



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 7th FEBRUARY 2017.

PRESENT

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

Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman of the Council

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, K. McCallum JP and J. Phoenix.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

205. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Mrs Helen Jones and Ms Ella Jackson of the Age Friendly Communities Team at Flintshire County Council were in attendance, along with Ms Natasha John, Business Development Manager at Volunteering Matters.

Mrs Jones explained that Volunteering Matters had been awarded funding from the Big Lottery 'Accelerating Ideas Programme'. The funding is for a five-year period to explore the impact of Community based activities that are led by the older people living in rural areas of Wales and Scotland. In Wales, an Age Friendly Community approach will be used which recognises the importance of effective engagement with older people but the need for an intergenerational approach. The Programme will work in four pilot areas in Wales; one area each in the counties of Flintshire (the Community of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn) and Pembrokeshire (Milford Haven) in the first two years and two further areas selected for years 3 and 4. This funding would be able to provide a Project Co-Ordinator working with the Community for two years for 21 hours per week. Mrs Jones and Ms Jackson had met with the Youth Club and the Senior Citizens, also arrangements were being made to visit with the Primary School. However, they had other work within their job roles and were not able to just focus on the Age Friendly Communities process, having a Project Co-Ordinator would mean that this person could liaise with the Community groups and organisations. Ms John advised that the timetable for appointing a Project Co-Ordinator would be March 2017.

At present an Age Friendly Communities programme had been rolled out in larger urban areas. The Community of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn would be the first small Community to participate. Query was raised as to whether the cities or urban areas who already had experience of the programme would have models or be able to give advice or pointers? It was agreed that seeing what works well in other areas may be beneficial.

Observation was made that the community of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn has many clubs and societies that could be approached to see how they would want to broaden their membership. Further point was made that older members of the community may struggle to obtain their repeat prescriptions from the dispensary at the Leeswood Surgery, it would be useful if there was some way of helping residents out with this. Ms John explained that this type of issue would be something that was looked into.

The role of the Project Co-Ordinator would be to go out and meet with the Community groups. This would need a person with the right skills and all the better if they were fairly local to the Community. It was considered that the base for the Project Co-Ordinator could be the Leeswood Community Centre and it would be beneficial if there was internet access available. The Clerk advised that the provision of wireless internet was being looked into by the Community Centre Management Committee. Interviews would be arranged for March 2017 and these would take place at the Leeswood Community Centre. Mrs Jones was to confirm the arrangements with the Clerk.

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman, thanked the Age Friendly Communities team for attending the meeting.

206. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor C.E. Jones JP that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the Precept meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2017 had also been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

207. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend the meeting this evening. It was pointed out that this was now the fifth meeting in a row that the PCSO had been unable to attend. The Clerk stated that she had not received a report.

A newsletter for January 2017 issued by Inspector Jonathan Bowcott and a list of the Flintshire South PC/PCSO allocation had been circulated to all members. Also, further correspondence from Inspector Bowcott advising that there will be a change to South Flintshire District Inspector from 6th February 2017 as he will be away working on a project and Temporary Inspector Geraint Richards will be taking over in his absence. This information was accepted.

208. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

E-mail correspondence was received from Mrs Sian Jones of the Legal Department at Flintshire County Council on 23rd January 2017. In her e-mail advised that she had sent a chaser to Llewellyn Jones Solicitors with regard to the draft contract and supporting documentation.

Further, Mrs Jones requested a plan of the land that the Community Council are aiming to acquire, so she could put in hand the requisite searches at the earliest opportunity. Mrs Jones would be undertaking a local search, and a coal mining search, (approximate cost of each being £134.00 and £92.00 respectively). She advised that it may be prudent to undertake a full environmental search with regard to possible contamination, giving consideration to the proposed use of the land in the future. The Clerk informed that she had provided Mrs Jones with a plan as per her request and had given her instruction on behalf of the Community Council to carry out the full environmental search. All Councillors were in agreement.

No information had been received from National Resources Wales about any potential water issues with the extension.

209. CEMETERY

Comment was made regarding the headstones at the Cemetery not being in line. The Clerk reminded Councillors that she had spoken to Mr Steve Blackwell, Stonemason in November 2016 and he had agreed to attend the Cemetery at the beginning of the new year to look at the headstones. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact Mr Blackwell and ask him to attend a meeting on site at the Cemetery with Councillors R. Hughes and C.E. Jones JP.

