

LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR GYMDEITHASOL COEDLLAI

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
The 3rd September 2013**



G.N.I.JONES
CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2013.

PRESENT

Cllr K Mc.Callum JP, Chairman of the Council (In the chair),
Cllr E Saul, Vice Chairman .
Cllrs J Caruana, H Evans, R Hughes, T Hughes, C E Jones JP, Dr G Sherwood, R.Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from
Cllrs Mrs C Bie, Mrs J Atkinson, Miss M. Reynolds,D Rule.

IN ATTENDANCE

G N I Jones, Clerk to the Council.

PRAYERS

The meeting was opened with prayers led by the Chairman Cllr K. Mc Callum

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest

79. MINUTES

Resolved

It was proposed by Cllr J Caruana and seconded by Cllr H. Evans that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman Cllr J Caruana.

80. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute No. 59 - Police Liaison

The minutes referred "P.C.S.O. Lisa had apologised", Cllr Dr Graham Sherwood asked that Lisa's surname be added to the preamble, her surname being Hughes.

81. POLICE LIAISON

Police and Community Support Officers Kelsey Evans and Carol Richards were present at the meeting, they apologised that PCSO Lisa Hughes was not able to attend.

Kelsey Evans explained that she was new to the job and had responsibilities for Treuddyn, Hope, Cymau and Leeswood, Carol Richards, is based in Mold.

Kelsey Evans explained that the main problem at the moment was motor bikes, not just in Leeswood, but travelling around the Mold area,

She explained that the motor cyclists cannot be pursued at high speed but that section 59 notices were still being issued.

A member informed that he had witnessed a person on a quad bike being driven at high speed with no helmet.

A member referred to an incident in Leeswood that he had reported, involving motor cyclists, they had been pursued by an undercover car, but the culprit had not been apprehended.

A member referred to an incident in July, where motor cycles had been conveyed in what he considered to be an old Post Office van, he had provided the police with a registration number, and after making three phone calls, the police had not materialized.

Kelsey Evans suggested that perhaps the police could have been called away on an emergency.

A member reported a further incident where by the vehicle used to convey the motor cycles had driven through Leeswood and had knocked wing mirrors off vehicles.

Kelsey Evans agreed to examine records, in order to obtain the registration number of the van, and circulate it.

A member informed that two persons who had been riding motor cycles at high speed through Leeswood were parked outside of the shop, he questioned whether CCTV coverage may be able to identify them.

A member informed that he had told the police that the persons would have been recorded on CCTV coverage.

asked

The Chairman, Cllr K McCallum ~~reiterated that he had asked~~ the police to look into the registration numbers and the CCTV coverage. again

On other issues Kelsey Evans informed of theft from a motor vehicle on Maxwell Drive, she cautioned that garden sheds were also being targeted.

The Chairman, Cllr K McCallum informed that he had noticed a Scene of Crime Investigation vehicle in the Christ Church car park, Kelsey explained that this was following criminal damage to a motor vehicle.

A member advised that he had been told that a red Vauxhall Corsa had been dumped in Pontblyddyn, and that a person had been visiting properties, and asking for any information with regard to it. The PCSO's assured that they would look for the vehicle.

Cllr C E Jones questioned where the responsibility lay for reporting vehicles without any excise duty, he was informed that it was the D.V.L.A.

Cllr T Hughes informed of smashed bottles to the rear of the chip shop, and on the play area, and that they were also being placed in the sand pit.

Kelsey Evans informed that she would make the other PCSO's aware of this, and that a patrol would be carried out.

Cllr J Caruana questioned whether any of the PCSO's had been trained to use speed guns, the answer was in the negative, however Cllr Caruana was asked where the hot spots were, he responded in Maxwell drive and in Dingle Road. Kelsey Evans informed that she would send out a message to the Go Safe vehicle, and asked for some patrols to be done between 8.00am and 9.00pm, and 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Cllr C E Jones questioned what powers a Police and Support Officer has, he was informed that a PCSO does not have a power of arrest, but can detain a person for a period of twenty minutes, and can use hand cuffs.

The Chairman Cllr K Mc Callum thanked both Kelsey Evans and Carol Richards for attending the meeting.

82. ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk advised that he had again spoken to Mr George Owens, that he was prepared to sell the land, for a sum of no less than £27,000, and that he would be prepared to accept installment payments.

The Clerk continued that he had agreed to meet Mr Owens on site on Tuesday 10th September, at 6.00pm, a previous resolution provided that the Clerk, along with Cllr R Hughes, Chairman of the Cemetery Sub Committee, and Cllr E Saul would represent the Council, in addition the Chairman, as of right.

