



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2016.

#### PRESENT

Councillor R. Williams (in the Chair)

Councillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, K. McCallum JP, J. Phoenix, D. Rule, J.E. Saul and G. Sherwood (Vice-Chairman).

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson and Terry Hughes.

#### DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

#### WELCOME - NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chairman, Councillor R. Williams welcomed the newly co-opted Councillor, John Phoenix to the meeting.

#### 233. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3461 Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend the meeting.

#### 234. MR. MIKE EASTWOOD, FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STREETSCENE AREA SUPERVISOR

Present at the meeting was Mr. Mike Eastwood, the new Streetscene Area Supervisor. Mr. Eastwood who is based at the Alltami depot, has taken over the areas previously covered by Mr. Dave Bell and Mr. Bill Jones, this area is spread from Dobshill to Rhydtalog.

Repairs to the highway on Dingle Road, the Hall Hill and the area of Alyn Bank Farm, Pontblyddyn are due to be carried out. The 30mph area on the Chester Road is due to be extended and the signs will be moved soon.

Reference was made to a street light on Dingle Road (outside number 26) - it seems to go out on its own then comes back on - this will be looked at. Other street lights that are out (outside 20 Heol-y-Goron and 4 Rhodfa Helyg) will also be attended to.

Mr. Eastwood advised that four more officers had been taken on in order to enforce litter picking and dog fouling. These are both subject to £75 fines. Signs notifying of the fines will be put up in shops and on lamp posts.

Query was raised as to whether highway signs were cleaned. Mr. Eastwood informed that there is no specific team that attends to this but the Streetscene workforce do clean them when noticed or if reported.

The Chairman, Councillor R. Williams, thanked Mr. Eastwood for attending the meeting.

**235. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor K. McCallum JP and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

Also circulated was the Precept for 2016/2017 as discussed at the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that this be accepted - all Councillors agreed.

**236. ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

A member of the Council reported that he had met with Mr. George Owens of Bank Farm, Pontblyddyn. Mr. Owens expressed confusion as to why the matter of purchasing land to extend the Cemetery had not been resolved. It would seem that there was a current lack of communication between Mr. Owens and his Solicitor. This was to be addressed with Mr. Owens assuring that he would see his Solicitor in order to make progress. Mrs. Sian Jones of the Legal Department at Flintshire County Council would re-open the file once the Solicitors acting for Mr. Owens had been in contact with her.

**237. CEMETERY**

Councillors R. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP and the Clerk had met with Mr. Aled Davies at the Cemetery on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Discussion took place on the work that required doing during the winter season. This involved: - a) clearing of the bank by the notice board at the entrance to the Cemetery; b) laying of the beech hedges; c) other hedging work and d) tree trimming.

The Clerk informed that she was in the processing of putting together a contract for Mr. Davies and Councillors R. Hughes and C.E. Jones JP were to look at this once prepared.

**238. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications.

**239. PLANNING DECISIONS**

Change of use of existing detached storage building to provide holiday let accommodation.

Alyn Bank Farm, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold, CH7 4HG.

This has been approved by delegated officer.

**240. HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE**

It was reported that there were currently no environmental issues involving the plant at Padeswood. Further information was that apprentices were being taken on.

**241. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Observation made that the New Year's Eve Dance was the best for attendance for some considerable years. It was pleasing to see so many people there.

The area of the toilets had received a considerable makeover with the disabled toilet now moved and the 'ladies' and 'gents' toilets had been completely altered. A new floor had been put down in the storeroom located next to the big stage. Disabled ramps were to be laid outside the front door and the fire exit just off the Committee room. This work was able to be carried out due to a special disabled facilities grant.

It had been decided at the last Management Committee meeting that certain hiring fees would be raised. The cost to the Community Council was going to rise from £10 per meeting to £15 per meeting.

**242. BIG BUDGET/COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS**

No further information had been received.

**243. MISS CHERYL FRANCIS - LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION - LEESWOOD BROWNIES**

Miss Francis' gift has now been completed. It was remarked if there was a plaque on it - the Clerk stated not. Comment was made that it had been agreed that a plaque should accompany the gift - if necessary the Clerk was to have the picture re-framed in order that this could be accommodated.

All Councillors agreed that the gift be presented to Miss Francis following the Donation Meeting which was to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**244. CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL NAME TO LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

It had been agreed by the Flintshire County Council that the Community Council name could be changed to Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Community Council. The necessary procedure to formalise this was now in progress.

**245. BARRY RICHARDS - RETIREMENT GIFT**

Mrs. H. Greenan of Hayls-Craft had provided the two commemorative vases to be presented to Mr. Barry Richards. Councillors expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Greenan and it was agreed by all that she had done an excellent job with the engraving. A letter was to be sent to her stating this.

Mr. Barry Richards and Mrs. Richards were to be invited to attend the Community Centre on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February following the donation meeting to receive the vases.

**246. COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE - THE LATE CLERK CYRIL D. WILLIAMS AND THE LATE COUNCILLOR RONALD TATTUM**

This matter is in progress.

**247. POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK**

No further information had been received regarding this matter.

**248. FREE WORKSHOP - AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Correspondence was received from Helen Jones, Older Peoples Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council advising of 'Creating Age-Friendly Communities' free workshops on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016. This was accepted.

**249. BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION - JUDGES' INFORMATION EVENING**

Received from Janet Kelly, Competition Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council, correspondence informing of Judges' Information Evening to be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 6.00pm. Councillor R. Hughes and the Clerk were to attend.

**250. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

Information from Pennie Corbett, Principal Libraries and Arts Officer, Flintshire County Council advising of the new three week rota for the mobile library service. It was agreed that this information be placed in the Leeswood & District News.

**251. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had the following events organised for his County Council Chairman's Charity Fund: -

- a) Bingo Evening to be held at the Leeswood Community Centre on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March,
- b) Chairman's Charity Dinner to be held at the Beaufort Park Hotel on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March - £35.00 per ticket,
- c) Charity Concert on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at Theatr Clwyd - £10.00 per ticket.

**252. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

- a) Mrs. Lucille Ingman MBE - it was agreed by all Councillors that a letter be sent to Mrs. Ingman congratulating her on her recent award of an MBE in the New Year's Honours list. The Clerk pointed out that Councillor J.E. Saul had already put a piece about Mrs. Ingman on the Community Council website.
- b) Community Council website - The Clerk informed that the Community Council website looked really good - all thanks to the effort of Councillor J.E. Saul. Councillor C.E. Jones JP supported these remarks.

**253. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Connah's Quay Town Council - invite to Chair's Civic Ball on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at a cost of £20.00 per ticket. This was accepted.

**254. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£18.70
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - January 2016	£538.20
Aled Davies Agricultural	Grass cutting in Cemetery January 2016	£451.20
Mega Electrical Services	Christmas Lights	£3,504.00
KTL Contracting Ltd	Traffic management re Christmas Lights installation at Pontblyddyn	£892.80
Community Centre	Final instalment of 2015/2016 grant	£1,000.00
Came & Company	Insurance - Skate Park 2016/2017	£1,135.94
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,540.84</b>

**255. INCOME RECEIVED**

No income had been received.

**256. BANK BALANCES**

The bank statements had not been received at the time of the meeting.