

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY**

The ~~2nd~~ April 2012

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CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 2nd APRIL 2012.

PRESENT

Cllr R Williams, Chairman of the Council (in the chair)
Cllr Miss M Reynolds, Vice Chairman
Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, J Caruana, H Evans, T Hughes, C E Jones JP, K McCallum JP, E Saul.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Cllrs R Hughes, D Rule.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

PRAYERS

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

THE LATE COUNCILLOR KEN RICHARDSON

Prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting, a silence was observed in respect of the passing of Ken.

Cllr Carlton Jones commented that the passing of Ken would leave a massive void in the community, and that he will be sadly missed, he was a sterling worker for the Leeswood Community Council area.

The Chairman, Richard Williams wished to be associated with the words of Carlton, again expressing that he would be sadly missed; that he had been a Councillor for many years, and that his first Chairmanship came in 1980.

The excellent collection at the crematorium was referred to, and that monies would be shared between Glyndwr Ward, Maelor Hospital, the Leeswood and District Fishing Club, and Ysgol Derwenfa, the school at which he had been a Governor for many years.

All members wished to be associated with the above sentiments.

The Clerk was asked to communicate a letter of sympathy to Ken's family.

263. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds declared an interest in item number 17 – Leeswood Diamond Jubilee Committee, of which she is the secretary.

264. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, and seconded by Cllr H Evans, that the minutes of the proceedings of the special meeting held on Tuesday the 14th of February 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr R Williams.

It was proposed by Cllr K McCallum JP, and seconded by Cllr J Caruana, that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Leeswood Community Council, held on Tuesday the 6th of March 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr R Williams.

265. POLICE LIAISON

The Police and Community Support Officer, Andrea Ellis had tendered her apologies to the Clerk, she is on leave.

266. PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY

This matter is agendad in accordance with the resolution of the March meeting.

The Clerk informed that he had heard nothing more from Mr Owen's agent; he now considered that the Council's offer is rejected.

Cllr K McCallum referred to a parcel of land to the left hand side of the English Methodist Chapel; Cllr R Hughes had established the owner of the land, for another reason.

The Clerk was asked to contact the owner, a Mr Graham Halstead, pointing out the fact that the Council was looking to acquire land for cemetery purposes, and as to whether he could assist.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for May meeting.

267. QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Clerk was asked to establish the number of Primary School pupils, residing in the Leeswood Community Council area, and that attend schools out of the district.

The meeting was informed that there were nine pupils who attend Tryddyn School, four at Abbots Lane Infants, Pen-y-ffordd, and three at Pen-y-ffordd Junior School.

With regard to the St Davids RC School in Mold, the Clerk was still awaiting a reply.

There are one hundred and thirty eight pupils at Ysgol Derwenfa.

Resolved

That two hundred Five Pound Crowns be ordered.

268. CONDITION OF GRASSED VERGE – BOTTOM OF BRYN CLYD

Cllr R Hughes had agreed to establish the owner of the area concerned.

Cllr Hughes had communicated the owner, as being a Mr Graham Halstead, of Oak Lodge, Altami.

Resolved

That the above information be noted.

269. INTERNAL CONTROL DOCUMENT

The Clerk reported that himself along with the Chairman, Cllr R Williams, and the Vice Chairman, Miss M Reynolds; Cllr R Hughes along with the Clerk met on the 20th of March, and worked through the various stages of the document, in order to establish that the affairs of the Community Council are compliant with the document for the current financial year.

The Clerk explained that it is a requirement of the External Auditor that a system of Internal Control is established.

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the document.

Resolved

That detail of the report as provided by the Clerk be recorded.

270. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Plan No. 049495

Proposal: Erection of a single storey WC and lobby extension.

Location: 11, Llys Ann, Leeswood Mold.

Resolved

That the Council has no objections.

2. Plan No. 049504

Proposal: Erection of a new stable block and manure store.

Location: Land rear of 2 Bryn Awl, Stryt Cae Rhedyn Leeswood.

Resolved

That the Council has no observations.

3. Plan No. 049557

Proposal: Construction of a 30 x 90 metre tar macadam skate boarding area, and 34 x 20 metre multi-use games area with tar macadam surface.

Location: Phoenix Park Recreation Ground, Leeswood.

Resolved

That the Council supports the application.

271. PLANNING DECISIONS

Proposal: Internal and external remodelling and extension including new roof and associated landscaping, access and environmental treatment (including ground source heat pump, solar hot water, external insulation to existing walls).

Location: Oaklands, Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood.

The Chief Planning Services Officer informs that the application has been approved.

Resolved

That the information as provided by the Chief Planning Services Officer be noted.

272. LEESWOOD ALLOTMENTS – WATER REGULATION INSPECTION

Correspondence from Dee Valley Water thanked the Council for assistance and co-operation given to the Regulations Inspector, during his recent inspection of the allotment premises.