Members suggested that there would be a need to establish that the Community Council was receiving value for money, taking into account that the asking price was £27,000 for an area of approximately 0.7 or an acre.

The Clerk agreed to take some advice with regard to this.

Resolved

1. The Clerk come along with the Chairman Cllr K McCallum, Cllr R Hughes, Chairman of the Cemetery Sub Committee, and Cllr E Saul meet with Mr Owens, owner of the land adjacent to the cemetery, at 6.00pm, on Tuesday 10th September.
2. The Clerk establish that the Community Council is obtaining value for money in regard to the purchase of the land.

83. ALIGNMENT OF GRAVESTONES

A member referred once again to the fact that a certain number of the gravestones are out of line, providing an untidy sight.

Resolved

The matter be taken up with the stone masons concerned, and that after every new gravestone is sited, then that the matter be examined.

84. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

This matter is agendad as a standard item, a member suggested that the activities of Castle Cement would fall under this heading, as sustainable development would take into account environmental issues

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

85. CASTLE CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cllr J Caruana informed that there are no major issues at the moment, the plant is running quite well.

The only issue being dust from tyres in the dry weather, Castle Cement have now agreed to wash the tyres as vehicles leave the plant.

Resolved

That the foregoing be noted.

86. OBNOXIOUS FLUVIA - AREA OF THATCHED COTTAGE, MOLD ROAD, PONTBLYDDYN

A member informed that he continuously detects a smell when passing the above location, other members informed that they had also noticed this.

The member concerned informed that he had mentioned it to the Environment Agency, but that it did not come under their umbrella, but that if it continues, the Environment Agency would advise as to the correct point of contact.

A member suggested that it could be coming from Castle Cement, at the time Castle cement had been contacted, nothing however was being burned.

A member volunteered to contract Environmental Health at Flintshire County Council, asking them to examine the matter.

Another suggestion was that it could be a gas leak. He was informed, however that it was not such a smell.

Resolved

The foregoing dialogue will be recorded.

87 PROVISION OF FESTIVE LIGHTING

The Clerk advised that this matter is agendad in accordance with Minute No. 63 of the July meeting, in order to establish the Community Council's requirements.

The Clerk advised that the amount included in the budget is £3,500.

Members suggested that an enquiry be made with Flintshire County Council, as to what could be obtained for £3,500.

The Clerk informed that Cllr Mrs C Bie had requested festive lighting on the street lighting columns in Pontblyddyn.

Resolved

That an enquiry be made with the Flintshire County Council, as to what be best be achieved for an amount of £3,500.

88. NONE DOMESTIC RATES - PUBLIC HOUSES AND CLUBS

The Clerk reported that following a conversation with the Valuation Officer, followed up by an informative document, that the none domestic rates formula, for calculating amounts payable, is identical for both public houses and clubs, based on turnover and barrellage.

The Clerk informed members of the detail of the approved guide, quote: "The rateable of a none domestic hereditament will generally be made by considering liquor trade and none liquor trade separately. The latter will comprise primarily catering and, where applicable, accommodation and/or other areas of trade.

To ascertain the correct rateable value the first and most important consideration is to determine the fair maintainable trade of the property. This will be split between gross receipts for liquor, food, accommodation and other sales, and the receipts from gaming machines."

Resolved

That any information as provided by the Clerk, and the quote from the approved guide for valuation of public houses be recorded.

89. COUNTY COUNCIL'S POLICY ON ISSUING OF LICENCES

The Clerk explained that he had on two occasions written to the Protection Manager, asking for the County Council's written policy, on the issuing of licenses.

As there had been no response, the Clerk continued that he had spoken to a person in the licencing department, via telephone, who referred to a previous letter, communicated to the Community Council, informing that it is only necessary to post notices in the vicinity of the premises concerned.

The Clerk continued that again he had asked this person for a written policy, he was informed that there is no written policy, and that the clauses contained in the act are referred to.

The member who had originally raised the matter was adamant that there would be a written policy, he continued that appeals go to the magistrates court, consequently there must be a written policy to refer to.

The Clerk was asked to make an enquiry to the legal section, Flintshire County Council in regard to this issue.

Resolved

The Clerk makes the relevant enquiry to the legal department, Flintshire County Council, regarding whether or not there is a written policy for the issue of licenses to public houses etc.

90. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Plan No. 051092.
Proposal: Listed building application - instalation of replacement windows
Location: Black Gates Lodge, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold.

Resolved

That the Council supports the application

91 PLANNING DECISION

1. **Proposal:** Temporary replacement of a static caravan
Location: Black Gates Lodge, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold.