The Blacksmith had been on site to look at the gates and had advised that he would be able to repair them.

210. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No Planning Applications had been received.

211. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

No Planning Notifications had been received.

212. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Members had been circulated with a copy of the minutes from the Liaison Committee meeting held on 12th December 2016 along with additional notes from National Resources Wales and Site presentation. The agenda for the next Liaison Committee meeting to be held on 6th March 2017 was also provided. Councillor J. Caruana advised that he had no additional report to make.

Councillors appreciated the information provided by Hanson Heidelberg Cement and the documents were accepted.

213. CAR PARK, CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN

The Clerk reported that Christ Church had received the invoice for works on the car park, the total cost was £5,704.80 of which the Community Council were to pay half, £2,852.40, under the terms of the Right of Way agreement. Councillors pointed out that an invoice for the half share would be required before payment could be sent. It was also observed that a works specification was needed. The Clerk was to request these from the Church.

Comment was raised that in the past yellow hatch lines had been painted on the Church car park in front of the Cemetery entrance in order to stop people from parking there. Councillors R. Hughes and C.E. Jones JP were to meet on site to look into this.

214. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was pointed out that some members of the Community felt that the cost of the New Year's Eve Dance tickets at £12.00 was expensive. The Community Council representatives on the Management Committee informed that they would report this back.

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Management Committee were opening up the Community Centre on the weekends when Wales were playing rugby in the Six Nations, showing it on a big screen.

Councillor C.E. Jones JP informed that Mr Don Heyward had recently passed away. All Councillors expressed their sympathy to his family.

215. COMMUNITY COUNCIL OWNED STREET LIGHTING

Councillor R. Hughes informed that he had spoken with Mr Darell Jones, Street Lighting Manager at Flintshire County Council. Mr Jones had pointed out that they had not received the full information from this Community Council as to which of the street lights were still the responsibility of the Community Council. Councillor R. Hughes had now received a set of maps detailing the street lights in the Community and he would pass this on to the Clerk.

216. MATCH FUNDING PLAY AREAS 2016/2017

Correspondence had been received from Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer for Organisational Change, Flintshire County Council advising that the County Council have approved match funding the £2,500 put forward by this Community Council and have recommended that the money be spent on the Play Area at Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood. This was accepted by all Councillors.

217. PLAY SCHEME SUMMER 2017

Further correspondence had been received from Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer for Organisational Change, Flintshire County Council advising that the County Council has agreed to assist with the funding of the Play Schemes for 2017. The cost to this Council will be £1,309.00 for the first three weeks, then an additional cost of £710.00 for weeks 4 and 5. A total cost of £2,019.00. It was pointed out that the Play Scheme was well attended in the Community for the five weeks it was held during the summer school holidays. All Councillors were in agreement that the Play Scheme be provided for a five-week period during the summer of 2017.

218. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2017

From Janet Kelly, Competition Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council, e-mail correspondence detailing the programme for this year's Best Kept Village Competition event. There is also an Information Evening on 8th February 2017 at County Hall at 6.00pm. Councillor Terry Hughes was to attend the Information Evening on behalf of this Community Council.

219. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS – A BRIEF GUIDE TO ELECTION PROCEDURES

Documentation received from Lynn Phillips, Team Leader, Democratic Services, Flintshire County Council detailing the advice for candidates who wish to stand as Town and Community Councillors. This advice is for general guidance only and should not be accepted as a comprehensive statement of the law. Information about all vacancies – including Notice of Election, Statement of Persons Nominated, Notice of Poll and Declaration of Results – will be published on Flintshire County Council’s website – www.flintshire.gov.uk. Town and Community Council Clerks will be distributing nomination packs to existing Councillors sometime in February. Councillors accepted receipt of this information.

220. CADWYN CLWYD – IBEACON PROJECT

E-mail correspondence from Sarah Jones of Cadwyn Clwyd. The iBeacon Project is near to starting and a first session workshop for volunteers is to be arranged with consultants. Also, Richard Jones, Business Development Officer at Flintshire County Council has found the match funding of £750 in his budget so there is no longer any cost to the Community Council for this project. Councillors accepted this information expressing their appreciation that the cost of the project had been covered by Flintshire County Council.

