

**LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI**

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY  
The 6th November 2012**



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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 6TH OF NOVEMBER 2012.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds, Chairman of the Council (in the chair)

Cllr K McCallum JP, Vice Chairman.

Cllrs Joseph Caruana, Raymond Hughes, Tim Hughes, Carlton E Jones JP, David Rule, Dr Graham Sherwood, E Saul, Richard Williams.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Were received from Cllrs Mrs Jayne Atkinson, Mrs Carol Bie, Harry Evans

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

### **117. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TUESDAY THE 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

#### **Resolved**

It was proposed by Cllr Raymond Hughes, and seconded by Cllr Carlton E Jones that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss Marie Reynolds.

### **118. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

#### **Resolved**

It was proposed by Cllr Joseph Caruana, and seconded by Cllr Dr Graham Sherwood that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2012, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

Cllr E Saul was stated as being both present and as an apology, he was in fact absent from the meeting.

### **119. POLICE LIAISON**

The Community Beat Manager, PC Gary Aldous and Police and Community Support Officer, Miss Alison Hughes were present at the meeting.

PC Gary Aldous informed that the previous month had been a busy one for North Wales Police.

He referred to various incidents that had taken place, one where a person, from Wrexham had trashed eight criminal damages, Alison Hughes had visited almost all of the people effected, the person concerned following the incident locked himself in a house in

Leeswood, he was eventually arrested by the Fire Arms Division, and that he was now on Police bail, and that the case was now rested with the Crown Prosecution Service.

Cllr Carlton Jones informed that he had had contact with one of the victim, who had contacted Mr David Hanson with regard to compensation. PC Aldous promised that he would visit the person following the meeting.

PC Aldous also referred to the fatal accident that had occurred on the exit to Pontblyddyn, in the Caergwrle direction on the A541. He asked that if there is any tension in the village, to be informed.

He informed of a further incident, earlier in the month, where a family had reported a suspicious car in the village. A letter had been sent out from the schools in Leeswood and Tryddyn, both letters were inaccurate, stating that a young person had been dragged into a car, there was in fact no truth in this statement.

Cllr Dr Graham Sherwood enquired as to whether the school had corrected the statements in the letter, PC Aldous did not know.

Cllr Tim Hughes spoke about an attempt to break into a car, PC Aldous responded inasmuch that nothing had been stolen.

PC Aldous concluded that he was attempting to give as much Police presence on foot as possible.

With regard to the tragic accident previously referred to, Cllr Raymond Hughes informed that he had met earlier in the week with the Highways Department, in order to see what could be done to improve the situation, and that the North Wales Police were also looking into the matter.

With regard to the trashing of property earlier reported, Cllr Raymond Hughes made the point that he was not happy with the Police statement, which stated that the person responsible was a local man, Cllr Hughes informed that the person was not local, and he asked the Police to correct this, which PC Gary Aldous promised to do, and that he would send an email to the press office.

Cllr Carlton Jones referred that the property in which the person had been arrested in, was one of the properties previously reported to the Police at the September meeting, Cllr Jones asked had anything been done? Had anyone been there? Had the property been watched?

PC Gary Aldous responded inasmuch that nothing as yet had been done, as there had been other important matters to deal with, he was aware of the fact that only one person should be within the property, he understood the frustration of the Council.

Cllr Carlton Jones reiterated that the situation does need examining, and who is being harboured at the property.

Cllr David Rule commented that the situation is causing stress to the neighbours, he asked that PC Aldous, visits the adjacent properties.

PC Aldous responded inasmuch that he would contact the landlord.

With regard to the vehicle accident Cllr Carlton Jones referred that it was virtually in the same spot as the previous tragic fatalities, the approach shows a slow sign and then fifty miles

per hour speed restriction signs, and that fifty miles an hour is too fast a speed to travel through the dangerous bends, a view with which PC Aldous concurred with.

Cllr Raymond Hughes commented that the area must be one of the worst ends to a dual-carriageway in Flintshire, exacerbated by the fact that you come from bright light to a dark wood.

Cllr Dr Graham Sherwood questioned whether it is the responsibility of the Trunk Road Agency, PC Gary Aldous informed that it is the case, Cllr Raymond Hughes added that the Flintshire County Council will also be involved.

The Vice Chairman Cllr K McCallum questioned whether the Arrive Alive could be located on the approach to the accident area.

PC Aldous informed that this would not be possible, as the Arrive Alive vehicle must be located within the same speed restriction area, PC Aldous also questioned where the Arrive Alive vehicle could park in a safe location.

Cllr E Saul made the point that it would not be difficult to locate a permanent camera.

Cllr C E Jones questioned whether there are any representations from Hope Community Council, as the accident area is within the Hope Community boundary.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum questioned who would make representations for a fixed camera, PC Aldous informed that it would be the Trunk Road Agency, and that he will put the suggestion forward and report back.

Cllr C E Jones suggested that it would be advantageous if the Community Council could receive a map indicating the Community Council boundaries and area.

Cllr C E Jones further pointed out a problem that he had mentioned at the last meeting, that being double parking, and that it hasn't changed.

#### Resolved

1. That the foregoing dialogue be pointed out to Hope Community Council, and that the Council be asked for support, in bringing about some form of improvements to the accident area.
2. That a map of the Leeswood Community Council be obtained.

#### **120. EX COUNCILLOR DAVID ELLIS**

The meeting was informed that ex Councillor David Ellis had been involved in an accident and he was quite badly hurt.

#### Resolved

That an appropriate letter be communicated to David's family.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**122. DEFUNKED SUB-STATION – MINUTE NO. 103 – 18/9/12**

The Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum questioned whether there was any further information available with regard to the above area.

Cllr R Hughes suggested that he could not ask the County Council to carry out works on a private property. Cllr R Hughes was of the opinion that it was something that could be put right, a little self help would solve the problem.

Resolved

That the foregoing dialogue be noted.

**123. AQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

The Clerk explained that he had met with the owner of the new house, adjacent to the cemetery, the lady had informed that she had not discounted the possibility but after speaking to the person who had built the house she was of the opinion that planning consent could be difficult to obtain, as a result of the acute bend in the Mold direction.

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had arranged for a Mrs Thomas from the Highways Department to visit the area.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the December meeting.

**124. DISTRIBUTION OF FIVE POUND CROWNS – QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The Clerk advised that twenty one crowns were left, and that eighteen are allocated for the pre-school play group.

Members expressed the desire to purchase crowns amounting to at least twenty, discounting members who were not present.

Resolved

That a further thirty crowns be ordered from the Royal Mint.

**125. CASTEL CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The Community Council's representative Cllr J Caruana informed that there had not been a meeting since he last reported and that the next meeting was convened for Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

He did however inform that he had received reports of a droning noise at night.

The Clerk advised that the same noises can be heard in Pen-y-ffordd.

Resolved

That Cllr J Caruana be thanked for his information.

## **126. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **1. Plan No. 049892**

Proposal: Change of use from residential and public house to residential.

Location: New Inn, Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn.

### **2. Plan No. 059149**

Proposal: Conversion to part of the stables / coach house into a two bedroom dwelling and the conversion of the entire old workshop into three number two bedroom dwellings including the installation of a foul treatment system, all tanks and associated landscaping, features including access areas of hard-standing and stone walls.

Location: Hartsheath, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn.

### **3. Plan No. 050150**

Proposal: Listed building application – conversion of part of the stables / coach house into a two bedroom dwelling and the conversion of entire old workshop into three number two bedroom dwellings including installation of a foul treatment system, oil tanks and associated landscaping features including access areas of hard-standing and stone walls.

Location: Hartsheath, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn.

## **127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Correspondence received from the Democracy and Governance Manager referred to a discussion about both registration of interests and notifications of interests, whilst the registration of interests openly applies to County Councillors, the requirement to give written notification of interest apply equally to members of County Councils and Town and Community Council.

Resolved

That the foregoing information be noted.

## **128. STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND ALL WALES STANDARDS CONFERENCE**

Correspondence from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services included correspondence in the form of the minutes whereby the Standards Committee would look at what it can do to help Town and Community Councils promote and maintain high standards of conduct, and that Saltney Town Council have agreed to host a meeting, the date of which will shortly be advised.

Resolved

That the foregoing information be recorded.

## **129. HEALTH CARE IN NORTH WALES**

In accordance with the resolution of the October meeting, for members information, members had been copied in with a copy of the Clerk's letter to the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board.

Resolved

Members approved in retrospect, the Clerks communication.

**130. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SUMMER PLAY SCHEME 2012**

Members had been previously circulated with attendances at the play scheme.

Comments were made with regard to the success of the scheme and the pleasing numbers attending, especially taking into account the dreadful summer.

Cllr R Hughes commented that the decision to move the play scheme from the Phoenix Park Play Area to the Ysgol Derwenfa had greatly contributed to the success of the scheme.

**131. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS**

Correspondence received from Katy Inskip, Neighbourhood Warden, informed of her role as Neighbourhood Warden as part of the Neighbourhood Warden Service for Flintshire County Council; she informed that the Wardens provide and fit target hardening equipment to residents living in Flintshire who may be victims of crime or deemed vulnerable.

