

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor D. Rule, Chairman (in the Chair),  
Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, D. Foster, T. Hughes, L.C.  
Richardson, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillor C. Coleman, L.T. Coleman and R. Hughes.

#### **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Present at the meeting was Mr Robert Dewey of the Standards Committee, Flintshire County Council. Mr Dewey advised that members of the Standards Committee will be visiting all Town/Community Councils in Flintshire. Part of the role of the Standards Committee involves disputes and discipline, promoting good behaviour and giving training. The exercise to visit all Town/Community Councils will go on until the summer, there are no plans to come back, this is a one-off visit.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **236. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the precept meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **237. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA)**

Pre-planning consultation re land on Dingle Road, Leeswood - nothing further had been heard regarding this. The formal planning application had not been submitted to Flintshire County Council. It was pointed out that following the pre-planning consultation, there would possibly be changes made before a submission was made to the County Council.

**238. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was not in attendance. No report had been provided this month.

**Crime Issues/Trends**

**Last Month**

Theft from vehicle on Bronallt, Leeswood - a van had been broken into, nothing was taken from within. All lines of enquiry have now been investigated but no suspect has been identified.

Unlawful access gained to property on Dingle Road, Leeswood - access to a property had been gained, nothing was taken. Suspect vehicle has been identified and recovered, enquiries are on-going.

**This Month**

Shoplifting on Queen Street, Leeswood - all lines of enquiry investigated fully, no suspect has been identified.

Common assault on Dingle Road, Leeswood - disagreement over parking. Nobody wishing to make a formal complaint.

Criminal Damage on Chapel Terrace, Pontybodkin - Vehicle broken into overnight - all lines of enquiry investigated fully, no suspect identified.

Criminal Damage on Kemps Row, Pontybodkin - damage had been caused to a van in an attempt to steal tools from within. All lines of enquiry investigated fully. No suspect identified.

Suspicious circumstances on Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn - tractor has been moved at a residential property, not stolen or damaged. All lines of enquiry investigated fully, no suspect was identified.

Public Order Crime on Ffordd Siarl/Heol Y Goron, Leeswood - number of individuals involved in a disturbance, four individuals arrested at scene - enquiries on-going.

**ASB Issues**

Children causing damage to a resident's hedge on Heol Y Goron, Leeswood - issues are on-going and so is the investigation. PCSO Jones has arranged for CCTV to be installed at the property.

It was pointed out that there was a lot more incidences being reported this month and it would be appreciated if PCSO Jones included dates of the incidences on his report.

**239. CEMETERY**

The Clerk informed that Mr Aled Davies, Cemetery sub-contractor and his team had done an excellent job clearing the snow from the Cemetery following the recent spell of wintry weather. Councillors expressed their gratitude to Mr Davies and his team, requesting that the Clerk passed this on.

Mr Davies has expressed a wish to meet with this Council to discuss the future works on the new extension to the Cemetery. All Councillors agreed to invite Mr

Davies to attend the next monthly meeting at 6pm.

**240. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

059328 - Erection of a single storey extension and erection of a single garage. Four Winds, Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood, CH7 4SS.  
All Councillors agreed that there is no objection to this planning application.

059369 - Erection of extension.

Leeswood Surgery, Queen Street, Leeswood, Nr. Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RQ.  
All Councillors agreed that there is no objection to this planning application.

**241. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Steering Group had met on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Councillor R. Hughes had been in attendance. The Steering Group will now be meeting on the first Monday every month in the old Clinic at the Community Centre.

This Council will have Dementia Friendly training on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019. A number of Community organisations had already been trained and it was hoped to get local businesses to sign up as Dementia Friends.

A Book Club is to be started. This will provide a place for residents to meet and discuss the books that they read.

A grant had been given to provide a winter meal. This will be open to residents aged over 50 years. Mark Robertson will be cooking the meal. It was hoped that between 75 and 80 people could be given a meal at this event.

The café is still doing very well. Unfortunately, it had been closed on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 due to the wintry weather. Volunteers to help with the café were still needed.

