

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 10th January 2012**



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CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 10th OF JANUARY 2012.

PRESENT

Cllr R Williams, Chairman of the Council (in the chair)
Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, J Caruana, R Hughes, T Hughes, C E Jones JP, K McCallum JP, D Rule, E Saul.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from the Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Cllr H Evans, and K W Richardson.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council

PRAYERS

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Chairman, Cllr R Williams.

CLLR J CARUANA

Members voiced expressions of sympathy to Joseph, in respect of the passing of his father on New Years Eve.

Joseph responded by thanking members for their kind words.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Cllr R Williams wished all a happy and prosperous New Year.

175. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr K McCallum JP, and seconded by Cllr C E Jones JP that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 6th of December 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr R Williams.

176. STREET LIGHTING COLUMN – FFORDD DERW

Pursuant to the resolution of the December meeting, the Clerk reported that the street lighting column is the responsibility of the developer.

Cllr R Hughes added that the tree, which appears to be causing the problem, is on the boundary of two properties, consequently the two residents are the owner of the tree, and furthermore it is subject to a tree preservation order, dating back to 2010.

He was explaining however that the problem with the street lighting column is that it does not have a reflector, but it is illuminated.

Cllr R Hughes agreed to speak to the residents concerned, with a view to pruning the tree so that it does not interfere with the street lighting column.

The Clerk was asked to write to the developer, Mr D Thomas, asking him if he would replace the reflector on the lighting column.

Resolved

That the Clerk and Cllr R Hughes take the necessary action as outlined above.

177. ACQUISITION OF LAND – PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY

Pursuant to the resolution of the December meeting, the Clerk informed members that he had contacted the agent, with the suggestion that perhaps the owner Mr G W Owens could make a counter offer.

The response received was that Mr Owens has asked the Leeswood community Council to make its best offer, the previous offer of the Community Council was £15,000.

Cllr C E Jones questioned whether there were any outlets for Grant Aid towards the purchase of land for cemeteries, the Clerk was not aware of any other avenues open.

It was suggested that perhaps the Vicar at Christ Church Pontblyddyn may have some relevant information, the Clerk was asked to make contact with her.

Cllr E Saul mentioned that if the land was purchased, then a Change of Use Planning Application would be necessary, and that this information should be in place, prior to any offer being made.

Cllr R Hughes agreed to make some enquiries with the Planning Officer.

Members agreed on an increased offer of £16,000, dependant upon information with regard to Planning Application for Change of Use.

Resolved

That an increased offer of £16,000 be made to Mr G W Owens.

178. PUBLIC HEALTH WALES – CASTLE CEMENT ENQUIRY

The Clerk advised of a further response from Public Health Wales, with regard to the Community Council's query regarding the chemical composition of particulates.

The writer informed that the query has been referred to experts in the field, he apologised for the delay in answering the Community Council's correspondence.

Resolved

That the matter be reagenda following further correspondence from Public Health Wales, and that the situation be monitored.

179. QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE – 4th OF JUNE 2012

This matter was agenda in order to determine who should be the recipients of any memorabilia etc.

Firstly the point was made that the memorabilia would be in the form of coinage, and that the recipients should be Junior School children who reside in the Leeswood Community Council area.

The point was made that some children may well attend the St Mary's RC Junior School in Mold, and the schools in Pen-y-ffordd and Tryddyn.

It was appreciated that numbers would be minimal, and that they should be included along with the pupils attending Ysgol Derwenfa.

Resolved

That the recipients of memorabilia, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, be as outlined above.

180. PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY – NIGHT SECURITY

This matter was agenda following the problems of offensive materials being found in the cemetery, as a result of visitors during the evening.

It would appear now that the problem has ceased.

Resolved

That no further action be taken for the present, but that the situation be monitored.

181. SIGNAGE – LEESWOOD

This matter was agenda at the request of Cllr C E Jones, he referred to the Leeswood sign at the junction of the main road with Hall Hill, and in his opinion there is a need for it to be relocated.

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had spoken to a Traffic Officer of the Flintshire County Council, and that the sign was to be moved nearer to Mold.

Cllr C E Jones thanked Cllr Hughes for this, and that this would solve the problem.

Resolved

That the foregoing narrative be recorded.

182. 7.5 TON WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had arranged for two of the above signs to be located, one at the bottom of the Dingle Road and the second one at Bryn Estyn, at the top of Dingle Road.

Cllr C E Jones suggested that it would be appropriate if such a sign could be located at the bottom of County Road.

