

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2019.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillors L.T. Coleman, D.K. Crowther, D. Foster, T. Hughes, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, C. Coleman, L.C. Richardson and D. Rule - Chairman.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

264. DEMENTIA FRIENDS SESSION

Age Friendly Communities had arranged for the Community Council to have a Dementia Friends session. Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman, welcomed Mrs Karen Robertson of the Alzheimer's Society Cymru to the meeting.

When asked about dementia, most people associate it with age, illness, confusion, devastation for those people with it and there is generally a negative view. It was important to note that through Dementia Friends you can live well with dementia.

Dementia is not a natural part of ageing and the illness is caused by diseases of the brain. One common type of dementia is Alzheimer's disease but it is important to establish which type of dementia a person has because of the treatments available. The illness is progressive. It is not just about losing your memory, there are other factors such as losing your inhibitions, changes in character, frustration, anxiety, confusion, struggles with communicating and impaired motor skills. Dementia is more prevalent than many will realise and at any one time up to 1 in 14 people over the age of 65 may have this condition. Stigma is attached to the condition and many people who display the signs will not come forward because of this.

Councillors took part in activities to highlight what being a person with dementia would entail. The activities achieved a number of different responses, no-one was right or wrong and they were based on the individual's perception.

People are self-referred to the Alzheimer's Society but question arose as to whether we as individuals should take responsibility for those we are aware that

need help. In those circumstances, social services should be contacted and there are dementia helplines.

The Alzheimer's Society are putting millions of pounds into research. If diagnosed early, the person with dementia may be able to receive medication to slow the progress down.

Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman, thanked Mrs Robertson for attending the meeting, stating that it had been a very informative session.

265. COMMUNITY COUNCIL DONATIONS 2018/2019

A discussion was held on the applications for financial assistance. It was agreed by all Councillors that the following donations be given: -

1.	1 st Leeswood Brownies	£150
2.	1 st Leeswood Rainbows	£150
3.	1 st Leeswood Guides	£75
4.	1 st Leeswood Rangers	£75
5.	Leeswood Senior Citizens	£150
6.	Pontblyddyn Mothers Union	£100
7.	Leeswood Bowling Club	£150
8.	Leeswood & District Angling Club	£150
9.	Nightingale House (Leeswood Support Group)	£150
10.	Leeswood Invitation Homing Society	£150
11.	Leeswood Carnival Committee	£150
12.	Pontblyddyn Cricket Club	£100
13.	Leeswood Royal British Legion	£100
14.	Age Friendly Communities	£100
15.	Welsh Border Community Transport	£150
16.	Air Ambulance Wales	£200
17.	Citizens Advice Bureau	£100
	Total	£2,200