

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 COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 3rd APRIL 2018.

PRESENT

Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman,
Councillors J. Atkinson, C. Coleman, L.T. Coleman, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

304. DOMESTIC ENERGY TEAM, HEALTHY HOMES, HEALTHY PEOPLE AND WARM HOMES FUND

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana welcomed Shelley Webber, Project Manager, Regeneration, Community and Enterprise Portfolio, Flintshire County Council. Ms Webber explained that Flintshire County Council have been successful in securing £3.5 million in funding to help the most vulnerable residents of Flintshire. This is part of the Warm Wales, Healthy Homes Healthy People initiative. To enable the team to identify those most in need, Flintshire County Council need the assistance of the Town/Community Councils who they believe are in the best position to help them determine where these residents are. Residents who may be in need of help are those who are considered to have inadequate heating in their homes, such as coal fires and storage heaters. This form of heating would be replaced by gas in areas where this is possible or renewable energy in those areas where there is no gas supply.

Help will be given to people who are in the private rented sector, but it is important to note that this money is being spent on those living at the property not on the actual property itself. Visits to those members of the Community highlighted for a possible need for assistance will assess four areas; i) Home and Personal Safety; ii) Income maximisation and Personal/Family Support; iii) Affordable Warmth and iv) Health and Wellbeing outcomes. A leaflet has been published to identify those in need of assistance and there are five questions; a) do you own or rent your property from a landlord or agent; b) is your property affecting you or your family's health; c) is your property cold or damp; d) do you struggle to heat your property and e) are you in arrears with your rent, mortgage or fuel bills. If residents can answer yes to two or more of these questions, then Healthy Homes Healthy People can help.

The details of any resident needing help should be passed onto Joanna Seymour, Project Manager, Healthy Homes Healthy People North Wales by e-mail on HealthyHomesHP@flintshire.gov.uk or by phone on 01352 703440.

Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman thanked Ms Webber for attending the meeting.

305. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Atkinson and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

306. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was in attendance.

The following incidences were reported: -

Crime Issues/Trends

Dangerous Dog on Queen Street, Leeswood – Dog chased an individual showing its teeth and barking. Was dealt with by owner receiving a visit and having the LEAD initiative.

Common Assault – Child assaulted by another child on the way home from school. Investigations are ongoing.

Comment was made that there had been a road traffic accident outside the Druid Inn, Pontblyddyn. Concern was expressed about the speeding through Pontblyddyn village. It was believed that this accident was a result of illness.

Councillors asked about the possibility of a speed gun in the Community, this had been promised by various PCSOs over the years but had not happened. The focus area should be from the Community Centre along to the Surgery as Councillors felt that this was the area where speeding was most prevalent.

Query was raised as to the progress of the hate related incident on Queen Street, Leeswood that had been previously reported. PCSO Jones advised that this was ongoing and independent witnesses were being interviewed.

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana thanked PCSO Peter Jones for attending the meeting.

Observation was expressed regarding criminal activity occurring in the Community that was not being reported by the PCSO. Councillors were aware that the PCSO may not be familiar with these incidences himself and considered that a request be made for a more senior Officer to attend a Community Council meeting. All in agreement.

307. CO-OPTION OF MEMBER DUE TO VACANT SEAT FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR C.E. JONES JP

The Clerk advised that an election had not been requested. Notices of co-option would now be put on the Community notice boards.

308. COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON YSGOL DERWENFA GOVERNORS

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that Councillor D.K. Crowther replace Councillor J. Atkinson as this Council's representative on the Ysgol Derwenfa Governors. A second candidate, Councillor L.C. Richardson, was proposed by Councillor J. Atkinson and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul. Councillor D.K. Crowther was appointed by six votes to three. Three Councillors abstained, two of which were the nominees.

309. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Mrs Sian Jones of the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council who had advised the need for the relevant searches to be undertaken prior to the purchase of land. These searches were to cost in the region of £200 and a cheque had been sent to Mrs Jones in advance.

310. CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that Mr Aled Davies had e-mailed about the issue of people dumping household rubbish at the Cemetery. In the past five weeks his team had removed 440kg of this. Councillors expressed their dismay at people using the Cemetery for this purpose.

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he was waiting to hear from Mr Aled Davies to discuss the work to be done on the tree to the rear of the Cremated Remains section. The Clerk stated that she had spoken with Mr Davies and he would contact Councillor R. Hughes to arrange a meeting.

311. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Steering Group had met, and progress was being made in relation to the opening of a Community Café/Drop In. This will be happening over the next few months, the Café to initially be opened using the Committee Room of the Community Centre and then moving to the Clinic Area. The Food Protection Agency would need to inspect the kitchen to ensure that it could be used for the purpose of providing small snacks, such as toast and teacakes. Councillor L.C. Richardson reported that an Officer of Flintshire County Council had been to inspect the kitchen and he had advised that it was in a condition good enough to provide small snacks but would need to come back and inspect further for other types of food to be provided. Days and times of the Community Café is yet to be provided but it is thought to be aimed at people around in the morning.

312. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

It was reported that the new community bus service to Broughton was still getting very little use and what use there was seemed to be from residents of this Community. Concern was expressed if the service is not used it will be withdrawn.

The Clerk to Llanfynydd and Treuddyn Community Councils had e-mailed advising that a meeting had been arranged by County Councillor Carolyn Thomas, Cabinet Member for Streetscene on Friday 6th April 2018 for 7pm at Hafan Deg Centre, Treuddyn. Officers from Flintshire County Council Public Transport Department will be attending and also Mark Tami. The main topic of discussion is the loss of daily bus services affecting Treuddyn, Llanfynydd, Ffrith, Cymau and Abermorddu. This would also be a good opportunity to ask any questions in relation to the lack of evening bus services. It is a public meeting and members of this Council are very welcome to attend. Councillors expressed their gratitude for the invitation to this meeting and observed that the neighbouring Communities were in a worse position than this one having less in the way of daily bus services.

313. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Asset Transfer is moving forward and is now in the hands of the Solicitors acting for the Leeswood Community Centre Trust and Flintshire County Council. It is now progressing towards the stage of getting leases. Councillor R. Hughes advised that Neal Cockerton, Chief Officer, Organisational Change, Flintshire County Council was arranging for another Building Survey to take place.

314. PARKING ISSUES – BELL’S CORNER AND JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET

Mr Lee Shone, Road Safety Officer, Flintshire County Council had e-mailed Councillor R. Hughes explaining the process of obtaining double yellow lines on Bell’s Corner and the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street.

In this e-mail Mr Shone advised that firstly prior to completing a Draft Order, Notice of Proposal and Statement of Reasons, it would be necessary to seek approval from the Emergency Services and Key Stakeholders. The Notice would then be advertised in the local press, online, on-site and in a nominated location such as a local Library, Post Office for the statutory 21 days Consultation Period, again all associated costs are non-refundable.

There is a potential risk of objections being received during the Consultation Period and that these may not be over-ruled, therefore, the associated costs would be borne by this Council. However, should the objection not be valid, then a Delegated Report will be written and signed, recommending that the objection/s be over-ruled. The Notice of Marking can then be advertised, with

the order being sealed and all objectors would receive a written response. Following this, the road marking works would then be programmed.

Should the proposal not go ahead, there will be an element of cost for the Traffic Regulation Order that is non-refundable and if the road markings and signing does not go ahead because of objection/s that cannot be over-ruled a proportion of this money would be returned. The maximum anticipated cost is £2,500 for the Traffic Regulation Order and physical works.

Councillor R. Hughes advised that two Officers of the Flintshire County Council have agreed to meet with him and two representatives of this Council, the Chairman and Clerk on site at 12 midday on Friday 6th April 2018.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that double yellow lines should be put in both of the problem areas. All Councillors in agreement.

315. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

Councillor D.K. Crowther advised that had arranged an appointment at the Flintshire Record Office to obtain more material for inclusion on the iBeacon sites. Councillor J.E. Saul stated that he would attend with Councillor Crowther. It was pointed out that time is running out for completion of this project. Any material such as old photographs that people may have to share on the iBeacons would be greatly appreciated. The Clerk is to contact Mrs Jo Danson to organise a meeting.

316. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018

It was suggested that a Community meeting be arranged to discuss this Community Council's application in the Best Kept Communities Competition 2018. The Clerk is to invite representatives from all organisations to attend.

317. FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN

This item was to be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

318. COUNCILLOR C.E. JONES JP – COMMEMORATION OF SERVICE AS LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that representatives from the Community's organisations had been invited to attend the function arranged to commemorate C.E. Jones JP service as Community Councillor. A buffet was to be prepared by Mrs G. Brand and Miss C. Francis.

319. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

As a meeting at Bell's Corner and Bryn Clyd has been arranged with officers of Flintshire County Council, it was agreed that it would be convenient to include Pontblyddyn Crossroads at the same time. All Councillors in agreement.

320. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

Councillor R. Hughes reported that this work could be done by Flintshire County Council. The cost would be approximately £300. It was agreed by all Councillors that the work be done by the County Council and a discussion regarding a suitable place for the sign to be located could take place with the Officers attending the site meeting on Friday 6th April 2018.

321. PLANNING AID WALES – PRE-APPLICATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION: GOING BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS

Councillor J.E. Saul had attended this Planning Aid Wales Consultation Event on Wednesday 21st March 2018 at the Glyndwr University, Wrexham. His report had been circulated to all Councillors.

This is new legislation introduced in 2016. Some planning authorities do not feel that they have the resources to make it worthwhile but some of the requirements are statutory. It is meant to speed things up but our experience of the application on the cemetery was that it was an unnecessary bureaucratic addition which effectively doubled the application time for planning permission. The qualifying scale of development means that it will be unusual in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. The 28-day consultation period means it could be too late to comment between council meetings. One possibly related point raised at the conference was that Wrexham will no longer issue paper copies of application documents and councils will have to view them on line. Community and Town councils are now faced with installing smart TVs in their meeting rooms. There are no proposals by Flintshire to follow suit at present but with boundary changes we could end up in the same authority.

What does this apply to?

Applicants for schemes comprising 'major development' will need to undertake formal preapplication consultation. Major development is defined as:

- housing developments of 10 or more dwellings or where the site area is of 0.5 ha or more (if the number of dwellings is not known)
- the provision of a building(s) where the floorspace created exceeds 1,000 sq m
- the mining and working of minerals or the use of land for mineral-working deposits
- waste development
- development carried out on a site of 1 ha or more.

The statutory 28-day consultation period will begin once:

- Site notices (in English and Welsh) are placed for public view in and around the site.
- Owners or occupiers of land adjoining the application site have been notified via a letter (in English and Welsh).
- 'Community' and 'specified' consultees, have been consulted via a letter.

- A copy of the draft planning application is made available for public viewing - developers are encouraged to make this information available for viewing online.

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana thanked Councillor J.E. Saul for the report.

322. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union. It addresses the export of personal data outside the EU. The GDPR aims primarily to give control back to citizens and residents over their personal data and to simplify the regulatory environment for international business by unifying the regulation within the EU. When the GDPR takes effect, it will replace the 1995 Data Protection Directive (Directive 95/46/EC). It was adopted on 27th April 2016 and becomes enforceable from 25th May 2018, after a two-year transition period. In the Queen's Speech on 21st June 2017, the Data Protection Bill was announced. This will replace the Data Protection Act of 1998. As part of the Bill, the EU's GDPR standard will be applied preparing Britain for Brexit.

Members had been circulated with a Factsheet on the Data Protection Bill; the ICO Factsheet on preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); the Eduserv Guide to GDPR for Local Government and various documents from Sealand Community Council detailing the policies that they have in place regarding Data Protection.

