



LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor J. Caruana, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillor D. Rule, Vice-Chairman

Councillors D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson and C.E. Jones JP.

Councillors remarked on Councillor C.E. Jones JP recent ill health and wished him a speedy recovery. It was agreed by all to send him a Get-Well card.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

39. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held with Ms Lynze Rogers, the Age Friendly Project Co-Ordinator on Tuesday 9th May 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

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40. POLICE LIAISON

Apologies were received from PCSO Andrea Ellis who was unable to attend the meeting this evening. A report of recent incidences had been forwarded.

Incident update – Leeswood

15th May 2017 - a shed break was reported. House to house enquiries were

conducted but nothing had been seen/heard and there was no forensic for CSI.
18th May 2017 – criminal damage reported whereby a rear window of a vacant property was damaged by a stone. House to house enquiries were conducted but there were no witnesses as to who threw the stone.

25th May 2017 – theft of a caravan from a field was reported.

Incident update – Pontblyddyn

18th May 2017 – break in reported at the Petrol Station on Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn. Officers attended the scene and this is an ongoing investigation.

41. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk advised that she had spoken with the Secretary to Mrs N. Davies of Llewelyn Jones Solicitors to see if any further progress had been made. No information was provided and the Secretary stated that she would ask Mrs Davies to make contact.

Councillor R. Hughes informed that he had heard nothing from Mrs S. Jones of the Legal Department at Flintshire County Council, but would make enquiries.

42. CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he was still waiting to meet with Mr Aled Davies, the Cemetery sub-contractor. The Clerk was to contact Mr Davies and arrange a suitable date and time. Comment was made that the Cemetery looked very well and that Mr Davies was doing a good job.

It was reported that the gates had now been returned. The Clerk advised that she had not received an invoice for this work.

43. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: - 056891

The extension of an existing Cemetery into an adjacent field.

Field adjacent to Pontblyddyn Cemetery, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn.

This application had been made by the Community Council and it was agreed by all that no observation should be made.

Application number: - 056989

Erection of a two-storey extension to the rear and side of dwelling and erection of a single storey rear extension.

38 Bryn Clyd, Leeswood, Mold, CH7 4RU.

Councillors examined the planning application and associated plans that were provided. It was agreed by all members that no objection should be made and this was to be put forward to Flintshire County Council.

44. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS DUE TO VACANT SEATS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

The Clerk reported that there had been no expressions of interest to join the Community Council received. Councillors advised that they had spoken with

some residents who had indicated that they would like to join the Council. It was remarked that there was a window of 35 days following the election when co-option could be made and this time frame was almost at an end. The Clerk calculated that the last day would be Friday 23rd June 2017 as only working days counted. Members agreed that the Clerk should contact Mrs Lynn Phillips of Electoral Services at Flintshire County Council to check this and if this was the case then receipt of expressions of interest should be extended to Wednesday 21st June 2017. If any correspondence was received, the Clerk was permitted to call a special meeting of the Community Council to be held on Thursday 22nd June 2017.

45. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

JDH Business Services Ltd had conducted the internal audit for the financial year 2016/2017. The Clerk reported on the findings of the internal audit report. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that the report be accepted and that the Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana should sign the Annual Governance Statement (Part 2) reflecting this Council's approval. All Councillors were in agreement.

46. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

E-mail correspondence had been received from Lynze Rogers, Project Co-Ordinator, Age Friendly Communities informing that she had handed in her notice and would be leaving the post for her own reasons regarding the role. She went on to say that she had made some excellent contacts and had recorded most of what she had done which is to be handed over to the new Project Co-Ordinator once she is in place. Ms Rogers further expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome and support she had received from this Council.

The Clerk stated that she was disappointed that Ms Rogers had given her notice as she had shown great interest in the Community and on a personal note as she and Ms Rogers were developing a good working relationship. Councillor G. Sherwood remarked that in the short time she had been the Project Co-Ordinator, Ms Rogers had met with a number of the Community organisations. All Councillors agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ms Rogers, wishing her well in the future.

