

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 2nd April 2013**



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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 2nd OF APRIL 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, H Evans, R Hughes, T Hughes, C E Jones JP, D Rule, E Saul, R Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Were received from Cllrs Mrs J Atkinson, Dr G Sherwood.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

220. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

221. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr R Hughes, and seconded by Cllr C E Jones, that the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday the 12th of February 2013, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds.

It was proposed by Cllr J Caruana, and seconded by the Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Leeswood Community Council, held on Tuesday the 5th of March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds

222. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute No 210 – Untidy Gardens / Properties / Council Housing Estates

The preamble read that Cllr H Evans complained with regard to the untidy condition of some Council House gardens.

Cllr Evans corrected this inasmuch that he had received complaints from members of the public with regard to untidy gardens.

Minute No 212 – Arriva Bus Service

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that the Arriva Bus Service was still not entering the Mold bus station, so leaving passengers for Leeswood stranded.

The Clerk informed that he would reaffirm this fact to Arriva.

223. POLICE LAIASON

P.C.S.O. 3423 Lisa Hughes was in attendance.

She informed that over the recent months, crime had been particularly low.

She referred to the problems that the recent snow had caused in Queen Street, the Police had been unindated with a great number of calls, Lisa apologised for not attending the previous meeting.

She informed that there had been some complaints of anti-social behaviour from Ffordd y Glo.

She informed of a Police surgery that she arranged for the following Saturday, from 10 until 11.30 pm, a similar event had been run in Tryddyn, and had been very successful.

Members of the public were invited to attend for a private chat.

With regard to dog fouling, she informed that posters had been displayed in the village, and that there would be a £75 fine for the dog owners, if the dog was whitnessed fouling.

Lisa informed that on the 25th of May members of the public were invited to bring their bicycles along to the Community Centre, and to the Skate Park, where they would be etched with the owners postcode.

She advised of a theft from a vehicle, the vehicle however, had not been broken into, the door had been left open.

Cllr C E Jones informed that a resident of Leeswood had had his car stolen, it was found in Toxteth, Lisa advised that the incident had not been reported to the Police.

Cllr R Hughes referred to young drivers speeding through the village, he agreed to note the registration of the vehicles, and pass this over to Lisa.

With regard to speeding through the village of Pontblyddyn, Lisa informed that the Arrive Alive vehicle had been in operation, at both sides of the village.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds thansked Lisa for attending, members wished her well, she would shortly be hospitalised, for two to three days.

224. PROVISION OF LAND FOR CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

Cllr R Hughes informed that he had not received any further information from either the Planning Department, or the Highways Department, with regard to the possibility of an entrance into the land adjoining the new house previously referred to.

Cllr Hughes continued that in his opinion the cost will be prohibitive, Cllr C E Jones agreed with the sentiments.

The Clerk advised that he would call and see the house owner and explain the situation. It was suggested therefore that perhaps further communication could be made with Mr George Owens, owner of the land adjoining the cemetery.

Resolved

That an attempt be made to further contact with Mr Owens with regard to negotiating the purchase price for the land.

225. COMPLAINT WITH REGARD TO THE CONDITION OF THE FORMER BRITANNIA STORES

The Clerk informed that pursuant to the resolution of the March meeting, there is now a planning application submitted for the refurbishment of the property.

Resolved

That the above information be noted.

226. PLANNING APPLICATION

Plan No/ 050566

Proposal: Change of use from ground floor shop to residential use (to include existing accommodation at first floor) and removal of bay window and infilling of shop window opening.

Location: 1 Britannia Road Leeswood.

Resolved

That the application be supported.

227. PLANNING DECISION

Proposal: Construction of waste transfer building and continuation of non – hazardous waste management operation.

Location: Old Bridge Inn, Station Lane, Padeswood.

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

Resolved

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

228. BROWN / BLACK BIN COLLECTION

In response to the Community Council's suggestion that brown bin collection should be suspended for January, a response from the Head of Streetscene advised that the current policy is to offer a black bin only service which is restricted to the Christmas period only, as any extension would reduce the incentive on local residents to recycle their material.

In addition, the return to a green waste collection in February will create further confusion for residents.

The Council is faced with meeting challenging recycling targets set by Welsh Government which in this case dictates the manner in which the waste is collected.

