

THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 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 3rd MARCH 2020.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillors L.T. Coleman, D. Foster, Terry Hughes, Timothy Hughes, L.C. Richardson,
G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

221. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D. Foster that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

222. LOCAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS – FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Sarah Blake of Flintshire County Council was present at the meeting. Ms Blake has been in post since October 2019 and is responsible for local travel arrangements in Communities where there are no commercial services. Commercial services are not within the control of Flintshire County Council, local travel arrangements are paid for by the County Council. The commercial bus service between Wrexham and Mold that serves Leeswood is very well used. Unfortunately, the bus service that served the local areas including Leeswood to Broughton/Chester was not well used and because of this has been withdrawn. It would have been unfair to have kept the Broughton/Chester service running when some Flintshire villages are crying out for bus services.

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman and Ms Blake have been in discussion about Demand Responsive Transport. The aim of this is to pick passengers up at their home address and transfer them to the nearest bus stop, giving them a link to the commercial services. It is not to take them directly to Mold or Wrexham as there can be no competition with the current commercial services available. The bus would wait at the bus stop with the passengers until the commercial service bus arrived. A booking system has been organised and passengers have a contact number to book

their place. At present this service is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Passengers would be required to pay a £10 one-off fee to show a commitment to the service. Councillors welcomed this initiative as there was concern that the elderly residents of the Community, in particular those who lived in the Pensioners bungalows, were in danger of becoming isolated. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman and Councillor Terry Hughes were to deliver leaflets advertising this new service to the residents of the Pensioners bungalows. Ms Blake was to make arrangements to attend a meeting of the Senior Citizens group.

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, thanked Ms Blake for attending the meeting.

223. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend this evening. He had forwarded an e-mail to the Clerk.

Incident update - (from 02/02/2020 to 29/02/2020)

Crime Issues/Trends (updates from last month)

Bryn Clyd, Leeswood – theft of a motor vehicle – a vehicle has been taken via unknown means in the middle of the night. Vehicle was later located in the Wrexham area. Forensics experts have examined vehicle. All lines of enquiry have now been investigated and no suspects have been identified.

Birch Court, Leeswood – common assault – Person reported being assaulted by the neighbour. Enquiries are on-going.

Bryn Clyd, Leeswood – burglary – section of rear patio door has been smashed and the door has then been unlocked with the key that had been left in the door. Watch and collectable 50p's stolen from within. All lines of enquiry have been completed no suspect has been identified.

ASB Issues

Community Centre, Leeswood - ASB – youths causing a nuisance at the rear of the location reportedly using drugs. The youths had left the area prior to Officer attendance.

Henffordd, rear of Bryn Clyd, Leeswood - ASB – persons using motorbikes in an anti-social manner. Officers had attended but bikes had vacated the area prior to arrival.

Other News/PCSO activities

Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – drugs warrant conducted. No drugs were found.

A541, Pontblyddyn – driver failed roadside drug test.

Bowling Club, Leeswood – the PCSO has been made aware of issues of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour on site. He is patrolling the area but would be grateful for any information on those causing the issues.

224. 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 Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes reported that Mr Aled Davies and his team had now removed the Church car park wall. A new bin store had been erected in the corner of the Church car park adjacent to the Cemetery entrance. All Councillors agreed that an e-mail should be sent to Mr Aled Davies thanking him for his work.

Councillor Terry Hughes advised that the door to the Cemetery notice board has come off. Councillor G. Sherwood offered to look for a suitable replacement.

225. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 060952

Erection of new attached single garage

The Trees, Oak Park, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4UH.

Councillors had no objection to this application.

Planning Application – 060960

Erection of a detached dwelling

Land adjacent to Oakville Bungalow, Oak Villas, Oak Park, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4SQ.

Councillors expressed concern with water issues at this site and it was felt that the size of the plot was not big enough for the proposed size of the dwelling.

226. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that the lunch club was very well attended.

The Community Café was also doing well with regular attendance, although there had been an increase of residents present during the recent School half-term. Plans were being considered to hold afternoon teas during the School summer holidays.

There would be no lunch club when the School was closed for summer.

227. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Trustees are in the process of assessing the priority for refurbishment works. This involved the false ceiling, heating, lighting and windows for a start. It was agreed that the Main Hall needed a significant amount of radiators to heat that part of the building.

228. WALES AUDIT OFFICE – CONSULTATION ON FUTURE AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN WALES 2020/21 ONWARDS

The Auditor General is required to audit the annual accounts of all community and town councils in Wales. From 2020-21 onwards, a three-year audit programme is proposed which is designed to meet statutory responsibilities while providing a sufficient level of audit assurance at a reasonable cost. The Auditor General is seeking the views of interested parties on the proposed audit arrangements.