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that no-one seemed to know whether Community Councils needed to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Some Community Councils would not be affected by this change as they kept very little in the way of data other than relating to invoices from suppliers. It was pointed out that we keep information regarding the Cemetery. The Clerk stated that this was only the name and addresses of those who own the grave, but she intended to speak to the Bereavement Officer at Flintshire County Council for advice.

All Councillors agreed that this item should be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

323. BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

Members had been circulated with copies of the BCU Health Board Draft Summary of Priorities 2018/21; Patient Advice Support Service presentation and the National Plan for Hearing Loss.

Comment was made that the Draft Summary of Priorities may work in theory but does not work in practice. It was a struggle to maintain nursing staff numbers within the NHS and Supply Nurses were being used more and more. The hourly pay rate for Supply Nurses is significantly higher than the pay rate for NHS staff.

324. WELSH GOVERNMENT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT GREEN PAPER

Councillors had been circulated with copies of the Green Paper consultation '*Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People*' launched by the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services.

The Welsh Government has published plans to strengthen local government in Wales. A Green Paper consultation sets out proposals to explore the possibility of creating larger, stronger councils. It also sets out for debate, possible options on how this can be achieved – from voluntary mergers, to a phased approach with early adopters merging first, followed by other authorities, to a comprehensive merger programme.

The Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services, Alun Davies AM has researched the challenges Authorities face and how these challenges are impacting on the future sustainability of services. Proposals aim to ensure councils are able to continue to provide essential services.

This document was accepted.

325. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Running water on the Hall Hill, Leeswood – it was pointed out that during the recent spell of wet weather, the water had been running from the field through the wall onto the road. Councillor R. Hughes advised that a request had been made for a drain to be cut in the field parallel to the wall to prevent this. To seal the wall would cause a bigger problem. This is an issue for the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council and it was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk write expressing this Council's concern regarding the state of the wall.

326. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Bin Collections – an issue was raised with the Bin Collections at Alyn Terrace, Pontblyddyn. There is an inconsistency with the collections, some operatives will go around the back of the properties while others state that the bins have to be at the end on the front. It was pointed out that Erith Street/King Street, Leeswood have to take their bins to the end of the row for collection. Councillor R. Hughes would speak to Streetscene about this.

b) Grid, bottom of Bryn Clyd, Leeswood – it was advised that this grid was blocked. Councillor R. Hughes was to report this.

c) Llys Llwydden, Leeswood – report was made that there is no street sign advising of the name of the new properties built on the site of the old garages at Heol-y-Goron. Councillor R. Hughes is to look into this. There was a further issue with children playing in the narrow access to the new properties. It was felt that as cars travelled into there at speed it could cause an accident.

327. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Request for salt bins on Rhodfa Helyg and other roads on the estate – Megan Phillips, a resident of Rhodfa Helyg has e-mailed a request for salt bins.

Councillors pointed out that there a number of streets in the Community that do not get cleared during snowy weather and it would be very expensive to provide salt bins on each one. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would go and see Ms Phillips to discuss the matter with her. The Clerk is to write to the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council requesting that they treat the side roads in the Community if possible.

b) Mayor of Mold – Members had been circulated with a diary of the Bailey Hill fundraising events. This was accepted.

c) Chairman, Flintshire County Council – Spring Charity Fashion Show will be held at the Mold Ex-Servicemen’s Club on Friday 20th April at 7pm. £3 per ticket. This was accepted.

328. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – March 2018	£628.31	£0.00	£628.31
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – March 2018	£125.55	£0.00	£125.55
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – March 2018	£264.00	£52.80	£316.80
HMRC	PAYE/NI Q4 2017/2018	£388.30	£0.00	£388.30
Planning Aid Wales	Place on Pre-Planning Consultation Event 21.03.2018	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
	Totals: -	£1,426.16	£52.80	£1,478.96

329. INCOME RECEIVED

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

330. BANK BALANCES

At 29th January 2018: - Deposit account - £80,944.97 and current account - £5,185.07.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.