Resolved

That the content of the response be noted, and that Cllr R Hughes will report back with regard to any further information.

229. TOWN AND COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES AND THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITIES

Members had been previously circulated with copy correspondence received from the Democracy and Governance Manager with regard to the above.

Within the content of the report, was a suggested Councillor allocation for Communities.

The suggested allocation for a population of 1,500 to 1,999 is twelve, the population of Leeswood falls within this category, the Ward having 11 Councillors, Pontblyddyn has two Councillors with a population of approximately 200, the suggested allocation for this population is 7 members.

Resolved

That the correspondence be received.

230. PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE TO HEALTH SERVICES IN NORTH WALES

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from the Community Health Council.

The correspondence was in the form of a letter from the Community Health Council to Mrs Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Health and Social Services.

Issues causing concern to the Health Council were listed, several of the proposals will mean that patients and carers have to travel further for services.

Concern was expressed that losing a special service like the Intensive Care Neo Natal Service from North Wales means that other special services will also be lost, and it will become more difficult to recruit staff to the N.H.S. In North Wales.

Several of the Health Boards proposals rely on additional capacity in Primary Care Service.

Many Doctors in North Wales are at or near retirement age, and it has proved difficult to recruit Doctors to North Wales practices.

Finally the Health Board is concerned that some of the proposals will have consequences which are yet to be quantified, for example, advanced training medical and nursing staff in Vascular Surgical Services and Obstetrics.

Cllr R Hughes commented that the Minor Injuries Service at Mold has been saved.

The Vice Chairman Cllr K McCallum commented that there will be limited bed-space, but Neo Natal Special Care will be at Arrowe Park, not an ideal situation.

Cllr Mrs C Bie raised an issue insomuch that if a baby needs a Special Care, and in hospital for a long time, this will put extra pressure on the family travelling to Arrowe Park.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds referred to a personal experience, with regard to a relative, which would not be helped by the proposals.

Cllr C E Jones made the point that the First Minister has supported the Health Boards proposals.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr K McCallum advised that new Doctors do not want to come to Wales, a point which is covered in point 3.5 of the correspondence.

Resolved

That the correspondence be received, with reservations, and that this fact be brought to the attention of the new Minister.

231. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMER PLAY SCHEME

The Clerk reminded members that when the invitation was received from the Liesure Services Officer, to participate in the scheme for 2013, the Community Council registered interest.

Further details have now become available whereby for a cost similar to last year, that being £889, this will provide for a three week scheme only, as opposed to a previous five week.

The Clerk advised that a five week scheme would now cost £2,098.

The Clerk advised that monies could be made available to meet this additional cost.

Members recognised the value of the play scheme, to the younger persons during the Summer holidays.

Resolved

That the Leisure Services Officer be advised that Community Council will participate in a five week scheme, at a cost of £2,098.

232. DRAFT LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Members had been previously circulated with correspondence received from the Head of Assets and Transportation.

The Council's comments and observations were invited with regard to developing the final version of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Cllr E Saul agreed to supply the Clerk with the content from Flintshire County Council's website.

Areas of concern were highlighted in Pontblyddyn and Padeswood.

The fact that the river had previously broken its banks in Pontblyddyn.

Constant flooding by the garage in Pontblyddyn.

Any works carried out to the stream, and the Nant River could also affect Pontblyddyn.

A further area was quoted by the Chruch Hall in Pontblyddyn.

Resolved

That the above problem areas be brought to the attention of the Head of Assets and Transportation, Flintshire County Council, along with any observations received from Cllr E Saul.

233. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITIONS

The Clerk advised of an invitation to participate in the above competitions.

Resolved

That the Community Council participate in the competitions, and that immediately prior to the judging, the Community Caretaker, Mr Barry Richards be advised.

234. THE LATE MR GERAINT WILLIAMS, HEADMASTER – CASTELLALUN

The passing of Mr Geraint Williams was referred to, it was felt appropriate that a letter of condolences should be forwarded to his wife, Mrs Gwyneth Williams.

Resolved

That the Clerk take the necessary action.

235. OVERHANGING BRANCHES – DINGLE ROAD

The above matter was reported by Cllr E Saul, Cllr R Hughes informed that this matter would be attended to in the near future.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

236. THE NANT – PONT-Y-BODKIN TO PONTBLYDDYN

Cllr R Hughes referred to the above area, and to the fact that the roots of the trees are now exposed, which could result in further flooding in Pontblyddyn if the Nant River becomes blocked. Furthermore there is a risk of landslide, on both sides of the road.

