

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY THE 5th OF FEBRUARY 2013.

PRESENT:

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

Cllr K McCallum JP, Vice Chairman

Cllrs Mrs C Bie, J Caruana, R Hughes, T Hughes, D Rule, Dr G Sherwood, R Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Were received from Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, H Evans, C E Jones JP.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

PRAYERS

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

184. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

185. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr R Williams, and seconded by Cllr David Rule, that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday the 8th of January 2013, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

186. AQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Chairman of the Sub Committee, Cllr R Hughes informed that the Planners and Conservation Department had visited the property, and that there is in position, an established hedge, any works with regard to this would involve the hedgerow restoring to its original condition.

Furthermore the Highways Department were now to examine the situation with regard to visibility from the site.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the March meeting.

187. PLANNING DECISION

Proposal: Change of use of residential public house to residential

Location: New Inn, Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn.

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 recorded.

188. ACCIDENT ON THE PONTBLYDDYN APPROACH FROM CAERGWRLLE

Persuant to the request to Hope Community Council for the support of the Leeswood Community Council, for highway improvements to be carried out in the aforementioned location, a response from the Clerk, Hope Community Council informed that he has written on behalf of the Council to the North Wales Police and Flintshire County Council supporting the representations in respect of the above section of highway.

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had spoken to the Hope Community Councillor, Mr Tim Newhouse, he was not aware that the location was in the Hope Community Council area, however he would pursue the issues, and the submission of the Leeswood Community Council.

Resolved

That details of the response from Hope Community Council, and the information as provided by Cllr R Hughes be noted.

189. CASTLE CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Members had been previously circulated with the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting on the 12th of November 2012.

Resolved

That receipt of the minutes be recorded.

190. STRATEGY FOR FLINTSHIRE'S LIBRARIES 2013 – 2016

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

Members suggested that the Mobile Library Service should be restored.

Resolved

That the above be forwarded to the Head of Culture and Leisure.

191. CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The Clerk informed that in regard to the Civil Parking Enforcement, the County Council were now to take over this duty from the North Wales Police, which meant in fact that an offence would be a civil offence, and not a criminal offence.

Furthermore any fines collected under the previous regime were for the benefit of Central Government whereas now that the Flintshire County Council has taken over this then the County Council would retain fines, which could then be used for the benefit of the county.

Furthermore more Wardens would be employed, who would also in turn be redeployed in regard to dog fouling, dropping of litter etc.

The Clerk had copied contraventions for which the higher and lower level penalty charges should be made; each member being supplied with a copy.

Resolved

That the information as provided by the Clerk be noted, and the information with regard to which higher and lower level penalty charges should be made, be received for members information.

192. PONTBLYDDYN CEMETERY

Cllr T Hughes in regard to maintenance, informed that suckers were growing up the wall in the area of the Notice Board, and that the branches on the trees were in need of lifting for clearance, and this is the type of work that should be carried out in the winter months.

Cllr R Hughes, Chairman of the Cemetery Sub Committee agreed to speak to the Cemetery Superintendant with regard to this work.

The Clerk referred to the recent heavy snowfall, during which a funeral had taken place.

The Clerk thanked Mr Richards for the excellent job that he had done in clearing the driveway up to the cemetery.

Resolved

That the foregoing detail be recorded.

193. POTHoles – BRYN CLYD & COUNTY ROAD

This matter was raised by Cllr D Rule, who asked that perhaps the potholes could be filled.

Cllr R Hughes reiterated his previous request that any County Council matters such as potholes, should be brought to his attention as soon as possible, and not wait for the meeting.

Cllr Hughes was able to inform that Bryn Clyd and Heol-y-Goron would be shortly resurfaced.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

194. INDISCRIMINATE PARKING – KING STREET

The Chairman of the Council Miss M Reynolds produced photographic evidence to the meeting, where vehicles were parked on the pavement, so preventing the passage of mothers with prams, and also making it difficult for pedestrians, both having to encroach upon the highway to progress along the street.

Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that she would email a copy of the photographs to PC Gary Aldous.

Resolved

That the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds be thanked for this action.

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195. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had submitted his observations, in line with those of the Community Council, with regard to the review of speed limits.

He furthermore suggested that the trees in the wooded area from Pontblydden to the commencement of the by-pass could be topped in order to make more light.

He reiterated that Bryn Clyd and Heol-y-Goron were to be resurfaced.

The Clerk, under the heading of 'Review of Speed Limits' read a letter received from Mr Neal Cockerton, Head of Assets and Transportation acknowledging receipt of the Community Council's observations, and advised that the comments will be noted and considered as part of the review.

Cllr Hughes also informed that he had requested new drains to be provided in the Prince of Wales public house area, and on Pontybodkin Hill.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds commented that given the fact that we have had extreme weather conditions, the Flintshire County Council has done an excellent job in keeping roads clear.

