



LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF LEESWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 5th APRIL 2016.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Williams (in the Chair)

Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, T. Hughes, Terry Hughes, C.E. Jones JP, J. Phoenix, D. Rule, J.E. Saul and G. Sherwood (Vice-Chairman).

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor K. McCallum JP.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

282. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

283. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3461 Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend the meeting and had sent an e-mail to the Clerk. In her e-mail PCSO Hadfield-Jones explained that she had been unable to attend recent meetings as she had been on a course which had interrupted her normal working pattern. She went on to say that she had intended to attend the meeting this evening but had been unable to gather the latest statistics from the server at Mold Police Station as it was down. PCSO Hadfield-Jones added that she would attend the next meeting.

Comment was made that there seemed to be a gang with twelve plus members roaming through the village - the ages of the children quite diverse. Further concern was expressed at this and it was pointed out that it had been a long time since the community had seen this type of activity. It was suggested that the Clerk should e-mail PCSO Hadfield-Jones drawing her attention to this. All Councillors were in agreement.

284. ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

It was reported that although Mr. George Owens had been in contact with his Solicitors, progress was slow. Flintshire County Council had not received any correspondence but it was hoped that this would change in the near future.

285. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

This matter was moved up the Agenda as Councillor R. Hughes had to leave the meeting early due to another commitment.

- a) Legion D'Honneur, Mr J.K. Hughes of Ffordd Siarl - Councillor R. Hughes informed that he had attended the ceremony honouring Mr Hughes on Friday 4th March 2016. It had been pleasing to see Councillor R. Williams, Chairman to this Council also present. Mr. Hughes had been awarded a medal and a certificate, very gratifying to see a member of the Community honoured in this way.
- b) Water coming off fields, Dual Carriageway Pontblyddyn - this matter was to be attended to.
- c) 30mph Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood - the movement of the sign was in progress. There is a legal process which involves the advertisement of the intention to extend the speed limit around the corner.
- d) Double yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street, Leeswood - these were a possibility and it was hoped that they would alleviate the issues with parking on the junction.
- e) Dingle Road, Leeswood - it was pointed out that the road had deteriorated badly and could cause damage to vehicles. This is to be repaired.
- f) Street lights - these were out on Dingle Road in Leeswood and also opposite the Fferm in Pontblyddyn.
- g) Flintshire County Council's Chairman's Charity Dinner - Councillor R. Hughes stated that this had been an excellent evening and had raised £4,140 on the evening. His Charity fund for the year was now in the region of £17,000.
- h) New Flintshire County Council properties in Leeswood - report was received that the Flintshire County Council were looking to demolish the Council garages at Maes-Y-Meillion and Heol-y-Goron. It was the intention to build three two bedroom bungalows and four two bedroom apartments on the site at Maes-Y-Meillion. Two three bedroom houses and three two bedroom houses were hoped to be built on the site at Heol-y-Goron. A public consultation is to take place at the Community Centre on Wednesday 6th April between 3pm and 7pm.
- i) Council vans outside 49 Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood - comment was made that there had been a number of vans parked outside this property and these were causing problems with traffic. Councillor R. Hughes stated that he would look into this.

286. CEMETERY

The mole problem in the Cemetery is being dealt with. Mr Aled Davies has laid traps and these are being monitored.

287. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications.

288. PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no planning decisions.

289. PLANNING APPEALS

Planning Reference - 054344

Appeal Reference - APP/A6835/D/16/3144068

Triple Garage with ancillary accommodation over.

The Old Barn, Padeswood Lake Road, Padeswood, Mold, CH7 4HZ.

An appeal has been made to the Welsh Ministers following the Flintshire County Council refusal to grant Planning Permission.

290. HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

It was reported that there are no issues with dust emissions. Wagons are being loaded inside the plant and any spillage can, therefore, be contained. Any impact on the environment is minimal. There is currently a problem with complaints regarding noise.

291. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mr Neal Cockerton of Flintshire County Council had attended the last meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee in order to discuss the asset transfer. A meeting was to be arranged with FLVC where future changes to the organisational structure of the management of the Community Centre would be examined. It was believed that the Community Centre is likely to go forward with charitable status and there would be a board of Trustees.

The Clerk informed that the last fundraising event which had been the Easter Bonnet Dance held on 12th March 2016 could only be described as a dead loss. Sixteen people had attended, out of which six were members of the Management Committee. Due to the poor turn out, it had been agreed between the Committee members present on the night that free tickets to the next Dance would be issued to those who had attended.

292. CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL NAME TO LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There was nothing further to report regarding this matter.

293. COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE - THE LATE CLERK CYRIL D. WILLIAMS AND THE LATE COUNCILLOR RONALD TATTUM

These had now been purchased. It was agreed that as Mrs Mary Williams was at present in hospital, the Clerk would make arrangements for her to attend a Council meeting for the 'unveiling' of the plaque in memory of the late Clerk, Cyril D. Williams once she had returned home. The family of the late Councillor Ron

Tattum were to be informed of the intention to also put up a plaque in his memory and given the opportunity to attend on the same evening if they so wished.

294. POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK

No further information had been received regarding this matter.

Observation was made that there were four footballs in the pond area and concern was expressed that children may make an attempt to climb over the fence to retrieve these. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Councillor R. Hughes the following morning to advise him of the situation and to request that the Flintshire County Council remove these footballs in order to prevent any possible danger to children.

295. WITHDRAWAL OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES

Mr Steve Jones, Head of Streetscene & Transportation, Flintshire County Council, had provided details of the proposed withdrawal of Bus Services that will affect this Community. Workshops have been arranged to take place on Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 4pm and 7pm. It was agreed that Councillor Terry Hughes and the Clerk would attend.

296. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO BUY COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Denise Naylor, Community and Enterprise, Flintshire County Council had e-mailed advising that the Flintshire County Council were seeking to apply to the Welsh Assembly Government for a suspension of the Right to Buy Council properties in Flintshire for a minimum of five years. She went on to state that during 2016, the Council will start its ambitious Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) which will see 500 new council and affordable homes built across Flintshire over the next five years. The new Council homes will be managed by the Council and the remaining 300 affordable properties will be managed by the Council-owned NEW Homes housing company. By suspending the Right to Buy, Flintshire will not only retain its existing council housing stock levels but will also safeguard these new properties to maximise the housing opportunities for local people living in Flintshire.

In order to submit an application to Welsh Government Ministers before the pre-election period commences, the closing date for receipt of all views on the proposal was 16th March, 2016. Because of this date, the details had already been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk reported that eight Members had responded to a request for views and the majority opinion was in support of the Flintshire County Council's wish to put in a request to the Welsh Assembly Government for the Suspension of the Right to Buy Council Properties for a minimum of five years. An e-mail was sent to Flintshire County Council by the deadline date advising of this.

297. DOG FOULING

Correspondence received from Margaret Parry-Jones, Environment & Social Care Facilitator, Flintshire County Council, (again already circulated to Councillors - replies were needed by 1st April 2016), requesting 'thoughts' on dog fouling in the Community and an opinion on an initiative taken up by Barking and Dagenham Council to run a pilot scheme regarding Dog DNA Registration. The Clerk reported that four Councillors had replied and that there were three thoughts - a) if it was successful in Barking and Dagenham then running such a Scheme in Flintshire would be broadly supported; b) it was believed that dog fouling was still a problem in our Community but not so much so that it warranted the Scheme being put forward. It was also considered that the cost of such a Scheme could be put to better use and c) that the majority of dog owners in the Community are responsible and it is the minority that need to be targeted. Any DNA Registration Scheme would need to be cost effective and it is unlikely that the 'irresponsible' dog owners would sign up voluntarily. A suggestion of hefty fines for dog owners who deliberately allow the fouling of play/sport areas. Flintshire County Council had been e-mailed a letter outlining these points by the deadline date.

On a point of declaration of interest, the Clerk informed Council that she knew of the Company involved in the piloting of the DNA Registration Scheme through her work. Copies of the e-mail and correspondence that she had sent to Flintshire County Council were available for Councillors to inspect.

298. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - SUMMER PLAYScheme 2016

From Alan Roberts, Public Open Spaces Manager, Flintshire County Council, details of the part funding available for the provision of the Summer Playscheme 2016. The cost will be £900 for the first three weeks and then £260 per week thereafter. It was previously agreed that the Community Summer Playscheme would be of five weeks' duration. Flintshire County Council had been informed.

299. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Correspondence from Andrew Farrow, Chief Planning Officer, Flintshire County Council, informing that there will be consultation on the document 'Key Messages: Setting the future direction for the Plan - Tell us what you think'. The consultation period was to commence on 18th March and end on 29th April.

300. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

- a) Main Road, Pontblyddyn - it was brought to the Council's attention that heavy vehicles are travelling at speed through the night along the A541 Pontblyddyn village.
- b) Mr Vince Roberts, ex-Headmaster Ysgol Derwenfa - sad news received that Mr Vince Roberts had passed away. It was agreed that the Clerk would try and obtain an address to write to his widow expressing the Council's condolences.
- c) Community Council meeting agenda - this is now being put on the website.

301. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Buckley Town Council - advising of the Mayor's 'Buckley Sings' Charity Concert to be held at the Elfed School, Buckley on Thursday 14th April 2016 at 6.30pm. This was accepted.
- b) Electric Communities - correspondence from Silas Jones, Energy Development Officer, Cadwyn Clwyd. This was accepted.
- c) North Wales Community Health Council - seeking views about the District Nursing Service in North Wales. This was accepted.
- d) North Wales Community Health Council - news release advising of selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for the year 2016/2017. This was accepted.
- e) Leeswood Senior Citizens - thank you letter received re donation.
- f) Air Ambulance Wales - thank you e-mail received re donation.
- g) Welsh Border Community Transport - thank you letter re donation.
- h) Pontblyddyn Mothers Union - thank you letter re donation.
- i) Christ Church, Pontblyddyn - thank you letter re increase in Churchyard grant.
- j) Bethania Chapel - thank you letter re donation.
- k) Rainbows/Brownies/Guides/Rangers - thank you letter re donation.
- l) Leeswood Methodist Church - thank you letter re donation.
- m) Christ Church Pontblyddyn - invitation to Council members to attend the 180th Anniversary and Re-dedication on 15th May 2016. Nine members plus wives are to attend.

302. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Postage/Printing	£28.08
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - February 2016	£538.40
Miss M Reynolds	Cost of plaques for late Cyril D Williams and Ronald Tattum	£101.26
Aled Davies Agricultural	Grass cutting in Cemetery March 2016	£585.60
One Voice Wales	Annual membership	£271.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI due quarter 4 2015/2016	£347.60
Flintshire County Council	Match funded play equipment on Phoenix Park	£3,000.00
Mr B Williams	Allotment rent	£500.00
	Total	£5,371.94

303. INCOME RECEIVED

Renata Isolde Turner	New Grave	£750.00
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304. BANK BALANCES

At present there is £49,955.67 in the deposit account and £8,795.82 in the current account.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.