unsuccessful in their attempt to take the part of Llong in this Community's boundary into theirs. Penyffordd Community had been successful in taking the house near the boundary into their community.

Civil Parking Enforcement – the law has now changed and power has been granted to the Local Authority from 1st October 2013. Council could now consider double yellow lines in the community. This matter was to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

137. Any Other Business

Civic Service Attendance – it was pointed out that at the recent Civic Service held at Caerwys did not have a member from Leeswood in attendance. If the Chairman or Vice-Chairman were not available then possibly another Councillor could attend in their place. This matter was to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Farm Vehicles and Deposits on Highways – it was brought to the Council's attention that farm vehicles were fetching mud from off the fields onto the highway. This was considered to be a danger to traffic and it was felt that the farmers should be made responsible. As the area in question was outside the boundary of this community, comment was made that it would be difficult to write to the County Council in regard of this. However, Council could be mindful of any occurrence within this community which should be drawn to the attention of the County Council.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed.