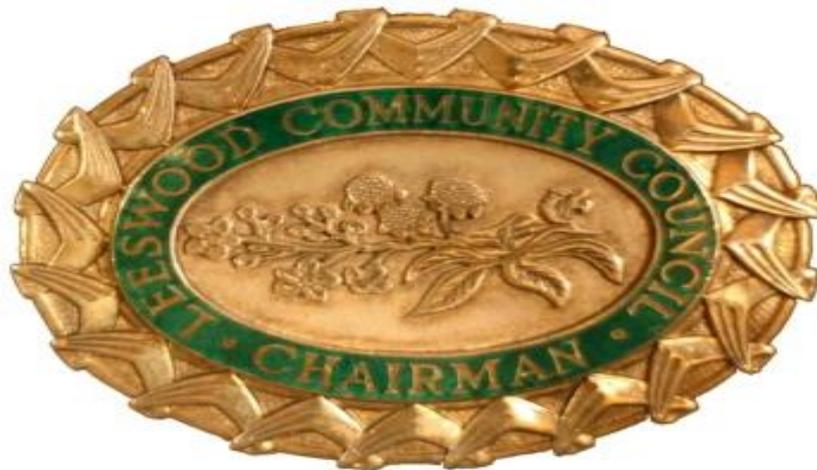


THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021

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 9th MARCH 2021.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, D. Foster, Terry Hughes, Timothy 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 and R. Williams.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

30. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the Precept meeting held on Thursday 28th January 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J.E. Saul and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

31. POLICE LIAISON

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was now a Police Constable. There was a new PCSO in place and he would look into the Clerk receiving reports.

32. CEMETERY

Residents had praised the condition of the Cemetery, stating that it was looking very well. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, pointed out that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing a very good job there. All Councillors were pleased that the Cemetery was receiving these favourable comments.

The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes reported that he had met with Mrs Danielle Chapman who had requested permission to instal a seat in memory of her late husband. This seat would be installed alongside the other seats on the top section of plot 5.

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that some of the new hedge laurels were looking yellow in parts. It was agreed by all Councillors that these would be inspected regularly and replaced if necessary.

33. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that no groups were meeting at the Community Centre due to the Coronavirus restrictions. The Doctor's surgery had used the Main Hall of the Community Centre to provide the Community with flu jabs and were now doing the same for the Covid vaccinations.

34. MINISTERIAL ADVISING FORUM ON AGEING (MAFA)

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Emma Harney, Partnership and Co-Operation Division, Welsh Government, advising that the Deputy Health Minister for Health and Social Services has launched the public consultation for the Strategy for an Ageing Society. The consultation document had also been circulated. This closes on 15th March 2021. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk complete this on behalf of the Council.

35. ONE VOICE WALES AND SAVE A LIFE CYMRU

E-mail correspondence from Gwenda Lloyd Davies informing that One Voice Wales and Save a Life Cymru are working together to encourage Communities in Wales to understand the importance of learning CPR and using a defibrillator had been circulated to all Members. Following a discussion, it was decided that suggestions for a place in Leeswood village to site a further defibrillator be brought to the next monthly meeting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, was to make enquiries with Flintshire County Council as to whether they would be able to help with the required electrical feed.

36. NHS, SOCIAL CARE & FRONTLINE WORKERS DAY – 5TH JULY 2021

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster, advising of the intention to hold a special day to celebrate and commemorate those that work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week without any thought of their own safety. The Clerk informed that Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, had previously expressed a wish to organise a Community Council funded event at the Community Centre for the key worker residents of the Community who had worked during the Coronavirus pandemic. It was agreed by all Councillors that this be added to the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

37. HM LAND REGISTRY – SURVEY OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN WALES

A copy of e-mail correspondence from Mr Lyn Cadwallader, CEO, One Voice Wales, advising that that HM Land Registry is tasked with registering all public sector body land by 2025 had been circulated to all Members. This survey had been developed by HM Land Registry in conjunction with One Voice Wales, closing date for the survey was 26th February 2021. The Clerk advised that she had completed this survey on behalf of this Community Council.

38. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - SUMMER PLAYScheme 2021

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Janet A Roberts,

Play Development Officer, Flintshire County Council, informing that the cost of the three-week Playscheme for 2021 will be £1,428.90. Additional weeks can be purchased at a charge of £476.30 per week. The Clerk reported that she had requested a six-week Playscheme as the financing for this had been agreed at the Precept meeting.

39. LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN AGE FRIENDLY STEERING GROUP

A copy of e-mail correspondence from Councillor G. Sherwood who wrote in his capacity as Chairman of the Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Age Friendly Steering Group had been circulated to all Councillors. Councillor Sherwood advised that the Steering Group has small surplus funds and have been looking to locate a bench in the Community as this is encouraged by the Older People's Commissioner to assist those who are less mobile and need to rest frequently. The location suggested is the grass verge in front of Ysgol Derwenfa which is on route to the Co-Op from the OAP bungalows. It is requested by the Steering Group that this Council considers assisting in getting a bench installed by contributing towards the cost and obtaining the necessary permission from Flintshire County Council. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, was to make enquiries with the Headteacher of Ysgol Derwenfa and Flintshire County Council to see if the installation of a bench on the verge by the School was acceptable. All Councillors agreed that funding support would be given if permission was obtained.

