

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE CEMETERY AND AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2019.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair),

Councillor D.K. Crowther, Vice-Chairman,

Councillors J. Caruana, D. Foster, T. Hughes, L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul and G. Sherwood.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, L.T. Coleman, R. Williams and D. Rule.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

60. CEMETERY

Mr Aled Davies, Cemetery Sub-Contractor, met Councillors and Clerk on site at the Cemetery.

A discussion took place about the plans for work in the new extension. Mr Davies expressed concern that the proposed drain along the top boundary of the new extension may not be sufficient to deal with potential water issues on the site. It was agreed by all Councillors that the drain should be out in as soon as possible, weather permitting, and the ground could be inspected following this to see if any further drainage work is required. Observation was made that the existing Cemetery had 'lost' graves due to the poor layout over the years and that it is important to ensure that the plots in the new extension were marked out to achieve maximum capacity available. Query arose as to whether the fence separating the existing Cemetery and the new extension should be removed in its entirety. Reluctance at doing this

was expressed because at the present this provided some sort of deterrent to moles and rabbits. The clay spoil in the existing Cemetery is to be moved to the bottom boundary of the new extension and the land there to be built up with the intention of putting a Remembrance Garden there in the future.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Foster and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that Mr Davies should do whatever is necessary in order to put the drain in along the top boundary and to move the clay when weather permits. All Councillors were in agreement.

61. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2018/2019

JDH Business Services Ltd had conducted the internal audit for the financial year 2018/2019. The Clerk reported on the findings of the internal audit report.

Councillors acknowledged receipt of the report and noted the work that was still ongoing. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the report be accepted and that the Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes should sign the Annual Governance Statement (Part 2) reflecting this Council's approval. All Councillors were in agreement.