The writer is pleased to inform that the installation as seen on the 14th of March was satisfactory.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

273. CARL LONGLAND – LETTER TO THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL RE ACUTE BEND – STRYT CAE RHEDYN

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from Mr Michael O'Marah, with regard to the above article in the Leeswood and District News.

The writer pointed out that the fact that there had been no recorded accidents at the bend during the past ten years was incorrect.

An accident took place on the Bryn Awel bend on the evening of the 26th of June 2010.

He wishes that County Hall be informed of this omission and their records amended accordingly.

Furthermore Mr O'Marah is surprised that County Hall has interest only in actual recorded incidents.

Resolved

That the letter be forwarded to the Chief Highways and Transportation Officer, Flintshire County Council, and Mr O'Marah be so informed.

274. LEESWOOD ALLOTMENTS

Cllr C E Jones questioned how the Association is faring.

Cllr J Caruana informed that things are going very well, there is only one plot left, Cllr J Caruana thanked all concerned for the help given.

Cllr C E Jones proposed a vote of thanks to those members who had been mainly concerned with the setting up, namely Cllrs R Hughes, J Caruana and ex-Councillor Mrs Mair Hughes.

Cllr E Saul suggested that he could post some pictures on the website.

Resolved

That details of the above be noted.

275. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

In the absence of Cllr R Hughes members were asked to communicate with him with regard to any issues.

Resolved

That any member with County Council matters, liaise with Cllr R Hughes.

276. CASTLE CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cllr J Caruana informed that the bund would now be turned into a nature reserve, and that wildlife would be introduced, and that the area would be made open to the public.

With regard to the kiln, he informed that at the moment it is not working, it would now operate on six weeks running and four weeks shut-down.

He informed that a lot of energy is expended on the shutting down and starting up of the kiln.

Resolved

That the information be noted.

277. PUBLIC HEALTH WALES – CASTLE CEMENT INVESTIGATION

The Clerk advised that he had been contacted by Mrs Jackie James, Public Health Wales, informing that Dr Judy Hart would wish to address both the Leeswood Community Council and Pen-y-ffordd Community Council with regard to issues of the investigation.

The Clerk questioned whether members would be in favour of a joint meeting; this of course would depend upon the views of the Pen-y-ffordd Community Council.

If Pen-y-ffordd Community Council was in favour, then it was suggested that the meeting be held in the Community Centre – Community Room in Leeswood, as Pen-y-ffordd had previously hosted a similar meeting.

Resolved

That depending upon the views of the Pen-y-ffordd Community Council, then a joint meeting be arranged in order to accommodate Public Health Wales and the Castle Cement enquiry report.

278. TOP OF DINGLE ROAD

Cllr K McCallum referred to a sign at the top of Dingle Road indicating 'unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles'.

He continued that he had been approached by local residents who were unhappy with regard to this signage.

Cllr C E Jones informed that the sign had been placed there at the initiative of Cllr R Hughes, who had spoken to a Mrs Richardson, informing her that he would arrange for the sign to be moved.

Cllr T Hughes commented that the sign would have to be located at a point where a vehicle could turn around.

Resolved

That the foregoing dialogue be noted.

279. BIN CAPACITY – PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY

Cllr Mrs J Atkinson informed that the large green wheelie bin was no longer at the cemetery, and that the remaining bins were insufficient to cope with the waste.

The Clerk agreed to pursue the replacement of the large green wheelie bin.

Resolved

That the Clerk take the necessary action as outlined above.

280. EXISTENCE OF DOG EXCREMENT – BRYN CLYD

Cllr Mrs J Atkinson referred to the extreme amount of dog excrement found in Bryn Clyd.

Members commented that this is a problem not only in Leeswood but everywhere.

It was suggested that the appropriate Officer of Flintshire County Council be asked to call a Public Meeting in order to pursue this problem.

Resolved

That a request be made to Flintshire County Council to convene a Public Meeting within the village, in order to address the problem of dog fouling.

281. PHOENIX PARK PLAY AREA

Members referred to the vast amount of litter, bottles and beer cans that are strewn across the play area.

Resolved

That the information be brought to the attention of the Leisure Services Officer, and he be asked to arrange for the area to be cleaned, and periodically maintained.

282. BUS STOP – BRYN ESTYN

Cllr E Saul informed of a petition for the bus from the Mold direction to stop at Bryn Estyn, and at bus stop at Haydock Close.

Cllr K McCallum pointed out that initially the Leeswood Community Council had shown concern on safety grounds with regard to the bus stop from the Mold direction, stopping at the Bryn Estyn bus stop.

Members agreed in principal with the petition for the bus from the Mold direction to stop at the Bryn Estyn bus stop, but only for passengers to alight, and not for passengers to board the bus.