Resolved

That the above matter be brought to the attention of the Head of Assets and Transportation, Flintshire County Council.

237. DEFECTIVE STREET LIGHTING COLUMNS

Cllr H Evans informed that there were two outages in Willow Walk.

Resolved

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

238. FLOWER BOXES – ENTRANCE TO VILLAGES OF LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN

Cllr T Hughes referred to the decorations in the flower boxes, and asked that this be carried out earlier than previous.

Resolved

That Mr Barry Richards be asked to replenish the flower boxes at an earlier time than last year.

239. SEAT AT PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

Cllr T Hughes informed that the railings to the rear of the seat had become loose, and could cause an injury to anyone sitting on the seat.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of Hartsheath Estate.

240. SNOW CLEARANCE

Cllr R Hughes commented that he had not been happy with the snow clearance, people had not been able to get their cars off their drives, the snow plough leaving a single track blocking access and egress to and from their properties..

He continued by thanking all the people in Leeswood for the self-help, and that the young people in the village had helped out.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds referred that there had been some thirty six hours of continuous snow, and that the Council had done a tremendous job in keeping the main highways open.

Cllr T Hughes suggested that in such conditions there may be a future possibility of some monies set aside to pay local farmers in assisting to clear away the snow.

Resolved

That the foregoing comments be documented.

241. CASTLE CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cllr J Caruana informed that the surface water coming from the cooling system was being monitored. He had asked what kind of readings had been obtained. He informed that these discharges are minimum, and samples have proved that there was no big issue.

He informed that he had also raised the issue with regard to the plume, and asked to explain its texture and colour.

He had been informed that the colour of the plume can vary from the various directions in which it is viewed, and that in fact the colour is an optical illusion.

Cllr J Caruana had asked Castle Cement to issue a leaflet of explanation.

Cllr Mrs C Bie questioned how the leaflets would be distributed, Cllr J Caruana informed – by post.

Cllr C E Jones questioned whether or not Castle Cement was back in full production, Cllr J Caruana informed that he considered that it was 50% production.

Resolved

That the report of Cllr J Caruana be noted with thanks.

242. PLANNING DECISIONS

Proposal: Construction of waste transfer building

Location: The Old Bridge Inn, Padeswood.

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

Resolved

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

243. DOCUMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The Clerk advised that himself, along with the Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds, to comply with Audit Regulations, had considered the document of Internal Control, in association with the various accounts, insurance documents, and statements, and had found the affairs of the Community Council to be in order.

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds confirmed the statement as issued by the Clerk.

Resolved

That for audit purposes the above report of the Clerk, and Chairman be recorded.

244. 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, photocopying, postages telephone calls	£314.95
B Richards	Cemetery maintenance - £280 Disposal of cemetery waste - £20 Litter pick - £330	Total - £630.00
Mrs K Graham	Copying	£22.85
Mr Bryn Williams	Rent of allotment field	£500.00

245. INCOME RECEIVED

Date	Detail	Amount
22/3/2013	Re-open grave	£100.00 (net)

246. BANK BALANCES

The Clerk advised that the bank statements for March had not as yet been received, but that the balances to the 30th of February were as follows – Deposit account - £35,391.56, Current account - £5,813.25.

Resolved

That the detail in regard to bank balances be noted.

247. THANKS IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Clerk advised that letters of thanks were received from the Leeswood Allotment Association, the Leeswood Brownies and Leaders, and Leeswood and District Friends.

Resolved

That receipt of the letters of thanks be recorded.

248. CHAIRMANS END OF TERM DANCE

The Chairman, Cllr Miss M Reynolds informed that because of unforeseen circumstances, and also as a result of the adverse weather conditions, it has been necessary for her to cancel the event.

249. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Pontblyddyn Cemetery - Loose gravestones – Minute No. 54 – 1/11/11
2. Notice boards – Minute No. 273 – 10/7/12 – Cadwyn Clwyd
3. Distribution of £5 Crowns – Minute No. 124 – 4/12/12
4. Arriva Bus Service - Minute No. 175 – Mold Bus Station – 8/1/13