221. BUS STOP AT LLONG

From Mrs Sylvia Limb of Station House, Llong, e-mail correspondence requesting that the Community Council gives support to an official bus stop in Llong for the X1 bus which passes through several times a day. Councillor R. Hughes advised that a suitable site to position a bus stop was being looked into by Flintshire Council. All Councillors agreed that an e-mail should be sent to Katie Wilby of the Transportation Unit, Flintshire County Council, expressing this Council’s support for a bus stop in Llong.

222. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) White lining on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes reported that the highway repairs on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn were now complete. The white lining will be done when the weather improves.

b) Parking on Bell’s Corner – the proposed suggestion of putting parking spaces on part of Bell’s Corner in the area of the Cenotaph is not possible for safety reasons. It was acknowledged that parking on Bell’s Corner is a problem and the current practice of parking part on/part off the pavement is hazardous. All Councillors agreed that an application should be made for double yellow lines on the stretch of highway alongside the pavement around the Cenotaph. The Clerk was to write to Mr Steve Jones, Streetscene, Flintshire County Council.

c) Council house rent increases – it was remarked that there had been an increase in the Council house rent. Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that the part of Flintshire County Council dealing with housing is self-supporting. Over the past few years in Leeswood a programme of improvements had taken place with either kitchens or bathrooms being replaced in the Council houses. Rent increases were on a national level and not just County wide.

223. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) Mandatory 20 mph speed limit outside Schools – Councillor R. Williams brought it to Council’s attention that some schools in Gwynedd and Meirionethshire had mandatory 20mph speed limits outside them. The limits were on a timer and the 20mph was enforceable for a period at the start of school in the morning, at lunchtime then again in the afternoon at the close of school. It is a flashing sign indicating the 20mph speed limit and these are set on a timer. Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that in 2014 following permission from the Welsh Assembly Government, Flintshire County Council had started rolling out a programme of 20mph speed zones outside all Flintshire schools. These are marked by advisory black circular signs. At present, there is no plan to convert these into compulsory speed limits.

b) Community Council report in the Leeswood & District Newsletter – it was brought to the Council’s attention that there was no Community Council report in this month’s copy of the Leeswood & District Newsletter. The Clerk expressed surprise at this and explained that she had sent the usual monthly report to Mrs June Lincoln, the Editor of the Newsletter. Observation was made that the Community Council had an arrangement with the Leeswood & District Newsletter where the insertions were paid for and because of this it was expected that the report would be included in the printed copy of the Newsletter. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact the Editor and request that the Community Council report be once again included in the Newsletter.

c) Bus Shelter, OAP bungalows, Maes-Y-Meillion, Leeswood – a request was made for the Community Council to give consideration for the provision of a bus shelter at the OAP bungalows on Maes-Y-Meillion, Leeswood. Councillors pointed out that most bus stops in the village did not have a bus shelter. Further remark was made that bus shelters also provided a gathering place for the younger members of the Community to congregate. All Councillors agreed that the opinion of the residents in the area be sought.

224. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mold Town Council – invitation from the Town Mayor, Councillor Anthony Parry and his Consort, Mrs Pearl Parry to the Mayor’s Charity Dinner Dance and Auction to be held on Friday 17th February 2017 at Soughton Hall, Northop. The cost of a ticket is £35.00. This was accepted.

b) Holywell Town Council – invitation to the Holywell Mayor’s Charity Event on Saturday 4th March 2017 at the Stamford Gate Hotel, Holywell. Tickets are £25.00 each. This was accepted.

c) Chair, Flintshire County Council – ‘Fun Charity Casino Night’ at Treuddyn Village Hall on Friday 31st March at 7.00pm - £15 per ticket. This was accepted.

225. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – Jan. 2017	£567.89	£0.00	£567.89
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£83.94	£0.00	£83.94
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – January 2017	£224.00	£44.80	£268.80
Friends of the Leeswood & District Newsletter	Insertions in the newsletter.	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Flintshire County Council	Street light maintenance July to November 2016	£468.70	£0.00	£468.70
Welsh Audit Office	External Audit 2015/2016	£457.90	£0.00	£457.90
	<u>Totals</u>	£2,302.43	£44.80	£2,347.23

226. INCOME RECEIVED

No income had been received.

227. BANK BALANCES

At present, there is £75,807.48 in the deposit account and £6,032.81 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to 29th December 2016.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.