**242. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Solicitors to the Trustees have had the paperwork regarding the asset transfer for two months. It was very difficult to make contact with them to arrange a meeting. Councillor Sherwood informed that it was still hoped that the transfer would be signed before the end of this financial year.

The New Year's Eve event had been very successful. There was about 80 in attendance and it had been enjoyed by all.

During the Six Nations rugby tournament, the Community Centre would be open to show the Wales matches.

Once the asset transfer has gone through, consideration would be given to open the bar facilities more often. It is the intention to maximise the use of space in the building so may open upstairs.

**243. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT**

Councillor J. Caruana reported that there had been a recent issue relating to dust emissions. Cement Mill 3 has a stack that is continuously monitored for dust emissions during plant operation and the permitted emission limit is 20mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> as a daily average. Daily averages are calculated between 00:00 – 23:59 for each day of operation. On 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, the cement mill ran for the first time after its major overhaul and after each attempt to start the mill there were elevated particulate emissions. The bag filter was inspected after each of these incidents and steps taken to bring emissions back down to normal levels. The high level of emission value of was over a cumulative period of approximately 1.5 days. When the equipment was restarted it then operated below the emission limit value, however there wasn't sufficient time in the day to bring the daily average into compliance. Nevertheless, the following day the cement mill 3 filter averaged 1.78 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>, which is within the limits.

**244. PARKING ISSUES - BELL'S CORNER AND JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET**

The Clerk reported that she had heard nothing further from Mr Lee Shone, Highways, Flintshire County Council. It was agreed by all Councillors that contact be made with him to see what progress had been made.

**245. CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT**

The training session at Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 3.30pm had been postponed due to the School being closed because of the wintry weather. This has now been rescheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**246. DVSA TEAM BUILDING DAY IN THE COMMUNITY**

Councillor D.K. Crowther advised that the DVSA would need, if possible sixteen weeks' notice regarding coming to the Community to help with a litter pick or planting. Following a discussion, it was pointed out that the Carnival Committee would appreciate help with setting up in preparation for the Carnival to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor D. Rule would liaise with the Carnival Committee and Councillor D.K. Crowther to arrange a suitable date for the DVSA to come to the village and help.

**247. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS**

Members had been circulated with an e-mail from Lee Shone, Road Safety Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council. This e-mail reported the details of the recent speed surveys undertaken in Pontblyddyn.

Survey location: A541 South of A5104 Junction

Direction of travel	85%ile speed	Vehicle volume
From Wrexham	31.9mph	3830
To Wrexham	34.1 mph	3980

Survey Location: A541 Druids Inn

Direction of travel	85%ile speed	Vehicle volume
From Mold	34.2mph	4326
To Mold	37.1mph	4265

This information will now be sent to Gosafe for assessment for consideration as a live enforcement site. Mr Shone will forward the outcome once he has received an update. In addition, this information will be utilised in line with Flintshire Safety Scheme Assessment Matrix for consideration for future bid submissions to Welsh Government for Road Safety Grant Schemes.

Councillors requested that a split of the data be provided. They were keen to know the results by day and times. Concern was expressed that the speed limits were being exceeded during the early mornings. The result of this speed survey is vague, and more specifications are required. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk request a breakdown of the survey from Flintshire County Council.

**248. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN**

The sign on the Nant, Pontblyddyn, will be put up in the next couple of weeks.

Councillors referred to the replacement sign on the Chester Road, Pontblyddyn. It was pointed out that this replacement sign was not the same as the one that had been damaged and left thrown in the hedge. All Councillors agreed that the damaged sign should have been replaced with like for like. The Clerk was to approach Flintshire County Council in regard to this.

**249. 20MPH MANDATORY SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE FLINTSHIRE SCHOOLS**

It was pointed out that across North Wales there is a mandatory speed limit of 20mph outside Schools, except for Flintshire. Cars pass Ysgol Derwenfa at speed and this is a cause for concern. Councillors agreed that a 20mph mandatory speed limit outside the School is required. The Clerk pointed out that when she had previously e-mailed Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council, the response indicated that there was a mandatory speed limit of 20mph outside Flintshire Schools. Observation was made that the 20mph speed limit sign outside Ysgol Derwenfa is advisory. All Councillors agreed that

the Clerk should take a photograph of the sign and send it to Mr Jones requesting that a mandatory 20mph sign be put outside the School in its place.

