



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman

Councillors J. Atkinson, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, K. McCallum JP, J.E. Saul and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillors J. Phoenix and D. Rule.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **52. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones and PCSO Maggie Lynch of the Buckley area were in attendance.

##### **Incident update – Leeswood**

17/06/2016 – Fraud, Llys Ann – this is to be investigated where they offence took place in Nottingham.

20/06/2016 – ASB Personal, Ffordd Derw – advice given.

25/06/2016 – ASB Personal, Ffordd Siarl – advice given.

29/06 to 04/07/2016 – area of Eaton Place - number of incidents called to NWP regarding ongoing neighbourhood problems – currently being monitored.

##### **No incidents recorded in Pontblyddyn.**

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones and PCSO Andrea Ellis will be in attendance at the Leeswood Carnival along with a number of police cadets.

Plain clothes officers are now working as part of the Community Policing Team. PCSO Hadfield-Jones informed that a couple of PCSOs had left so at present the current team were also having to police the areas left uncovered by these vacancies.

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood thanked PCSO Hadfield-Jones and PCSO Lynch for attending the meeting.

**53. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

**54. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – BUS SUBSIDIES**

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Mrs Carolyn Thomas the Clerk to Llanfynydd and Treuddyn Community Councils regarding the possibility of this Council taking part in a joint meeting about the bus subsidy cuts in Flintshire. It was agreed that four members plus the Clerk would attend this meeting.

**55. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

It was reported that Mrs. Sian Jones of Legal Services, Flintshire County Council is ready to re-open the file once she is approached by the Solicitors acting for Mr George Owens. The Clerk stated she had not heard anything further from Mr Owens or his Solicitors. Councillor C.E. Jones JP was to speak with Mr Owens' daughter, Jackie, to see if progress could be made.

**56. CEMETERY**

Concern was expressed that an inspection of the headstones should take place at the Cemetery. The Clerk was to look into this. All Councillors agreed that a meeting of the full Council should take place at the Cemetery with the Clerk to arrange a date sometime in August.

**57. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application Number – 055582  
Erection of side extension  
2 Alyn View, Constitution Hill, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4HT

There were no observations made in regard of this planning application.

**58. PLANNING DECISIONS**

Application Number – 055165  
Erection of storage shed/workshop  
Old Padeswood Golf Club, Station Lane, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RD

This has been approved by delegated officer.

Comment was made that objections have been subsequently made that this planning application has not been handled right.

**59. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

This item was brought forward as Councillor R. Hughes had to leave the meeting.

- a) Dingle Road – this has now been soiled and seeded.
- b) Hall Hill – this is the next area to be worked on.

- c) Flintshire County Council litter picker – it was remarked that an excellent job was done and a letter should be sent to Streetscene regarding this. All Councillors in agreement.
- d) Manhole on Pontybodkin Hill – this required attending to.
- e) Sheds in the Community Centre grounds – these were to be used by the Leeswood Carnival Committee for storage.

**60. REPORT ON THE INTERNAL AUDIT 2015/2016**

The financial reports for 2015/2016 had been circulated to all Councillors. A report on the internal audit 2015/2016 was presented by the Clerk. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that these be accepted. All Councillors were in agreement.

**61. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

In her position as Treasurer to the Community Centre Management Committee, the Clerk reported there was still a problem being able to access the Charities Commission's online forms. Mr John Gray of FLVC had made a complaint to the Charities Commission about this. Work on preparing a business plan is ongoing, three years of accounts are required. Due to a Charity group not being able to have an involvement with licensed premises it is important to know whether the bar is financially viable. It had been a busy time for functions with the Carnival Committee hiring the Centre and a number of private parties had been booked.

**62. COUNTY FORUM MEETING – THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

Councillor J.E. Saul had attended the County Forum meeting held at FLVC, Corlan, Mold on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

He presented a report as follows: -

Age Friendly Communities – In February 2014, the Flintshire County Council signed the Dublin Declaration demonstrating its commitment to becoming age friendly. Alan Hatton-Yeo (national expert lead on Age-Friendly Communities) gave a presentation on what is meant by Age Friendly Communities, why it is important for communities to be age friendly and to discuss the next steps including how Town and Community Councils can become involved. Following Councillor Saul's recommendation, the Clerk had invited a representative from Flintshire County Council to attend the next Community Council meeting in order to discuss this Council becoming involved in the pilot scheme. All Councillors in agreement.

Future of Local Government/Financial Future – An overview of the current position on Local Government Re-organisation and Boundary Reviews. If the Local Government settlement is held at the 2016/2017 level, the combined 'gap' for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 is beyond the County Council's means. It would seem that the Community Asset Transfers are on hold for now.

Community Asset Transfers – A report on the overall programme and to discuss with Town and Community Councils proposals for play area provision. The County Council estimates that it can sustain four play areas per community plus skate park and wheeled facilities. It would seem that this community will not be affected during this year.

**63. HSBC BANK**

The Clerk informed that the Bank had now made the name changes on the bank accounts and a new cheque book, also paying-in book had been received.

It was agreed that the changes to the mandate could now be made.

**64. MILLENNIUM CLOCK**

A copy of the report of necessary works to the Clock and a copy of the maintenance agreement are still being awaited.

**65. POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK**

Work on this had now been priced up. The water is to be piped into two sunk manholes on the pathway. It is likely that Flintshire County Council will be expecting a contribution towards the cost from this Council.

The Australian swamp weed cannot be taken off site. This needs to be buried.

**66. POST OFFICE, LEESWOOD**

Information was received from the Post Office about a programme of investment and transformation taking place across the Post Office network. There are proposed changes to the Leeswood branch of the Post Office which will take place in September/October of this year. A small amount of disruption will occur as it is estimated that the Post Office will be closed for approximately seven days. Comments will be accepted up to and including Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**67. GO SAFE WALES**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Go Safe Wales June newsletter.

**68. COMMEMORATION OF COUNCILLOR R. HUGHES YEAR OF OFFICE AS CHAIR TO FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 2015/2016**

As Councillor D. Rule was absent this evening, it was agreed that this item be put on the Agenda for the September meeting.

**69. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Leonard Cheshire Disability Cymru Wales – correspondence from Kimberley Edmunds, Volunteer Co-Ordinator, requesting to come and speak to the Council to promote the aims and objectives of Leonard Cheshire Disability. Also to raise awareness and provide volunteer opportunities. This was accepted.

b) One Voice Wales – notice was received that the next meeting of the Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee and AGM would take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Capel Y Groes, Bodhyfryd, Wrexham at 7.00pm.

**70. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	<b>£30.44</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – June 2016	<b>£568.99</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Grass cutting in Cemetery June 2016	<b>£561.60</b>
Valuation Office Agency	Valuation of land adjacent to Cemetery	<b>£580.38</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street light maintenance 2015/2016	<b>£771.03</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street light maintenance April/May 2016	<b>£163.26</b>
JDH Business Services	Internal audit 2015/2016	<b>£198.00</b>
Leeswood Community Centre	Part of grant 2016/2017	<b>£1,864.31</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,738.01</b>

**71. INCOME RECEIVED**

None at the time of the meeting.

**72. BANK BALANCES**

At present there is £61,290.16 in the deposit account and £9,832.79 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.00pm.