

THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 7th JANUARY 2020

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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 7th JANUARY 2020.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillor D.K. Crowther, Vice-Chairman,
Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D. Foster, 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 L.T. Coleman, Terry Hughes, Timothy Hughes, D. Rule and R. Williams.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

184. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

185. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend this evening. He had forwarded an e-mail to the Clerk advising that there were no recent incidents to report. Observation was made that a panel had been removed from the smoking area alongside the old Club. It was known that youths were now using this area as a place to gather. Aura (ex Flintshire County Council Leisure Services) had been up to clean the paint obscenities on the Skate Park. It was understood that no suspects had been identified for this incident and there was to be no further investigation because of this. All Councillors agreed that Inspector Steven Owens be invited to attend a meeting of this Council.

186. CEMETERY

Councillors noted that the Cemetery was looking very well. It was pointed out that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing a very good job there. All Councillors were in agreement that they are very pleased with the Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that she and Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, had met with Mr Aled Davies on site at the Cemetery. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that

excellent work had been done on the new drain in the extension. A mixture of hawthorn and holly hedging is to be planted on the top side of the extension in keeping with the hedge in the existing Cemetery. Laurel hedging is to be planted at the bottom of the new extension in line with the hedging that was to be planted once the car park wall has been removed. It was agreed by all Councillors that the fencing separating the existing Cemetery and the new extension be removed and replaced with hedging. A gap is to be left at the place where the road will eventually be extended.

187. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The next Lunch Club is to take place on Wednesday 8th January 2020. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that this was very successful.

188. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Asset Transfer lease has now been signed and the Charitable Trust is in the process of taking possession of the Community Centre. The Social Evening held on Saturday 21st December 2019 had been a successful and enjoyable evening. New Year's Eve had been a very well attended function with approximately 100 people present. It had been the best New Year's Eve dance held in a long time. The Music Night's held on the last Friday of the month would continue this year. These were growing in popularity. It was also the intention to open the Community Centre for the Welsh rugby matches during the Six Nations Championship. A suggestion was made that a diary be put in the Leeswood & District Newsletter and the Co-Op advertising what was on at the Community Centre.

189. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

Councillor R. Hughes advised that the monitoring of this area was ongoing. The issue of parking in the area of the Motorbike Café remains of great concern and whilst there had been no accident, there had been a couple of close shaves.

190. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: A MORE EQUAL WALES – COMMENCING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Rhian Pritchard, Socio-Economic Duty – Policy Manager, Welsh Government, advising that the Welsh Government has launched an eight-week consultation. This consultation ends on 17th January 2020. Also enclosed is a copy of the Written Statement delivered by Jane Hutt, Deputy Minister and Chief Whip, the Consultation Document and the Regulatory Impact Assessment. This was accepted.

191. SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2020-21

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Judith Cole, Local Government Finance & Workforce Partnerships Division, Welsh Government, advising that the appropriate sum for purposes of Section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2020-21 is £8.32 per

elector. The Clerk advised that this Council's expenditure on Section 137 falls well within the limit.

192. NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE 'HEALTH WATCHDOG ASKS PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT VASCULAR SERVICES'

A copy of the news release had been circulated to all Members. This advised that the first event held in Pwllheli had been well attended and the dates of further events scheduled.

193. A SHARED COMMUNITY – A CHARTER BETWEEN FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF THE COUNTY

For their information, members will find enclosed a copy of the Charter which this Council is signed up to. The Clerk advised that this would be of use to the newer Councillors who would not have received a copy of this previously. Councillor G. Sherwood informed that this Charter is a very important document and that the relationship between Flintshire County Council and the Town/Community Councils was excellent compared to other Local Authorities and their Town/Community Councils. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, agreed with this, stating that the communication between Flintshire County Council and their Town/Community Councils was an example that other Local Authorities should follow.

194. WELSH GOVERNMENT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) BILL

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Written Statement made by Julie James AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government. Also circulated was a copy of the Oral Statement which advises that the Bill requires Community Councils to prepare an Annual Report about the Council's priorities, activities and achievements during the year. This had been a recommendation from the independent review of Town and Community Councils in Wales and is key to ensuring transparency and accountability. The Clerk informed that an Annual Report was a good way of communicating to the Community the work of this Council. Councillors agreed with this.

195. GOV.UK – UNDERSTANDING NEW ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES

Copies of gov.uk guidance on 'understanding new accessibility requirements for public sector bodies' and 'make your website or app accessible and publish an accessibility statement' had been circulated to all Members. Websites are required to be made accessible to those who have impaired vision, motor difficulties, cognitive impairments or learning disabilities and deafness of impaired hearing. This should be done by 23rd September 2020. Councillor J.E. Saul had prepared an Accessibility Statement for this Council which was circulated to all Members and had been put on the Community Council website.

196. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION – CONNECTING COMMUNITIES IN WALES NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2019

For their information, Members had been circulated with a copy of the CTA Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter issue number 3, December 2019. This was accepted.

197. CODGERS QUARTERLY – ISSUE 21 DECEMBER 2019

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Codgers Quarterly newsletter for December 2019. Councillors stated that they thought this was a useful and informative publication.

198. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Dingle Road, Leeswood – the road was closed but the work was not carried out. This was to be re-scheduled.

b) Road through Leeswood from the Doctor’s Surgery to the Wylfa Farm – the re-surfacing has failed. This will be re-done by the contractor hired by Flintshire County Council for free in March 2020, weather permitting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that the County Council will try to get the road re-surfaced from Bell’s Corner to the Wylfa Farm without cost.

c) Chester Road, Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that the potholes on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn need repairing. It is believed that the cause of these potholes is water run off from nearby farm land.

199. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mayor of Mold – Charity Dinner, Dance & Auction – this is to take place on Saturday 15th February 2020 at the Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton, Mold. Tickets are £35.00 per person.

200. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – December 2019.	£633.37	£0.00	£633.37
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – December 2019	£114.60	£0.00	£114.60
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – drain work, clay removal etc.	£4,200.00	£840.00	£5,040.00
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – December 2019			
HMRC	PAYE/NI Q3	£477.17	£0.00	£477.17
Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Festive Lights – invoices 6346 + 6347	£2,860.00	£572.00	£3,432.00

201. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

202. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th November 2019 - deposit account - £77,069.89 and current account - £303.83.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.00pm.