

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 4TH
MARCH 2014.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Councillor J. Atkinson.

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.

202. POLICE LIAISON

Item number 6 on the Agenda was brought forward. PCSO Kelsey Evans and
Sergeant Matthew Mitchell were in attendance. The Council were informed
that there had been three incidents of note.

Needles had been found in the areas of Ysgol Derwenfa, the bottom of Heol-
y-Goron and the Park at the end of Ffordd Siarl.

On 27th February, an incidence of criminal damage occurred at the Co-Op
Store. There was CCTV footage of a single male. This has been circulated in
order to establish the identity of the man in question.

Tools had been taken from a work building on Pontybodkin Hill on 3rd March.
CSI have attended the site.

PCSO Evans advised that she had received speed gun training on 3rd March.
She can go out alone with the speed gun but would need accompanying if
issuing tickets. Councillors referred to the speeding through the village, in
particular to King Street and the area around the Community Centre, also

Queen Street and the area by Ysgol Derwenfa. It was suggested when the pupils leave the School at home time, that is between 3.00pm and 3.15pm, would be a good opportunity to show presence with the speed gun. Further observation was made that there was also an increased level of speeding vehicles after 5.30pm. PCSO Evans stated that the speed gun could be used in the dark; she would wear Hi-Vis clothing on any occasion she was out. Councillor H. Evans asked if the speed gun could be used in the side avenues of Heol-y-Goron and Bryn Clyd as there was also a problem with speeding in these areas. Councillor C. Bie made reference to Pontblyddyn regarding speeding and the problem times which were before 8.00am and after 6.00 pm. Councillor T. Hughes enquired if PCSO Evans could pull vehicles over. She informed that she could request that they stop and then have a word of advice, but motorists could refuse.

An incidence of dogs on the play area aggravating children was mentioned. The identity of the dogs' owners was unknown. These people had been challenged and told that dogs were not allowed on the play area; however, they gave verbal abuse in response.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP referred to an occurrence involving damage to car wing mirrors. PCSO Evans advised that she was aware of this incident but when the Officers arrived it was not all as it seemed to be.

Sergeant Mitchell had brought a leaflet with him which detailed the intent of the North Wales Police to liaise with Communities in order to identify how best to deploy the Community Support Officers. The aims of this were to a) increase information and intelligence sharing; b) to quickly identify emerging issues to tackle in partnership and c) to enhance the relationships between local Councils and the Police. Priorities will be set at the beginning of each quarter in agreement between the Council and the Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant. Progress reports will be provided and tasking reviewed. The tasking must focus around the priorities set by North Wales Police to ensure they are aligned to the powers vested to PSOs. These priorities are to a) reduce crime and anti-social behaviour that impacts on our communities; b) provide a quality of service that delivers confidence within our communities and c) protect people and reduce harm.

203. By full agreement of the Council this Minute is excluded.

204. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February and the donation meeting of Tuesday 25th February had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February be accepted as a true record of proceedings. Councillor C.E. Jones JP proposed and Councillor C. Bie seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February be

accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors were in agreement and each set of minutes to be signed by the Chairman, Councillor K McCallum.

205. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

206. POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY

Correspondence had been received from the District Inspector Flintshire South, Sharon McCairn advising of the role of the PCSO in the Community. It was agreed that this be accepted.

207. PLANNING

Application Number 051734

Listed Building Application – Extension

Black Gates Lodge, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold, CH7 4HF.

It was agreed that approval for this be recommended.

208. CADWYN CLWYD – NOTICE BOARD/SEAT FUNDING

The Clerk reported that the application form had been completed and a decision on funding is scheduled for the end of March.

209. FOOTPATH A5104 BOTTOM OF THE CONSTITUTION HILL TO THE A541

This item was to remain on the Agenda.

210. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

With regard to valuing the piece of land, the Chairman of the Cemetery Sub-Committee, Councillor R. Hughes and the Clerk were to meet with Nicola Hall of the Valuation Office Agency at the Cemetery on Wednesday 5th March at 10.00am.