Members had been circulated with a copy of the document 'Invitation to Comment: Future Audit Arrangements for Community Councils in Wales 2020/21 Onwards' for their reference. Consultation closes on 19th March 2020. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should respond.

- 229. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL WALES BOARD – ‘TIME TO GO HOME?’**
Members had been circulated with a copy of the latest Press Release and accompanying document from the Community Health Council Wales Board relating to the impact of delays when people are well enough to leave hospital. This was accepted.
- 230. ONE VOICE WALES – RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP 2020/21**
E-mail correspondence had been received from Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales. This was circulated to all Members with a copy of correspondence detailing what One Voice Wales have been doing on our behalf during the 2019/2020 financial year and a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ Leaflet in relation to the work of One Voice Wales. Councillor G. Sherwood commented that membership of One Voice Wales was beneficial to this Council. The Clerk agreed stating that many informative e-mails were received from them and this was most appreciated. All Councillors agreed that membership should be renewed.
- 231. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OF CARE**
For their information Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Mr Leighton Jones, Secretariat to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Also circulated was a copy of the draft Supplementary Report on the Principles relating to the reimbursement of the costs of care and a covering letter from Mr John Bader, Chair to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. This was accepted.
- 232. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – REGIONAL HOMELESS STRATEGY**
Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Neal Cockerton, Chief Officer, Housing and Assets, Flintshire County Council advising on the introduction of the ‘Streetlink App’ which enables a more consistent method of reporting rough sleeping and allows better data collection to ensure that support is targeted in the areas most required. This was accepted.
- 233. WELSH GOVERNMENT – BEYOND RECYCLING**
For their information Members had been circulated with a copy of the Welsh Government ‘Beyond Recycling – Consultation Document Guide’. Also circulated was a schedule of dates where Consultation Events are being held across Wales. The Consultation Period closes on 3rd April 2020. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should respond to this Consultation.
- 234. KEEP WALES TIDY – GREEN GROWTH PROJECTS**
For information purposes, Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales and supporting information relating to funding opportunities available from the Keep Wales Tidy Green Growth programme. This was accepted.

235. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Road through Leeswood from the Doctor's Surgery to the Wylfa Farm – as Councillors had been previously informed, the re-surfacing has failed. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that the re-surfacing will be done by the contractor hired by Flintshire County Council for free, work commencing mid-March 2020, weather permitting.

b) Flooding at Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, reported that the pipes had silted up, but this issue has now been resolved. The obstruction in the river by the Cricket Club had been removed and the water had dissipated.

c) Henffordd, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes informed that Officers of the County Council have inspected Henffordd, Leeswood. It had been noted that the sleeping policemen had been installed straight across which was not correct. A lot of remedial work would be required to correct the issues.

236. AGENDA ITEMS AWAITING COMPLETION/FURTHER INFORMATION

a) Parking issues – Bell's Corner

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 274 of the April 2017 meeting. The yellow lines would be painted in once the road re-surfacing had been complete.

b) Pontblyddyn Crossroads

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 151 of the October 2017 meeting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that the County Council were now ready to submit a scheme.

c) Environmental act 2016 – Community & Town Councils duty under section 6

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 127 of the October 2019 meeting. No further progress has been made.

d) Visibility issues junction of Constitution Hill, Leeswood

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 130 of the October 2019 meeting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman reported that monitoring in this area is ongoing.

e) ssafa the Armed Forces charity – VE Day 75th Anniversary – 8th to 10th May 2020

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 154 of the November 2019 meeting. Councillor R. Hughes informed that Miss Rhiannon Coleman had organised events for Saturday 9th May 2020. The Clerk advised that she was awaiting confirmation for a Community Church Service on Sunday 10th May 2020. Councillors expressed a wish to provide some financial support to Miss Coleman for the events that she had organised.

237. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – February 2020.	£633.37	£0.00	£633.37
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – February 2020.	£87.15	£0.00	£87.15
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – Church car park wall removal and associated works	£4,710.00	£942.00	£5,652.00
KTL Contracting Ltd	Traffic management re Festive Lights	£570.00	£114.00	£684.00
Councillor J.E. Saul	Purchase of new Festive Lights to replace those damaged	£1,083.30	£216.66	£1,299.96
Came & Company	Skate Park insurance 2020	£774.24	£0.00	£774.24
	<u>Totals: -</u>	<u>£7,858.06</u>	<u>£1,272.66</u>	<u>£9,130.72</u>

238. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

239. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th January 2020 - deposit account - £81,441.65 and current account - £3,746.68.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.