Chief Planning Services Officer informs that the application has been approved

Resolved

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

92 LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL, BEST KEPT GARDENS AND HANGING BASKETS

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the winners, as follows:

Best kept hanging baskets: ~

- 1st Prize: Ms Nicola Maynard, 15 Alyn Terrace, Pontblyddyn.
- 2nd Prize: Mrs Sue Roberts, Wood Bank, 10 Bryn Barrug, Pontblyddyn.
- 3rd Prize: Mr Trevor Evans, 47 Heol y Goran, Leeswood.

Best kept garden: ~

- 1st Prize: Mr Edward S Beeching, 24 Heol y Goran, Leeswood.
- 2nd Prize: Mr Anthony Condron, 6 Llys Ann, Leeswood.
- 3rd Prize: Mr Paul F Jones, "Lyndas", Main Road, Leeswood.

Resolved

That the foregoing winners be noted.

93 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITIONS

Correspondence received from the Head of Democratic Services thanked the Leeswood Community Council for entering the various environmental competitions, but unfortunately informed that this year the Community Council had not been successful in winning any of the competitions.

The winner of the Best Kept Village or Community under 1,000 population was Llanfynydd.

The winner of the Best Kept Village, population between 1,000 and 5,000 was Northop.

The Best Kept Town Centre was Mold.

The Best Kept Senior Citizen Estate was in Northop.

The Best Kept Community Garden or Wild Life Area was Bryn-y-Baal Quarry.

The judges Special Award was awarded to Higher Kinnerton Eco School.

Resolved

That the above information be recorded.

94 NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

Correspondence received from Natural Resources advised that last year the Countryside Council

for Wales wrote about the review of the maps of open access to mountain, moor, heath, down land and registered common land in Wales.

The writer continued that from the 1st April 2013, Natural Resources Wales took over the functions previously currently carried out by the Countryside Council for Wales and Forestry Commission for Wales, the devolved functions of Environment Agency, and some functions of Welsh Government.

The review process started on the 16th July 2012 when Countryside Council for Wales issued a new draft map of open country and registered common land for consultation. Natural Resources Wales will issue a new all Wales provisional map on the 7th August 2013, and would like to encourage persons to help to raise the awareness that this review will be taking place and to direct any interested people to visit the natural resources website.

Maps can also be inspected at the Natural Resources Wales offices at Mold.

Resolved

That the detail of the letter from Natural Resources Wales be recorded.

95 NEW PLAY AREA, PHOENIX PARK

Members registered their disappointment to read of litter and dog excrement in the new play area, despite there being adequate receptacles to provide for this.

The health of children who use the area was referred to, along with the untidy situation created.

It was agreed that a polite request be issued through the pages of the Leeswood and District News, in order to address this matter.

Resolved

That an appropriate polite request be included in the Leeswood and District News, addressing the issues of dog excrement and litter on the new play area.

96. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Members referred to the Nant area, the existence of fallen trees, the damaged railings, and the threat of further land slides.

It was recognised that the massive amount of money required to carry out the necessary works is the problem.

Resolved

That the above comments be recorded.

97. IDENTIFICATION CHIPPING OF DOGS

The meeting was informed that the Community Centre had been hired on October 3rd, between the hours of 10.0am and 3.00pm, for the identification chipping of dogs, free of charge.

Resolved

That the above information be noted.

98 **CHURCH HALL, PONTBLYDDYN.**

A member informed that he had concerns, following that comments in the village, that the church hall in Pontblyddyn was to be demolished.

A member was able to reassure that this was not the case, a planning application is approved, whereby the church hall would be converted into two units as opposed to the original consent of three.

Resolved

That the above information be recorded, and reported in the Leeswood News.

99 **WHITE GATES, PONTBLYDDYN**

Pursuant of a previous resolution of the Council, the Clerk was asked to establish where the responsibility lay for the maintaining of the grassed area in front of the white gates, Pontblyddyn, he was asked to write to Mr Charles Wynn-Eyton, the Tower, Nercwys.

A response from Mrs Mairi Wynn-Eyton informed that her husband, Charles had passed away last month, and it would be appreciated that things have been a little difficult to cope with.

Mrs Wyn-Eyton was unable to help as to the ownership of the strip of land.

When Leeswood Hall was sold, she was of the opinion that the white gates were supposed to be managed by a trust, but she was not aware of the trustees.

Mrs Wynn-Eyton suggested that the Community Council could contact the owners of Leeswood Hall.

She asked for the outcome of any enquiries.

A member informed that the grass on the strip of land referred to has now been cut.

Resolved

1. That a letter of sympathy be extended to Mrs Wynn-Eyton.
2. She be informed that the area grass land, has now been maintained.