**250. COUNTY FORUM MEETING OF 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2018 - ELECTORAL REVIEW, LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES**

The Clerk advised that she had submitted a response on behalf of this Council as per the points made at the last monthly meeting. Acknowledgement of this had been received from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

**251. YSGOL DERWENFA, LEESWOOD - IT EQUIPMENT**

The Clerk informed that she would contact Mr Gareth Owens, Legal Services, Flintshire County Council, regarding how a donation could be given to a School from a Community Council.

**252. 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS, 2019**

The Clerk advised that she had received no further information about this. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact the Clerk to Mold Town Council.

**253. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the relevant information relating to payments to members of Town and Community Councils from the 2018/2019 report and also from the draft report for 2019/2020.

**254. SUMMER PLAYScheme 2019**

Correspondence had been received from Claire Homard, Chief Officer, Education and Youth, Flintshire County Council. This correspondence advises that the cost of the Playscheme for 2019 will be £1,373.95 for three weeks plus an additional cost of £355 per week. The total cost for five weeks is £2,083.95. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that this Council fund a five week Playscheme session for summer 2019. All Councillors in agreement.

**255. LEADER FUNDING FOR COMMUNITIES - REMARC CYMRU**

E-mail correspondence had been received from Giulio Mescia of Remarc Cymru. Remarc Cymru is an organisation subcontracted to Cadwyn Clwyd to help community groups including Community Councils access LEADER funding theme 4, which is about renewable energy at community level. Also enclosed is some background information. Councillors suggested that the Clerk investigate whether funding is available to convert the Community Council owned streetlights to LED bulbs.

**256. OLDER PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONER FOR WALES NEWSLETTER, SPECIAL BULLETIN**

A copy of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales Newsletter, special bulletin had been circulated to all Councillors. This was accepted.

**257. BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP**

For their information, members had been circulated with copies of the following documents: -

‘Achieving a Sustainable Future’ - this is a working draft paper in preparation of the Health Board providing a Three Year Plan.

‘Third Sector Strategy’ - this is linked to the Three Year Plan.

‘Wylfa Newydd Update’ - this massive project is still in its development stages, but plans are at an advanced level in order to meet the inevitable impact on health care provision both on Anglesey and North Wales in general.

‘HMP Berwyn Healthcare Development’ - this paper is about delivering health and well-being at the Prison.

These were accepted.

**258. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

None other than those already discussed during the meeting.

**259. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

a) Chester Road, Pontblyddyn, road sign for the bend - it was brought to the Council’s attention that this sign was damaged. It was agreed by all Councillors that this be reported to Flintshire County Council.

**260. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Chair of Connah’s Quay Town Council Charity Dinner Dance, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - this is to take place at the Civic Hall, Connah’s Quay, 6.45pm till 1.00am. Proceeds will go to local charities. Tickets are £20.00.

**261. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - Jan. 2019.	£616.16	£0.00	<b>£616.16</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery - Jan. 2019	£98.75	£0.00	<b>£98.75</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery - Jan. 2019	£264.00	£52.80	<b>£316.80</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance - Oct. 2018	£253.33	£0.00	<b>£253.33</b>
Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water rates - Cemetery	£22.18	£0.00	<b>£22.18</b>
Scottish Power	Street lighting energy	£353.28	£17.66	<b>£370.94</b>
KTL Contracting Ltd	Traffic management re Christmas Lights	£618.00	£123.60	<b>£741.60</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance - Nov. 2018	£253.33	£0.00	<b>£253.33</b>
	<b>Totals: -</b>	<b>£2,479.03</b>	<b>£194.06</b>	<b>£2,673.09</b>

**262. INCOME RECEIVED**

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

**263. BANK BALANCES**

At 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018: - Deposit account - £59,160.03 and current account - £2,032.99.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.