Cllr R Hughes questioned where the sign could be located; he did however offer to take up the matter of the Flintshire County Council.

Resolved

1. That the foregoing be noted, with an expression of thanks to Cllr R Hughes
2. That the possibility of locating a sign at the bottom of County Road be investigated.

183. FLINTSHIRE ARTS AND PROJECTS

Members had been previously circulated with the above correspondence received from Flintshire County Council.

The projects covered coastal community links, to provide sustainable links with the coastal rural areas to new and improved routes along the coast, and inter village connections which will provide links between rural communities and major attractions such as rural towns.

Resolved

That the correspondence be included in the future edition of the Leeswood News, and Mr Mike Stevens also be provided with a copy.

184. CHANGES TO ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS

Correspondence from UHY Hacker Young Chartered Accountants, the External Auditor for North Wales informed of the new arrangement, which applies that the accounts will now have to be approved in Council no later than the 30th of June 2012 (previously the 30th of September). The audits will have to be signed off no later than the 30th of September 2012 (previously 31st of December).

Resolved

That the foregoing information be recorded.

185. NORTH WALES POLICE AUTHORITY – LAUNCH OF ESTATES REVIEW CONSULTATION

Members had been previously circulated with the information which informed that there were currently a total of seventy buildings in North Wales, forty nine of which are stations or hubs.

It is the intention to close four of the Police Stations, these being in North West Wales, a further twelve stations have been identified as requiring relocation, this is a long term plan, none of the twelve buildings will closed until suitable alternative accommodation is ready for use, Buckley Police Station is one of the twelve.

Resolved

That the information be noted.

186. CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-LAWS (WALES) BILL

Members had been previously circulated with documentation received from the National Assembly for Wales.

Resolved

That receipt of the document be noted.

187. QUEEN ELIZABETH II – FIELDS CHALLENGE

Correspondence received from the Director of Lifelong Learning informed that the Phoenix Park Recreation Ground, Leeswood, has been approved by the County Council's Executive, to be included in the Fields Challenge.

Cllr R Hughes voiced his delight with regard to this news, with a comment that the area will be there for ever and a day, it will never ever be built upon.

Resolved

That detail of the correspondence, along with the comments of Cllr R Hughes be noted.

Members thanked Cllr R Hughes for his efforts in having the Phoenix Park play area, included in the Queen Elizabeth's Field Challenge.

188. SLEEPING POLICEMEN – FFORDD DERW

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had received complaints with regard to the sleeping policemen that had been recently laid, insomuch that they were too high.

The Chairman Cllr R Williams, along with Cllr D Rule also informed that they had received complaints.

Cllr R Hughes continued that he had arranged for the humps to be measured by the County Council, and they were in fact to specification.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

189. FLY TIPPING – 14 BRYN CLYD

Cllr R Hughes informed that following the Christmas period some white bags had been dumped outside of the home of Mr Norman Garratt, 14 Bryn Clyd, and that himself and Mr Garratt had cleansed the area.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

190. RECYCLABLE WASTE CONTAINERS

Cllr R Hughes informed that anyone wanting recyclable waste containers to contact himself, telephone number – 01352 771372, as he has a quantity of the same, he also has some bin stickers.

191. STREET LIGHTING

Cllr J Caruana informed that there are two faulty street lights on Stryt Cae Rhedyn.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of the Flintshire County Council.

192. BLACK NON-RECYCLABLE WASTE BINS

Cllr K McCallum commented on the number of black non-recyclable waste bins that seem to be blown over, in windy conditions. He was of the opinion that it is a design problem, but the fact that they have blown over could cause injury.

Cllr T Hughes commented that the same situation exists in Wrexham.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

193. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Cllr K McCallum referred to the lateness of the Christmas decorations, and he questioned what had happened and why.

The Chairman, Cllr R Williams commented that the service is completely unacceptable.

The Clerk explained that in early November he had contacted the contractor as usual, he had been promised that the Christmas Illuminations would be serviceable from the first Tuesday in December, and that the contractor had not performed in accordance with his promise.

The Clerk also added that the contractor did not have sufficient bulbs and that he had obtained some from the Flintshire County Council, next year however if Christmas decorations are to be provided, then they will have to be L.E.D.

