

THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2019

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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 4th JUNE 2019.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair),

Councillor D.K. Crowther, Vice-Chairman,

Councillors J. Caruana, L.T. Coleman, D. Foster, L.C. Richardson, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, T. Hughes, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

35. MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

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36. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend this evening. He had forwarded a report to the Clerk which was circulated to Councillors.

Incident update - (from 14/05/2019 to 01/06/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends

Last Month

Heol-Y-Goron, Leeswood – brick thrown on windscreen of a vehicle – all lines of enquiry investigated, no suspect identified.

This Month

County Road, Leeswood – Public Order offence, two males have been assaulting another in the street. Nobody wishing to make a complaint so the matter could not be investigated.

Rear of Oak Drive, Leeswood – Deliberate fire started on wasteland. Enquiries are on-going.

ASB Issues

Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood – Damage to hedge caused by unknown youths. On-going issues which are sporadic and are difficult to manage, the area is being patrolled regularly.

Other News/PCSO activities

There has been a spate of thefts/ people trying to enter properties in the Wrexham/ Flintshire areas. Please report any suspicious activity to Police using 999 if the individuals are still present and continuing to act suspiciously (urgent) and the 101 service if the matter is not urgent.

Two drugs warrants have been conducted on Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – no drugs were located on either premises.

Councillors raised concern about youths playing football in the road.

Several Councillors advised that they had tried to report incidents using the 101 service. It was pointed out that the phone was answered at the start but and the call would be transferred to the relevant department. Once this happened the phone would remain unanswered, Councillors had been waiting over twenty minutes to speak to someone and still not got through. Acknowledgement was made that no-one wished to ring 999 for a matter that was not requiring immediate attention, but it was felt that the 101 service was not fit for purpose if calls went unanswered. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to Inspector D. Whibberley expressing this Council's concerns regarding the waiting time for calls to be answered on the 101 service.

37. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CLARE COLEMAN

Correspondence has been received from Councillor Clare Coleman advising that due to other commitments she feels that she can no longer give the Community Council the attention that it deserves and because of this, wishes to resign. All Councillors expressed regret at Councillor Coleman's resignation. A letter of thanks is to be sent to her.

38. ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 2019/2020

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that Councillor D. Foster should be the additional member to the Finance Committee 2019/2020. All Councillors were in agreement.

39. CEMETERY

Councillors noted that the Cemetery was looking very well. It was pointed out that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing a very good job there. All Councillors were in agreement that they were very pleased with the Cemetery.

The Clerk advised that Mr Davies was free to meet with Councillors at the Cemetery on Tuesday 18th June 2019. This date was acceptable to all Councillors.

40. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No Planning Applications had been received.

From the last meeting: -

Planning Application – 059762

Reduction of grassed areas attached to existing parking area to increase manoeuvrability and the number of parking spaces
Ffordd Celyn, Leeswood. CH7 4RR

This had now been completed and the markings have been put on the road.

41. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the Steering Group had met on Monday 3rd June 2019. It was noted that there were more external people at the Steering Group meeting than members of the Community. A Dementia Friendly event had taken place at Ysgol Derwenfa, this had also been open to parents. The Dementia Friendly training event that had been held on 8th May 2019 was attended by eight members of the Community. Once a month, a Senior Citizen luncheon is held at Ysgol Derwenfa. School caterers provide the food for this. It is hoped that the Book Club will be launching soon.

Mrs Shereen Devine will be starting to work in Holywell in August 2019 as they aim to become an Age Friendly Community. Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Partnership Development and Performance Team, Flintshire County Council had sent an e-mail advising of costs for this Council to employ Mrs Devine in the Community for possibly a half day or full day per week once she has moved. All Councillors agreed that this should be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

42. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the terms of the lease relating to the Asset Transfer have now been agreed. The final lease from Flintshire County Council has now been received and will be signed soon.

43. PARKING ISSUES – BELL'S CORNER AND JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, informed that he had told Mr Lee Shone of Highways, Flintshire County Council that this Council no longer wished to proceed with double yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street. It was pointed out that parking on the pavement at Bell's Corner has started again. All Councillors agreed that an e-mail be sent to Mr Lee Shone confirming the decision about the

junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street and at the same time advise that the parking problem on Bell's Corner continued.

44. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

The launch of “Leeswood Digital Trails” was held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at the Community Centre, 10am till 12 midday. Staff and pupils from Ysgol Derwenfa were in attendance. Councillor J.E. Saul and Mrs Jo Danson had done a lot of work to get the iBeacons up and running. It was pointed out that they now need promoting so that the Community know they are available.

45. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

No further information had been received.

46. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that this sign would be going up in the area of the New Inn, Pontblyddyn, next week.

47. YSGOL DERWENFA, LEESWOOD – IT EQUIPMENT

Members had been circulated with a copy of the e-mail from Gareth Owens, Chief Officer, Governance, Flintshire County Council. In this e-mail, Mr Owens advises that he has looked at whether this Council has a power to make such a donation at all. He states that he thinks we will need to rely on the so called “tuppenny rate” which is the power under section 137 Local Government Act 1972 to incur expenditure which in the opinion of this Council is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, our area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.

Councillors accepted Mr Owens' response, and all agreed that the donation of £500 could now be made.

48. NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

For information, members had been circulated with a copy of the ‘Putting People First’, May edition from the Chief Fire Officer of North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. This was accepted.

49. COUNTY FORUM MEETINGS

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council,

advising that the next two County Forum meetings will take place on Tuesday 25th June 2019, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Mold Town Hall and Monday 7th October 2019, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Hawarden Community Council. Agenda items are requested for the meeting to be held on 25th June 2019. It was agreed by all Councillors that if Councillor J.E. Saul was unavailable to attend the meeting then Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman and Councillor D.K. Crowther would attend.

50. **ONE VOICE WALES – MODEL INFORMAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL**

A copy of e-mail correspondence from Paul R. Egan, Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager, One Voice Wales, inviting for member Councils to complete a survey for better understanding about the level of adoption and use of the Model Informal Resolution Protocol had been circulated to all members. The Protocol was adopted by this Council, Minute 114 of the monthly meeting held on 5th September 2017. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should complete this survey on behalf of this Council. It was noted that there had never been a need to use the Model Informal Resolution Protocol.

51. **ONE VOICE WALES – JUNE TRAINING DATES**

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from One Voice Wales detailing the training sessions arranged for June 2019. Also circulated was an overview of the course modules. Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the next meeting of the One Voice Wales Area Committee was to take place on Tuesday 11th June 2019.

52. **NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE**

Members will find enclosed a copy of e-mail correspondence from Carol Williams, Deputy Chief Officer, North Wales Community Health Council. This is a News Release 'North Wales Health Watchdog – Lessons Learnt Review Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board'.

53. **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT FUNDING SCHEME**

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Stephen Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council advising

that following recent Cabinet approval the County Council are looking into the feasibility of allowing Town and Community Councils to fund additional Enforcement Officers. The duties of the Enforcement Officers will depend on local need but Town and Community Councils may wish to consider the following activities: -

- a) enhanced litter enforcement patrols
- b) enhanced dog fouling enforcement patrols
- c) enhanced fly tipping investigations
- d) enhanced car parking infringement patrols

Cost of providing an Enforcement Officer would be £195 per day.

It was agreed by all Councillors that Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene should be invited to the next meeting to discuss this.

54. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- i) Pot Holes – The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes advised that these were now being repaired.
- ii) Community street lights – A number of these were out and had been reported.

55. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Merchant Navy Ensign – Councillor R. Williams advised that he had purchased this and arrangements had been made for the flag to be flown on Bell's Corner on 3rd September 2019.
- ii) Chair of Council Civic Service – The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would be holding his Civic Service on Sunday 8th September 2019 at the Leeswood Methodist Church.

56. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Buckley Town Council Chair Civic Service – an invitation from the Chair of Buckley Town Council, Councillor Arnold Woolley, to attend his Civic Service on Sunday 9th June 2019 at Emmanuel Bistre Parish Church, Buckley, 10.30am. A parade is to gather at the Buckley Town Council Offices for departure at 10.10am. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Church Hall.
- ii) Holywell Town Council Chair Civic Service – a save the date notice from the Chair of Holywell Town Council, Councillor Paul Johnson, advising that his Civic Service is to be held on Sunday 15th September 2019.

iii) Caerwys Town Council Chair Civic Service – advanced notification had been received that the Chair of Caerwys Town Council would be holding his Civic Service on Sunday 17th November 2019 at St Michael’s Church, Caerwys.

57. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – May 2019.	£616.16	£0.00	£616.16
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – May 2019	£57.60	£0.00	£57.60
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance	£628.00	£125.60	£753.60
Ysgol Derwenfa	Donation re IT equipment	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting – maintenance	£253.33	£0.00	£253.33
	Totals: -	£2055.09	£125.60	£2,180.69

58. INCOME RECEIVED

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

59. BANK BALANCES

At 29th April 2019 - deposit account - £47,880.84 and current account - £10,710.69.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.00pm.