100 **CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS.**

The Clerk advised that correspondence received from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services informs that as from the 1st October 2013 Flintshire County Council will take over the provisions relating to prohibitions and/or restrictions on parking, and will be responsible for the issuing of fixed penalties etc.

The Clerk advised that the correspondence was received after him preparing the agendas, but that he would provide each member with a copy of the correspondence.

Resolved

That the foregoing information be noted.

101 ALLOTMENT SHOW

A member advised that the allotments committee had organised a show, on the previous Saturday from 1.00pm until 5.00pm.

There was some excellent produce on show, all of which had been sold.

Resolve

The foregoing be noted.

102 HEDGE AT PROPERTY - MEADOWSIDE

Members complained with regard to the overgrown hedge at the above property, which was intruding on to the footpath.

Resolved

That the matter be brought to the attention of the Street Scene Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council.

103 LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE - COED LLAI, SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB. (KINGS CLUB)

Chairman Cllr K McCallum queried the relationship that the above two organisations shared.

He continued that the Sports and Social Club paid money to the Community Centre, as the former does now not operate, then the Community Centre would be short of money.

This being the case then the various groups that use the Community Centre will not have a venue in which to meet.

Information was provided that the Social Club paid to the Community Centre, an amount of £40.00, and then £60.00 per week.

The Chairman concluded that he had been asked to raise this issue.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the October meeting.

104 SMALL COAL WAGON - AND RAILWAY LINES, PONTYBODKIN

The Chairman Cllr K McCallum referred to the very attractive memorabilia of the past activities of the area, and questioned whether Leeswood does need to have a symbol of the past.

Resolved

That the matter be agendad for the October meeting.

105 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.Resolved

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
D Blackwell, Stonecraft Ltd.	Re level 8 memorials	£216.00
Rep. Body , Church in Wales	Right of way over Pontblyddyn Churchyard	£ 1.00
Scottish Power	Street lighting electricity	£336.03
Flintshire County Council	Inspection & maintenance of street lighting	£205.04
Dee Valley Water	Water charges - allotments	£ 14.37
G N I Jones	Salary, expenses, photocopying Postage and telephone calls Stationery	£383.83
Mrs K Graham	Printing	£ 14.45
Mr B Richards	Cemetery Maintenance	£290.00
	Disposal of cemetery waste	£ 20.00
	Litter pick	£340.00
	Grass cutting around seats	<u>£ 20.00</u>
	Total:	£670.00
D Thomas	Maintenance of cemetery seats	£220.00
Mr Edward S Beeching	Best Kept Garden	£ 50.00
Mr A Condron	2nd prize, Best Kept Garden	£ 30.00
Mr Paul F Jones	3rd prize, Best Kept Garden	£ 20.00
Ms Nicola Maynard	1st Prize-Best Kept Hanging Basket	£ 50.00
Mrs Sue Roberts	2nd Prize-Best Kept Hanging Basket	£ 30.00
Mr Trevor Evans	3rd Prize-Best Kept Hanging Basket	£ 20.00

106 INCOME RECEIVED.

Date	Detail	Amount
28/08/2013	New grave out of district	£480.00

Resolved

That the information with regard to income received be noted.

107 BANK BALANCES

The Clerk advised that the bank balances for September had not been received, however balances of the 29th July 2013 were - Deposit Account £ 36,056.81, Current Account £4,507.25

Resolved

That the detail with regard to bank balances be noted

108 ANNUAL RETURN TO 31st MARCH 2013

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the external auditors report.

The Clerk added that members will note that it is the auditors intention to issue an unqualified auditors certificate, that there are no matters which should be drawn to the attention of the Council.

Other matters not affecting the opinion of the auditor is that the Council should have approved the draft annual return prior to June 2013.

Members congratulated and thanked the Clerk for a clean audit report.

Resolved

That the comments of the external auditor, U H Y Hacker Young, and the comments of memberws be recorded.

109 FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN-DRAFT DELIVERY AGREEMENT

The Clerk advised that he had received four copies of the lengthy plan, which is available for members consideration, the response date being the 30th September 2013.

Resolved

That receipt of the plan be noted.

110 MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOT YET RESOLVED

1. Seat at Pontblyddyn cross roads - minute No. 239 -2/4/13.
Cllr R Hughes agreed to approach Hartsheath Estate in regard to this matter
2. Salt Bin - Minute No. 13-7/5/13
The Clerk was asked to respond to the person who had requested the salt bin, to the effect that the matter now lies with Street Scene, Flintshire County Council.
3. Footpath from A5104, bottom of Constitution Hill to the A541 - Minute No. 15-7/5/13
(The Break)
4. Licencing laws - Minute No. 50 - 4/6/13