Cllr K McCallum asked that a heading 'Christmas Illuminations' be included under the standing minute item 'Matters from previous Meetings Not Yet Resolved'.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

194. LLYS CELYN – OVER HANGING TREES

Cllr D Rule informed that upon entering Llys Celyn from Ffordd Derw, and that the hammerhead at the end of Llys Celyn there are trees overhanging into peoples properties.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of Flintshire County Council.

195. CEMETERY GATES

Cllr D Rule informed that he had examined the cemetery gates, and that they could be closed..

He continued that he had chipped away some of the tarmac which could have left a trip hazard.

The point was made that as this is so near to the gate then this would be very unlikely, nevertheless the situation should be examined.

Cllr D Rule commented that he wished to bring this to the attention to the meeting.

Resolved

That the foregoing dialogue be noted.

196. GARAGES – HEOL – Y – GORREN

Cllr D Rule informed that vehicles are driving onto the grassed area to the rear of the garages off Heol-y-Gorren, from Llys Celyn.

Cllr D Rule suggested that perhaps some posts could be located in order to prevent this happening, and to keep the area tidy.

Resolved

That the suggestion of Cllr D Rule be brought to the attention of the Housing Officer, Flintshire County Council.

197. PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE COUNCILLOR RON TATUM

The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements to provide a plaque to be located in the Committee Room, in memory of the late ex Councillor Mr Ron Tatum.

Resolved

That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

198. WEBSITE

Cllr E Saul informed that to maintain the website, and hosting arrangements, would cost an amount of £240.

Members felt this good value for money.

Resolved

That the sum of £240 be made available to continue with the website.

199. DRIVEWAYS IN BRYN CLYD

Cllr C E Jones complained with regard to the unevenness of the driveways in Bryn Clyd, probably following residents creating their own dropped curbs. Cllr C E Jones considered this to be most certainly a trip hazard.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of the Enforcement Officer, Flintshire County Council.

200. SHED IN THE CAR PARK – COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman Cllr R Williams informed that the back of the shed has been taken out, and that it is being used for nefarious activities.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Community Centre Management Committee.

201. FENCE IN BLAST WOODS

Cllr R Hughes informed that when the Leeswood Circular Pass was constructed, an entrance fence had been located at the entrance to Blast Woods, unfortunately this had been put in the wrong place, and that the farmer wished for it to be removed, as there was already an existing fence within a close proximity.

In accordance with the resolution of the December meeting this work had been carried out by Mr Barry Richards, at a cost of £100 to include materials and labour.

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had arranged for the materials, the new stile had now been located where it should be, and the other blocked off.

202. CIVIC SUNDAY – 26th OF FEBRUARY

The Chairman, Cllr R Williams informed that he had arranged his Civic Sunday, for Sunday the 26th of February, the time as yet to be determined.

The Clerk asked for assistance from members in providing him with details of organisations that they were aware of.

Resolved

That the foregoing be recorded.

203. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

The Chairman, Cllr R Williams informed that he had shared his Chairman's allowance in the sum of £300, between organisations within the community.

Members expressed their thanks to the generosity of the Chairman, Councillor R Williams.

204. FLOWERS IN CEMETERY

Cllr R Hughes informed of the existence of flowers around the area where the water tap is situated, so causing an untidy situation.

He suggested that perhaps a bin could be placed in this location, and then Mr Barry Richards could service this in accordance with his maintenance work.

Cllr D Rule informed that he had one of the old type black refuse bins in his possession, and that he would take this to the cemetery.

Members thanked Cllr D Rule for his offer.

Resolved

That a refuse bin be placed in the located of the water tap and Mr B Richards be asked to service it.

205. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved

That the accounts contained in the following schedule be approved for payment.

Payee	Detail	Amount
G N I Jones	Salary, expenses, postages, telephone Calls, photocopying	£319.87
B Richards	Cemetery maintenance - £280 Disposal of cemetery waste - £20 Litter pick - £330	Total- £630.00
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£32.30
Colony of Ants Website	Maintenance	£240.00
B Richards	Fencing in Blast Woods	£100.00

206. INCOME RECEIVED

Date	Detail	Amount
28/12/2011	Precept from Flintshire County Council	£12,333.33

Resolved

That the detail of income be noted.

207. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk advised that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £19,963.99, and the current account an amount of £4,342.79 as of the 30th of December 2011.

Resolved

That the detail with regard to bank balances be noted.

208. **MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED**

Pontblyddyn Cemetery – Lose gravestones – Minute No. 154 – 1/11/11

Cllr E Saul informed that in his opinion there was only one dangerous stone.

Christmas Illuminations – ongoing