Further e-mail correspondence had been received from Natasha John of Volunteering Matters, advising that the Steering Group meeting and the NDTi session would be going ahead as planned. Rachel Evans the Senior Co-Ordinator based in Pembrokeshire will be the contact person, leading on making arrangements locally and attending both of these events. With regard to recruiting a replacement, as the recruitment process had been within the last six months it was acceptable to approach the second placed candidate. A meeting had been arranged and if all went well she would be offered the role of Project Co-Ordinator.

47. RISK ASSESSMENT 2017/2018

This item is to be re-scheduled for discussion at the June 2017 meeting.

48. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Members had been circulated with copies of the minutes and information slides from the Liaison Committee Briefing Session held on Monday 8th May 2017 about the planned upgrade to the cement milling facilities at Padeswood.

Further correspondence had been received from A.P. Bower, Land and Planning Manager, Land and Mineral Resources Department, Hanson Heidelberg Cement advising that there are plans for a £20 million upgrade project which will guarantee the long-term future of the Padeswood Works and its 96 employees. This project will include the installation of a new vertical roller mill for cement grinding which will improve efficiency and investment in new rail loading facilities to allow cement to be transported by train, reducing lorry movements. A formal pre-application consultation is being undertaken to provide an opportunity for the public, the community and specialist consultees to comment on the proposals before a formal application is submitted to Flintshire County Council. The consultation period will run from Monday 12th June until Tuesday 11th July 2017.

49. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that there was not much to report. The Curry Night held on 27th May 2017 had been a successful event with approximately 40 people present.

50. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

The Clerk reported that Jo Danson the Consultant involved with the iBeacon Project had been in contact. Members had been circulated with a copy of the Introductory Workshop which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20th June 2017 between 10am and 12 noon. It was observed that many Councillors would not be able to attend due to work commitments, an evening session would be preferred. The Clerk stated that she would request a change in the time. All Councillors in agreement.

51. COMMUNITY PARKING ISSUES – BELL’S CORNER AND THE JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET

Information was received that a request had been made for double yellow lines on Bell’s Corner to be included in the Flintshire County Council’s Highways Programme. The timing of such work if included is unknown. It was agreed by all Councillors that the parking problems on Bell’s Corner were a more pressing issue than Bryn Clyd/King Street at the present time.

52. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – OPEN SPACE LAND WITHIN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN A CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTING OF A DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) IN FLINTSHIRE

Correspondence had been received from Andrew Farrow, Chief Officer, Planning and Environment, Flintshire County Council regarding the consultation on the implementation of a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Flintshire. This is to take place from 1st to 29th June 2017.

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) are one of a number of new powers introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. They are designed to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space which is having or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of people in the area. The behaviour must be unreasonable and persistent or continuing in nature. Flintshire County Council are to consult on a proposed Dog control PSPO which is required to replace the current Dog Control Order.

The prohibitions proposed would require dog owners to:

- a) remove dog waste immediately from the ground at all public locations,
- b) put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. This only applies to any public land where a dog is considered to be out of control or causing alarm and distress,
- c) keep dogs on leads within cemeteries,
- d) have a means on their person to collect dog waste from the ground if asked by an authorised officer.

Dogs would also be excluded from entering:

- i) enclosed children's play areas,
- ii) the playing areas of marked sports pitches,
- iii) the playing area of specific sporting or recreational facilities.

A survey can be found on the following web page: -

www.flintshire.gov.uk/dogcontrolpspo which includes a list of potential sites where the prohibitions would be enforced.

The Clerk advised that for Leeswood, the Phoenix Park in its entirety, that is the two football pitches, the MUGA and Skate Park, children's play area had been included, and the play area at the rear of Ffordd Siarl. In Pontblyddyn the play area at the rear of Bro Alun was included.

53. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE

E-mail correspondence received from the Community Health Council advising that between January and March 2017 the seven Community Health Councils (CHCs) in Wales asked people across the country to share their ideas on improving NHS services for people with dementia and their carers'.

They asked one question; 'What can the NHS do better to improve the lives of people living with dementia?'

Over 500 people whose lives had been touched by dementia in all its forms responded. A wide range of ideas for improving services were shared. Some could be taken forward by the NHS alone, while others would need to see agencies working better and more closely together.

