



LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9th MAY 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman

Councillors D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson and R. Williams.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Members had been circulated with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. These were signed in the presence of the Clerk. As Councillors J. Atkinson and R. Williams were not present to sign theirs, it was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor C.E. Jones JP that these Declarations could be signed at the next monthly meeting. All Councillors in agreement.

3. CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES

There are three vacancies for the Leeswood Ward of the Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council. These vacancies can be filled by co-option for 35 days after the date of the election (not including weekends and Bank Holidays). Failure to do so will involve the casual vacancy procedure which requires the Council to advertise the vacancy/ies. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D. Rule that these vacancies be advertised on the Community notice boards with the closing date for applications being 9th June 2017. All Councillors in agreement.

The Clerk was to write to ex-Councillors T. Hughes and K. McCallum JP thanking them for their past work on the Community Council.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, thanked all Councillors for their support during his year of Office. Overall it has been a good year with the Council meeting on a regular basis and some good decisions being made. Particularly pleasing was this Council's involvement with the new initiative of Age Friendly Communities. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, went on to add that this

Council has a good relationship with the County Councillor, Councillor R. Hughes, who was also a member of the Community Council. Thanks to the work of Councillor R. Hughes, the Community has been made safer with the erection of the speed camera in Pontblyddyn and is now to benefit from new Council properties. Councillor C.E. Jones JP remarked on Councillor R. Hughes' excellent attendance record at County Hall meetings and the significant amount of funding that he had helped obtain for Ysgol Derwenfa.

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, indicated that he wished his Chairman allowance of £300 to be used to purchase a new notice board at the Cemetery. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should look into the purchase of this. Councillor R. Hughes thanked the Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood for his work during the past year. This was endorsed by all Councillors.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2017/2018

Councillor R. Hughes proposed and Councillor C.E. Jones JP seconded that Councillor G. Sherwood be appointed Chairman for the year 2017/2018. It was unanimously agreed. The new Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana, thanked the Council for their support.

6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2017/2018

It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that Councillor D. Rule be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2017/2018. This was unanimously agreed. Councillor D. Rule thanked the Council for their support.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2017/2018

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor C.E. Jones JP that Councillor J.E. Saul should replace ex-Councillor Terry Hughes on the Cemetery Sub-Committee. All Councillors in agreement. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule proposed and Councillor G. Sherwood seconded that the Cemetery Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc with the replacement as previously agreed and the addition of Councillor D.K. Crowther. All Councillors in agreement.

Members are: - Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP and J.E. Saul.

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2017/2018

It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the Finance Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc but replacing ex-Councillor K. McCallum JP with the Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule. All Councillors in agreement.

A further proposal was made by Councillor C.E. Jones JP, that Councillor G. Sherwood be the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, this was seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule. All Councillors in agreement.

Members are: - Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Caruana, C.E. Jones JP, R. Hughes, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

9. APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

It was agreed that this should be open to all Councillors.

10. APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

By unanimous agreement, the members representing this Council on the Leeswood Community Management Committee would be Councillors J. Caruana and G. Sherwood. All Councillors in agreement.

11. APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana was thanked for his work as the Community Council's representative on the Liaison Committee. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana should remain in this role and that Councillor R. Williams, would attend on the occasions that the Chairman was unable to.

12. COUNTY FORUM REPRESENTATIVE

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor J.E. Saul would remain as the Council's representative on the County Forum. The Clerk would attend if Councillor Saul was unable to.

13. APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE AREA MEETINGS OF ONE VOICE WALES

Agreed that Councillors R. Hughes and G. Sherwood would attend these meetings. Councillor D.K. Crowther was nominated as substitute if either Councillor was unable to attend.

14. LEAD MEMBER FOR AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Clerk reported that following a discussion with Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council, it was suggested that the Community Council may wish to appoint a Councillor who would be the lead member for the Age Friendly Communities Project. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. Rule that Councillor G. Sherwood be appointed as the lead member. All Councillors in agreement.

15. RISK ASSESSMENT 2017/2018

Following a short discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that this item be included on the agenda for the June 2017 monthly meeting.