Resolved

That a request be made to the Transportation Officer Flintshire County Council for the bus from the Mold direction to stop at the Bryn Estyn bus stop, for passengers to alight only.

283. PASSAGE OF BUS THROUGH THE COUNCIL HOUSES – BRYN CLYD – HEOL Y GORON

Members complained with regard to vehicles parking on the junction of the village road and Bryn Clyd, which is often preventing the bus from accessing Bryn Clyd.

The Clerk reminded members of a previous request to Flintshire County Council, whereby it was suggested to Arriva that if the bus could not access Bryn Clyd and egress Heol y Goron, then the journey could be reversed, accessing Heol y Goron, and egressing Bryn Clyd.

The Chairman, Cllr R Williams referred to a site meeting which had taken place, involving Cllr R Hughes, being the County Councillor, and at the request of the Transportation Officer.

However the problem had not been resolved following staff problems.

It was suggested therefore that a request be made to the Transportation Officer Flintshire County Council for a further site meeting to be convened, and involving all of the Leeswood Community Council members.

Resolved

That an appropriate request be made to the Transportation Officer Flintshire County Council.

284. LITTER PICKING - GENERAL

Cllr C E Jones referred that the Flintshire County Council carry out a litter pick through the villages on a Tuesday, which is then followed on a Thursday by the Community Council's operative, Mr Barry Richards.

Cllr C E Jones continued that he had received complaints from members of the public with regard to the fact that litter still remains following the litter pucks.

It was mentioned that there is constantly litter in the hedge across the road from Pontblyddyn Service Station.

Other areas were also identified.

The question was asked as to whether or not Mr Barry Richards completely covers the areas (all streets etc).

The Clerk suggested therefore that he could design a worksheet listing all areas; Mr Barry Richards would then be required to indicate on the worksheet that he has visited all the areas, and that the worksheet would indicate time work commenced and finished.

Resolved

That the Clerk designs a suitable worksheet, for the consideration of members.

285. LEESWOOD DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds declared a personal interest in this matter, and left the meeting, whilst it was being discussed.

Correspondence from the Leeswood Diamond Jubilee Committee, signed by Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that it was the intention of the Committee to organise a street party for the children of the community to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, the Queen on Sunday the 3rd of June, at Leeswood Community Centre, between 1 pm and 4 pm.

The Committee would be grateful if the Community Council was able to consider making a donation towards the celebrations.

Cllr C E Jones applauded the initiative of the Committee and considered that the Community Council should assist financially.

The Clerk referred to the meeting where donations to local organisations was allocated, and to the fact that the budget allocation of £2,000 had been under spent.

Cllr C E Jones suggested that an amount of £500 would be appropriate in his view.

Members concurred with the proposal which was duly seconded.

Resolved

That an amount of £500 be afforded to the Leeswood Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Note: The Vice Chairman, Cllr Miss Reynolds was called back to the meeting, the Chairman, Cllr R Williams informed her of the decision, at which Marie expressed her delight.

286. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved

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

	<u>2011/12</u>	
Payee	Detail	Amount
Inland Revenue	Tax deductions paid over	£495.00
Mr B Richards	Cemetery maintenance -£280.00	
	Disposal of cemetery waste - £20	
	Litter pick - £330	
		Total - £630.00

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Payee	Detail	Amount
G N I Jones	Salary, expenses, postages, photocopying, Stationery, telephone calls	£319.52
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£14.55
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance	£378.82
Mr Raymond Bryan	Organist – Civic Sunday	£30.00

287. INCOME RECEIVED

Date	Detail	Amount
28/3/2012	Cremated remains	£100.00

Resolved

That the detail with regard to income be noted.

288. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk advised that he had not received the bank statements.

Resolved

That the comment of the Clerk be noted.

289. LETTERS OF THANKS – DONATIONS

The Clerk informed of the letters of thanks received in respect of donations from the Leeswood and District Angling Club, Pontblyddyn Mother Union, Leeswood and District Senior Citizens, Leeswood Guides, First Leeswood Rainbows and Brownies.

Members commented that it was nice to receive the letter of thanks.

Resolved

That the foregoing information be recorded.

290. THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN – COUNCILLOR RICHARD WILLIAMS

Cllr C E Jones referred that this would be the last full meeting, chaired by Richard.

He considered that Richard had done an excellent job as Chairman; he had attended on every occasion possible, albeit that he had experienced domestic problems, in regard to the illness of his mother.

Cllr Jones applauded the gesture of Richard to share his Chairman's allowance with the organisations within the Community Council area.

The retiring Chairman, Cllr Richard Williams thanked Cllr Jones for his kind remarks; he had thoroughly enjoyed his office as Chairman, and would relish the opportunity to carry out the office again.

Resolved

That details of the foregoing dialogue be recorded.

291. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Pontblyddyn Cemetery – Loose grave stones – Minute No. 154 – 1/11/11
2. Christmas Illuminations (ongoing).