The Clerk advised that the Grave Digger would contact her to arrange a meeting in relation to the digging of the trial holes.

A meeting was to take place on Tuesday 18th March to discuss the Cemetery records.

211. MEMORIAL – LATE CLERK G.N.I. JONES

It was suggested that a tree be planted in memory of the late Clerk G.N.I. Jones. Locations put forward as suitable areas were the Cemetery and Pontblyddyn Crossroads. However, it would be necessary to obtain the permission of the County Council in order to plant anything in the area of the Crossroads.

212. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor J. Caruana advised that he would prepare a report on this issue.

213. CASTLE CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Caruana advised that he had been unable to attend the Castle Cement Liaison Committee but he would prepare a report. The meetings are now held every quarter.

Information received that the monitoring system by the School was to be removed. The consensus of opinion was that this monitoring system should stay, even if only for reassurance. Council were informed that there are now monitors on the top of the kiln. Query was raised as to why they wanted to take the monitoring system away. It was proposed and seconded that a request be made for this monitoring system to be kept – all in agreement.

214. COMMUNITY CENTRE

A suggestion was made that another donation should be given to the Community Centre as it was known they were currently suffering financial difficulties. Comment was made that following the closure of the Coedllai Sports & Social Club, the Community Centre had lost approximately £3,000 per year income. The Community Centre had been run very well for 30 years; the Committee had done a good job keeping it open. Various functions were held throughout the year and the Committee worked hard.

Observation was made that the Council should support the Community Centre. Further comment was that the Community Centre is at the heart of the village and we do not want to lose it. It was proposed and seconded that an additional £2,000 be donated to the Community Centre. Reservation was expressed that £3,000 is a lot of money to give; the Council should look at the books as they have a duty to the rate payer. A point was made that the Community Council does have two representatives on the Management Committee. One of the representatives spoke in support of the Management Committee stating that the members did an excellent job and had been doing so for a long time. It was agreed that the donation of £2,000 be given.

215. CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Council were informed that the residents of Britannia Road had approached the County Council and had requested a site meeting with the Police. It was suggested that at the same time of the meeting, the other areas of concern in the village could also be looked at.

216. VACANCY FOR A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

There had been one application received for the vacancy of Community Councillor. This was from Mr Terry Hughes of 17 Rhodfa Helyg. It was

unanimously agreed that Mr Hughes be co-opted to serve as a Community Councillor.

217. BUS SERVICE

The Clerk informed that there had been no response received from Arriva Wales. It was agreed that the next step should be to try and contact the Wrexham Depot by telephone.

218. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Garages at Heol-y-Goron – this area was to be fenced. Thanks to Councillor R. Hughes was expressed for his work in this area.

219. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

Nant, Pontblyddyn – it was reported that there had been further problems in this area which had resulted in the closure of the road for a couple of days. This is not a County Council issue but the responsibility of the landowners. Natural Resources Wales had been on site and a plan was in creation to try and resolve matters.

220. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2014/2015 – this was accepted.
- b) WAG Marine & Fisheries Division – Marine Planning for Wales – this was accepted.

221. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dee Valley Water	Water Supply Allotments	£24.40
B. Richards	Cemetery Maintenance Disposal of Cemetery Waste Litter Pick	£582.00
Scottish Power	Electricity - street lights	£370.06
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£62.41
Mr K McCallum	Mileage/Stationery/Postage/ Photocopying	£71.52
Community Centre	Donation	£2,000.00
	Total	£3,110.39

222. INCOME RECEIVED

<u>From</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Buckley Memorials	Memorial	£75.00

223. BANK BALANCES

The bank statements to end of February had not yet been received.

224. ANY MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

- a) Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron Bus Route – Minute No. 69 – 09.07.2013 – a response is awaited from Arriva Wales.
- b) 5 County Road Hedge – Minute No. 147 – 05.12.2013
- c) Fly Tipping adjacent field to rear of Garages Heol-y-Goron – Minute No. 147 – 05.12.2013 – the landowner was to be approached in order to attempt to find proof of the person responsible for the fly tipping.
- d) War Memorials Trust – Minute No. 165 – 07.01.2014