To coincide with Dementia Awareness Week a report has been published setting out in more detail what people had told them. The report includes ideas and suggestions from the public to make assessment easier and more accessible; calls for better access to information following diagnosis; suggests a one stop shop for advice and guidance, and identifies a need for 24-hour crisis support.

It also highlights the need to get the basics right; dignity, better communication between agencies and with families, greater support and recognition for the role played by carers, and simple changes to the environment across NHS services.

54. 'BATTLE'S OVER – A NATION'S TRIBUTE & WWI BEACONS OF LIGHT – 11TH NOVEMBER 2018'

Correspondence received via One Voice Wales about taking part in 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute & WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November 2018'.

The tribute would be for as many beacons as possible to be lit across the nation at 7pm on Sunday 11th November 2018 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. Comment was made that there was no suitable place in the community to site a beacon. The ideal place in our area would be Hope Mountain because of its height. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that a letter be sent to the Hope and Llanfynydd Community Councils asking if they would be prepared to co-sponsor a beacon. All Councillors in agreement.

55. ONE VOICE WALES – MOTIONS FOR 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members had been circulated with correspondence requesting a maximum of two motions of national interest for debate at the One Voice Wales AGM to be held on Saturday 30th September 2017. This was accepted.

56. ONE VOICE WALES/SOCIETY LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS JOINT EVENT

E-mail correspondence had been received from Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales, advising of this event which is to be held at the Village St David's, Ewloe, on 12th July 2017. The cost to attend was £69 plus VAT. This was accepted.

57. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RE-APPOINTMENT TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE

From Gareth Owens, Chief Officer, Governance, Flintshire County Council, e-mail correspondence requesting observations on the re-appointment of Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen of Caerwys Town Council as the Town/Community

Council representative on the Standards Committee. No observations were made.

58. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) 30mph signage at Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood – this signage will be moved shortly. This would be an extension of the 30mph area.
- b) Collapsed drain on King Street, Leeswood – it was reported that the collapsed drain on King Street, Leeswood was presenting a problem with water running down Britannia Road. This was to be attended to.
- c) Overgrown hedge, Pontblyddyn – complaints had been received regarding the overgrown hedge from the cutting to the cottage across from the bottom of the Constitution Hill. This matter was to be looked into.
- d) New Council Houses, Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – the development was now underway.
- e) Play area, Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – the new play equipment had been selected. Some old pieces of play equipment were to be removed then the new pieces put in place.

59. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

- a) Footpath to the rear of numbers 24 to 42 Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – it has been reported that the footpath is obstructed. The footpath Officer from Flintshire County Councillor will come out to inspect.
- b) Village sign for Pontblyddyn - it was pointed out that there was no village sign for Pontblyddyn. The Clerk was to look into the cost of a sign and the matter was to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. All Councillors in agreement.
- c) Community Spring Clean – this was an event that used to take place annually in the community. This is to be included on the Agenda for the next meeting. All Councillors in agreement.

60. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Defibrillator in the Community – correspondence from Mrs Louise Hoyle-Fennell who is aiming to fundraise to have a defibrillator put in Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood and possibly the Community Centre, Leeswood. This was accepted.
- b) Advanced notification of dates of other Town Council events: -
Holywell Town Council – Civic Service 3rd September 2017
Caerwys Town Council – Civic Service 5th November 2017.

61. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – May 2017	£567.89	£0.00	£567.89
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£52.75	£0.00	£52.75
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – May 2017	£488.00	£97.60	£585.60
Dee Valley Water	Water charges – Allotments	£32.73	£0.00	£32.73
Dee Valley Water	Water charges – Pontblyddyn Cemetery	£18.91	£0.00	£18.91
FLVC	Printing – Civic Service leaflets and FCC Development Plan documents	£119.05	£0.00	£119.05
	Total	£1,279.33	£97.60	£1,376.93

62. INCOME RECEIVED

No income had been received.

63. BANK BALANCES

At present, there is £66,451.89 in the deposit account and £3,105.03 in the current account. These figures are from the statement to 29th May 2017.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.