40. CENSUS 2021

For their information, members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Fiona Mocko, Strategic Policy Advisor, Flintshire County Council. Also circulated was the Councillors handbook for the Census 2021. The Census 2021 will take place on 21st March 2021. Every 10 years the census gives a complete picture of the nation and comparing different groups of people. Census population estimates are vital in helping to shape the communities in which we live and work, so it is important that we all complete the Census. Flintshire County Council will be following the Census Twitter pages and be posting tweets to encourage everyone to complete the Census 2021. There is also have a link to Census jobs on the jobs page on the Flintshire County Council website.

41. STREETSCENE AREA CO-ORDINATOR ATTENDANCE AT TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Barry Wilkinson, Highway Network Manager, Flintshire County Council, advising that in recognition of the on-going burden that the pandemic is having on frontline services, he is writing to ask that when requiring our local Area Coordinator to attend meetings, could we provide details of the issues to be discussed in advance and a time for the Area Coordinator to log-in and attend the remote meeting.

In his correspondence, Mr Wilkinson explained that the team of Area Coordinators are key in providing frontline and out-of-hours cover for the service, and this role has been flexible in supporting a number of functions throughout Streetscene since the initial impact of the pandemic, whilst also covering absence within the team and the additional demand of adverse weather in recent weeks, and they are therefore seeking to reduce the out of hours commitment on these key members of staff.

If the issues in hand require attendance for greater than 30 minutes, then details of the issues should be provided to the relevant Operational Area Manager for them to discuss

with their team and provide a response in advance of the meeting, or that they attend in place of the Area Coordinator, subject to the extent of the issues.

All Councillors agreed that this be added to the agenda for the next monthly meeting where a discussion would take place on questions to put to the Area Coordinator who would be invited to the May monthly meeting.

42. ONE VOICE WALES – TRAINING SESSIONS MARCH 2021

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Wendy Patience, Administrator, One Voice Wales, advising of the training sessions available during March 2021. This was accepted.

43. WELSH GOVERNMENT - LITTER AND FLY-TIPPING PREVENTION PLAN

E-mail correspondence from Dr Catrin Jones, Policy Officer, One Voice Wales, advising that the Welsh Government is currently consulting on its new Litter and Fly-tipping Prevention Plan for Wales had been circulated to all Members. The consultation ends on 22nd April 2021. One Voice Wales will be submitting a response and would be grateful for the views of Town and Community Councils by the end of March 2021. Also circulated were the relevant parts of the consultation document and the questions to be answered. This was accepted.

44. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Repairing of potholes in the villages of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that this remedial work had taken place, although he was aware that those on County Road, Leeswood had been left out.

b) Ffordd Siarl play area, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, reported that new play equipment had been installed and drainage work had taken place.

c) Area by kissing gate accessing football field next to Skate Park – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman had informed in the December 2020 monthly meeting that Flintshire County Council had been advised that this area had become very muddy. This remains outstanding due to the issues still being incurred because of the pandemic.

45. 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. It is acknowledged that work here remains outstanding and the situation with the pandemic is not helping.

b) Pontblyddyn Crossroads

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 151 of the October 2017 meeting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that Flintshire County Council have not yet received any information following submission of their 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. The Clerk advised that she has not received any further information.

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 although monitoring is ongoing, the issue in that area has changed at the present because of the Coronavirus restrictions.

46. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

a) Pontblyddyn Crossroads - Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, brought to the attention of the Council that there had been an episode of dangerous driving at the Pontblyddyn Crossroads. He had been travelling to Mold when a vehicle had come across on the wrong side of the road. This could have caused a serious accident. Councillor D.K. Crowther informed that he frequently used this stretch of road with his work and had seen the same thing happen. A suggestion was made that the installation of CCTV cameras on the Pontblyddyn Crossroads would be useful to monitor this. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, was to contact the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council about this. All Councillors expressed their concern at this information and agreed that this item should be included on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

b) Ysgol Derwenfa funding for zoom licence upgrade – The Clerk explained that Ysgol Derwenfa required a zoom licence upgrade to facilitate the various meetings held. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that a donation of £150.00 be given to Ysgol Derwenfa to cover the cost of this. All Councillors were in agreement. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman and Councillor D.K. Crowther declared an interest as they are both in the board of Governors.

47. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Defibrillator pads	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00
Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water rates – Cemetery	£98.53	£0.00	£98.53
Scottish Power	Street lighting – electricity	£352.44	£17.62	£370.06
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – December 2020	£264.00	£52.80	£316.80
Mega Electrical	Christmas lights installation	£2,910.00	£582.00	£3,492.00
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – December 2020	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery	£25.39	£0.00	£25.39
HMRC	PAYE/NICs Q3 2020/2021	£460.36	£0.00	£460.36
Flintshire County Council	Play area match funding	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance – repairs on Drury Lane, Leeswood.	£224.05	£0.00	£224.05
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – January 2021	£264.00	£52.80	£316.80
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – January 2021	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
H.J. Williams	Grave test	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance – inspections April/May/June/July/August 2020	£408.15	£0.00	£408.15

Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance – inspections September/October/November/December 2020	£326.52	£0.00	£326.52
Came & Company	Skate Park insurance	£795.97	£0.00	£795.97
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – February 2021	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
Miss M Reynolds	Printer cartridges x 3	£90.57	£0.00	£90.57
Miss M Reynolds	Zoom licence upgrade	£119.90	£23.98	£143.88
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – February 2021	£264.00	£52.80	£316.80
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance – work carried out at County Road and Stryt-Cae-Rhedyn, Leeswood	£180.55	£0.00	£180.55
Ysgol Derwenfa	Donation re Zoom upgrade	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
	Total: -	£12,084.99	£798.00	£12,882.99

48. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

49. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th January 2021 - deposit account - £46,370.02 and current account - £48,253.33.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.00pm.