Resolved

That the foregoing dialogues be noted.

196. ARRIVA BUS SERVICE , VIA LEESWOOD

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had rang Arriva Buses, during the snowy conditions questioning why buses were not travelling through Leeswood.

He had been informed that anyone wishing to use the Arriva service should make their way to Pontblyddyn as buses could not get to Leeswood.

Cllr Hughes continued that he had informed Arriva that the roads were in fact clear; at approximately 11 am a car, from Arriva had driven to Leeswood.

Resolved

That the foregoing information be recorded.

197. REFUSE COLLECTIONS

In response to the Community Council's letter of congratulations to the Refuse Collection Department, for their excellent achievements over the festive season, a response from Mr Steve Jones, Head of Streetscene thanked the Community Council for the kind comments regarding the service over the festive period, and that he would ensure that these comments are passed on to the staff involved.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds also referred to the excellent service provided by the Flintshire County Council on its website, with regard to both school closures and refuse collection, informing when the reschedule collection days would be.

Cllr R Hughes informed the meeting that he had made a request to Flintshire County Council that only black bins are collected during the month of January, as the likelihood of brown bins needing collecting, would be nil.

Resolved

That the Community Council, back up in writing, the request as submitted by Cllr R Hughes.

**198. FLINTSHIRE PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT
STAKEHOLDER EVENT ON 31st JANUARY 2012**

Cllr Mrs C Bie informed that she had attended the above event, in the company of Cllr R Hughes.

Cllr Mrs Bie reported that the Welsh Government is the first to legislate for Children's Play.

The Welsh Assembly set Statutory Regulations in October 2012 requiring all Welsh Local Authorities to undertake "Play Sufficiency Assessments" and develop an action plan to address identified shortcomings and deficiencies.

The legislation intends to make Wales a country where every child has a wide range of challenging and interesting opportunities to play and enjoy their leisure time.

Marianne Mannelli, Assistant Director of Play Wales explained the Play Sufficiency Assessment process, and the opportunity it presents in identifying the range of factors and decisions that impact on children's opportunity to play throughout the Local Authority.

Gareth Stacey – North East Wales Community Play Project, made a short presentation about play memories and the value of play in all areas, whether it is organised, indoor, outdoor, safe or risky, but all key in the development of children. There were then two workshops, audit and assessments, which asked groups to identify where our children play, what structure activities do our children access locally and further afield.

What are the barriers to children playing freely in our neighbourhoods without adult supervision.

A presentation was then presented by Mr Andy Wilson, Chairman of Designated Play Space, who had been commissioned by Flintshire County Council to correlate detailed information regarding all of the playgrounds in Flintshire.

A second workshop entitled 'Actions for the Future' required feedback from delegates on potential solutions, local and countrywide, who needs to be involved, what needs to happen, how can we take it forward, and suggestions for low cost no cost ideas.

A question and answer session followed, from the guest speakers.

Cllr R Hughes referred to the way that play has changed over the years.

In regard to the range of ages for the Youth Club – eleven to twenty five, he considered that this was too wide of an age gap, and that the Youth Club ought to be spread over two nights.

Cllr Hughes informed that the Thursday night Youth Club in Leeswood had now been lost.

Resolved

That Cllr Mrs C Bie be thanked for her detailed report on the event, and Cllr R Hughes be thanked for his comments.

199. PHOENIX PARK PROJECT

Cllr R Hughes informed that this project should now be completed within a month.

Members commented on the excellence of the project, for the years of valued play provision that it would provide, and thanked Cllr Raymond Hughes for his involvement on the committee.

Resolved

That the foregoing dialogue be recorded.

200. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Amount
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership renewal 2013	£97.00
Scottish Power	Street lighting electricity (from 30/9/2012 – 31/12/2012)	£369.05
Mr B Richards	Cemetery maintenance £280 Disposal of cemetery waste £20 Litter pick £264	Total - £564.00
G N I Jones	Salary, expenses, postages, tel. calls, photocopying	£313.70
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£17.55

Resolved

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

201. INCOME RECEIVED

Date	Detail	Amount
1/1/12	Cremated remains	£75.00
1/1/12	Re-open grave	£225.00

Resolved

That detail of the income received be noted.

202. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk advised that the balance of the deposit account was an amount of £41,059.56, and the current account an amount of £2,102.31, as of the 31st of January 2013.

Resolved

That the detail with regard to bank balances be recorded.

203. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Pontblyddyn cemetery – loose gravestones – Minute No. 54 - 1/11/11

The Clerk informed that Mr Blackwell was waiting for the weather conditions to improve, prior to carrying out the work.

2. Notice boards – Minute No. 73 – 10/7/12 – Cadwyn Clwyd

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had been in touch with Cadwyn Clwyd who are waiting for a new round of funding to be made available.

3. Distribution of Five Pound Crowns – Minute No. 124 – 4/12/12