They also visit members of the community to provide safety advice and reassurance, upon request. The service is also available to offer to move graffiti through Partnership working with the Probation service, also fly tipping and carry out general visual patrols of the Flintshire area.

Contact can be made on telephone number 01352 701818.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds commented that she was all for the watching out and looking after neighbours, but she would not wish matters to be taken into a persons own hands.

**132. COLABORATION BETWEEN THE FLINTSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AND TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Correspondence received from the Access Forum enclosed minutes of the inaugural meeting for the volunteering project.

The Clerk advised that one of these projects included access into the countryside.

The correspondence also informed of a meeting to be held on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November at County Hall Mold, commencing at 6.30 pm, to which all Town and Community Councils, and others nominated by Councillors could attend.

It was suggested that perhaps Mr Mike Stevens would wish to attend.

**Resolved**

That any member wishing to attend be nominated to do so, and that the correspondence be forwarded to Mr Mike Stevens.

**133. THE 2013 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTIUANCY IN WALES – REVISED PROPOSALS**

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from the Boundaries Commission for Wales.

Cllr Dr Graham Sherwood informed that the arrangements mixed Leeswood with the likes of Nercwys, and each other community around the Mold area with the exception of Cilcain, and these would now be included in the Alyn and Deeside constituency.

Cllr Sherwood continued that it probably won't happen, and that the idea was to reduce the number of Members of Parliament.

Resolved

That the Boundary Commission be informed that the Leeswood Community Council does not support the proposal.

**134. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr R Hughes informed that an exercise would be carried out on both Dingle and County Road checking speeds.

A collapsed drain on Dingle Road had been repaired.

The first sweep of fallen leaves on Dingle Road would be carried out shortly.

Resolved

That Cllr Hughes be thanked for his report.

**135. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FORUM MEETING – OCTOBER 2012**

Cllr E Saul provided a report for members information on the County Forum.

Resolved

That thanks be extended to Cllr Saul.

**136. STREET LIGHTING**

A defective street light was informed on County Road, opposite Vale View.

**137. APPOINTMENT OF POLICE COMMISSIONER**

The Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum suggested that following the appointment of the Commissioner, members could be looking for what priorities they think is really wanted, and for the Police to be involved in the community.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the December meeting.



**138. REVIEW OF CEMETERY FEES**

Cllr T Hughes referred at the October meeting the fact that the grave diggers fee was virtually identical to the income received in respect of the re-open graves, and asked that this matter be agendad for further discussion.

Resolved

That an item 'Review of Burial Fees' be agendad for the December meeting.

**139. MANHOLE AT THE BOTTOM OF BRYN CLYD**

**SUNKEDGRID OUTSIDE OF 45 BRYN CLYD**

The above matters were brought to the attention of the meeting.

Resolved

That Cllr R Hughes would bring this to the attention of the appropriate department of Flintshire County Council.

**140. CONDITION OF CEMETERY**

Cllr Carlton Jones informed that he had recently visited the cemetery, the condition of which gave a very pleasing appearance.

He asked that a letter be forwarded to Mr Barry Richards congratulating on the excellence of his work.

Resolved

That a letter of congratulations be communicated to Mr Barry Richards.

**141. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE PREPERATION OF THE AGENDAS**

The Clerk advised of correspondence received -

1. Allotments – a letter from the Secretary seeking permission to let allotment plots to persons outside of the Leeswood Community Council area.
2. Match funding scheme – improvements to children's play areas 2013 /14
3. Leeswood and District Friends – application for financial assistance

Resolved

That the above matters be agendad for the December meeting.

#### 142. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Inland Revenue	Tax deductions paid over	£495.00
Mr B Richards	Cemetery maintenance £280	
	Disposal of waste - £20	
	Litter Pick - £264	
	Cutting grass around seats - £20	
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>£584.00</b>
Flintshire County Council	Recharge of election costs	£355.81
Scottish Power	Street lighting electricity	
	30 <sup>th</sup> June - 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	£369.05
Flintshire County Council	Contributions towards Summer	
	Play scheme	£898.20
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£15.60
Colony of Ants	Website Design	£240.00

#### 143. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk advised that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £34,977.67, and the current account an amount of £1,404.48, as of the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2012.

##### Resolved

That the detail with regard to bank balances be noted.

#### 144. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Pontblyddyn Cemetery – loose gravestones – Minute No 54 – 1/11/11
2. Defunct sub-station – Minute No 103 – 18/9/12
3. Notice boards – Minute No 73 – 10/7/12