



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 1ST OCTOBER 2013.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Councillors T Hughes and D Rule.

IN ATTENDANCE

GNI Jones, Clerk to the Council.

PRAYERS

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

111. POLICE LIAISON

Police and Community Support Officer Kelsey Evans was present at the meeting.

PCSO Evans informed that the main issue recently had been theft from four vehicles. These had occurred on 26th September 2013, at locations in King Street, Wood Grove and Sycamore Drive. A vehicle had also been taken from Dingle Road and left in the Merseyside area.

Five bottles of champagne had been stolen from the Co-Op Store.

In Pontblyddyn, on Church Terrace, two vehicles had their fuel lines cut. Someone had been arrested in connection with this.

Councillor CE Jones questioned whether these incidents had taken place at the same time. PCSO Evans indicated that this seemed to be the case.

Councillor G Sherwood queried if the vehicles had been unlocked. This was a possibility.

Councillor M Reynolds referred to an incident that had taken place at 35 Bryn Clyd on the previous evening. The Police were aware of this.

Councillor CE Jones stated that the community needs a greater Police presence to deal with these issues and Councillor R Hughes concurred, stating that perhaps a more senior Officer was required.

Councillor CE Jones referred to the drug abuse and that those involved are known to the Police. It appeared that nothing was being done about this issue. Vehicle registration numbers had been passed on to the Police.

The Chairman, Councillor K McCallum, advised that he was aware that a lot of application for search warrants had been made regarding drug abuse.

PCSO Evans was thanked for attending the meeting.

112. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor G Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R Williams that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 3rd September 2013, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Councillor K McCallum. Resolved.

113. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute No. 86 – Obnoxious Fluvia – area of thatched cottage, Mold Road, Pontblyddyn

Several members referred to the metallic smell in the area of Rose Cottage on the Mold Road, Pontblyddyn. Councillor R Hughes had visited the property on three occasions, but there had been no response. Reference was made to the fact that it seemed no-one had complained about this. Agreed – that a polite letter be sent to the Occupier of Rose Cottage informing of the noticeable smell in the vicinity.

114. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk, along with the Chairman, Councillor K McCallum and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor E Saul met Mr George Owens, owner of the land adjacent to the Cemetery on Tuesday 10th September 2013. Councillor R Hughes, Chairman of the Cemetery Sub-Committee apologised for absence.

At this meeting, Mr Owens re-affirmed his will to sell the land at a price of £27,000. He agreed to trial holes being dug to test for mining waste. Arrangements for this procedure are under way.

A member referred as to whether the land purchased would be value for money at the asking price of £27,000.

The Chairman pointed out that the land should be valued.

The Clerk informed that there is no need to get the land valued.

It was stated that Mr Owens did not want a land agent.

Resolved – to get the land valued.

115. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

An attempt to establish a profile was being looked at prior to bringing the matter before Council.

116. CASTLE CEMENT

There was no meeting of the Castle Cement Liaison Committee to report on.

117. FESTIVE LIGHTING

The Clerk reported that he had met with the relevant Officers of the Flintshire County Council in regard to this matter. For £3,500, which was the sum set aside in the budget; three street lighting columns could be dressed with festive lighting. Resolved – that a Special Meeting be convened in order to discuss this.

118. COUNTY COUNCIL POLICY ON ISSUING OF LICENCES TO PUBLIC HOUSES

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the November meeting.

119. PLANNING DECISIONS

1. Proposal: Landscaping works to practice area and erection of practice nets (in retrospect)

Location: Golf Club, Old Padeswood Golf Club, Station Lane, Padeswood

The Chief Planning Services Officer has informed that this has been approved.

120. JOINT MEETING WITH FLINTSHIRE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Notification has been received stating that this meeting (previously informed of) will be held on Monday 14th October at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Connah's Quay Town Council. Any member is welcome to attend.

121. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Flintshire County Council, had extended an invitation to members to attend a training session for Town/Community Councillors, to be held on Tuesday 7th November at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Flint Town Council. Councillor J Caruana is to attend.

122. CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Correspondence received from the Head of Assets and Transportation, Flintshire County Council, advising that following their request to the Welsh Assembly Government for powers regarding Civil Parking Enforcement, this had now been granted and will come into effect from 1st October.

123. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

The meeting was informed that the work on the dual carriageway in Pontblyddyn was progressing well.

124. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

Bus Services

It was reported to the Council that the Arriva bus service had been running late. Also, on one particular day there was no service around the Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron estate. This was particularly difficult for two people in the Community who had been waiting for the bus to Wrexham where they had appointments at the Hospital to attend.

Comment was made that there are problems on a Tuesday with the buses travelling around Bryn Clyd and Heol-y-Goron due to the refuse collection vehicle.

Another problem is that there are vehicles parked close to the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street which makes it difficult for the bus to turn the corner.

A request had been raised with Arriva to use smaller buses during the daytime but they would not do this on a Wednesday or a Saturday as it is market day in Mold.

Concern was expressed that the Community may lose the bus service and it was felt that more focus should be put on this issue.

6 Alyn Terrace

It was reported that wild dog rose was blocking the footpath.

Community Centre/Kings Club

A request was made that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the November meeting.

Civic Sunday

The Chairman thanked all those who had been able to attend the Civic Sunday. He further remarked that he was proud to be a Member of the Leeswood Community Council. Collection at the service raised £210.85 – this was to be split between the Leeswood Methodist Church and the Nightingale House Hospice.

125. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

126. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Amount
GNI Jones	Salary, expenses, photocopying, postage, telephone calls, judge	£377.90
B Richards	Cemetery Maintenance	£290.00
	Disposal of Cemetery Waste	£ 20.00
	Litter Pick	£272.00
	Grass Cutting around seats	£ 20.00
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		£602.00
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£ 17.65
Scottish Power	Electricity	£392.00
HMRC	PAYE	£508.80
R Bryan	Civic Sunday	£ 20.00
Methodist Church	Civic Sunday	£ 20.00
K McCallum	Chairman's Allowance	£300.00
V Reynolds	Refreshments Civic Sunday	£136.23

127. INCOME RECEIVED

Date	Detail	Amount
20.09.2013	Re-open grave (out of district)	£380.00
27.09.2013	New grave	£130.00
27.09.2013	Memorial	£100.00

128. BANK BALANCES

At 30th August 2013, the deposit account was £36,056.81 and the current account was £3,518.21.

129. ANY MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Seat at Pontblyddyn Cross Roads – Minute No. 239 – 02.04.2013

The Clerk reported that on 18th September he had spoken with an employee of the Hartsheath Estate, who had informed him that he had straightened the fence away from the seat on two occasions. He has now promised to do a more secure job.

2. Salt Bin – Minute No. 13 – 07.05.2013

3. Footpath from A5104, bottom of Constitution Hill to A541 – Minute No. 15 – 07.05.2013

The Clerk reported that the footpath is now free of obstruction.

4. Licensing Laws – Minute No. 50 – 04.06.2013

5. Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron Bus Route – Minute No. 69 – 09.07.2013

A response is awaited from Arriva Wales.