

THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 14th MAY 2019

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 14th MAY 2019.

PRESENT

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

Councillor D.K. Crowther, Vice-Chairman,

Councillors J. Caruana, T. Hughes, 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, C. Coleman, L.T. Coleman, D. Foster, D. Rule and J.E. Saul.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

12. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

13. DANIEL OWEN FESTIVAL – 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, welcomed Mr Kevin Matthias, Chair to the Daniel Owen Festival to the meeting.

Mr Matthias explained to Councillors that the Daniel Owen Festival is in its tenth year. It was started to celebrate the writer Daniel Owen, who is referred to as the 'Welsh Dickens'. Daniel Owen is Wales' foremost novelist who wrote in the Welsh language and featured the working man in his novels. The Festival is going from strength to strength and has now been expanded to cover other important historical matters of the area and will feature events that will be held in the medium of Welsh only, the medium of English only and also in both languages. This year, although the Festival will be held from the 19th to 25th October, it will feature the 150th Anniversary of the Mold Riots. The dates of the Festival are always at the same time as they celebrate the birth and death of Daniel Owen. A play about the Mold Riots will be put on as part of the Festival. This Community play will have 100 people involved but only two of them will be professional actors. It will be staged outdoors and the Council car park on King Street, Mold, will be part of the theatre set. Mr Matthias informed that he had close ties to the area where the unrest started, his father was born in a cottage in a place known as the Oil Works dip which was right in the middle of the unrest. The intention is to extend the Festival to include the areas of Treuddyn, Coed Talon, Pontybodkin, Leeswood and Llanfynydd. It was hoped that on Sunday 20th October, a walk from Leeswood to Mold could be organised, this would finish with a tea put on at the Church on Tyddyn Street, Mold. On Thursday 24th October, a walk was to be arranged in the Leeswood area, taking in Cae Gwial and through the old Pipeworks, finishing at Cedron Chapel. Other events in the week would be walks around the Argoed Colliery and Gwysaney, also talks would be given.

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that he would be willing to assist with the walks and would liaise with Mr Matthias. Councillors expressed that they would be very keen to participate with the Festival, especially as the Mold Riots started in our own Community.

Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman, thanked Mr Matthias for attending the meeting.

14. 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 31/03/2019 to 14/05/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends

Last Month

Unnamed road, Leeswood – two individuals seen trying to gain entry to a caravan which was left UNLOCKED, they have taken a safe containing valuables and cash – enquiries on-going. (All lines of enquiry now complete, no suspect has been identified).

Station Lane, Padeswood – individual has come home and left the keys to vehicle on the bonnet of the car while he has gone inside the house, he has come back out of the house and car has been taken. Two males have been arrested.

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – unknown individual has thrown object at a window causing it to smash. All lines of enquiry have been investigated with no suspect identified.

This Month

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – criminal damage - window has been damaged. All lines of enquiry have been complete, no suspect has been identified.

Derwen Deg, Leeswood – deliberate ignition to a vehicle – one male arrested.

Heol-Y-Goron, Leeswood – brick thrown on windscreen of a vehicle – enquiries on-going.

ASB Issues

None to report.

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.

A drugs warrant was conducted at an address on Derwen Deg, Leeswood. No drugs were found at the address.

15. 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 would like to meet with Councillors to discuss the plans for the new extension. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact Mr Davies to arrange this.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 059747

Erection of semi-detached bungalows

Land side of 2 Drury Lane, Leeswood, CH7 4SJ.

Councillors had no observation regarding this Planning Application.

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

It was agreed by all Councillors that this Planning Application should be supported.

17. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Community Café has recently celebrated its first year anniversary. It was open on 11th May 2019 for a book sale. The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes stated that it is still doing very well. Volunteers to help with the café are still needed. An urn to be used in the café is to be purchased.

Mrs Shereen Devine will be starting to work in Holywell in August 2019 as they aim to become an Age Friendly Community. She will be working one day per week in Leeswood up until November 2019.

18. 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 is awaited.

19. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Councillor J. Caruana reported that the last meeting of the Liaison Committee had taken place on Monday 13th May 2019. An Open Day is to be held at the Padeswood Plant on 26th June 2019. Complaints of noise had been received but these had been investigated and it was found that the issue had not come from the Plant. A specialist Company is to be employed to investigate any noise problems.

20. PARKING ISSUES – BELL’S CORNER AND JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET

No further information had been received relating to the double yellow lines to be put on Bell’s Corner and the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street. Comment was made that the double yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street were requested to facilitate the movement of buses around the Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron estates, but as the buses were no longer travelling this way it was queried as to whether it was worth having them. Ten to fifteen cars parked on the road in the area of the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street would have to be moved if the yellow lines were put in place. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that yellow lines on the junction of Bryn Clyd/King Street should be re-evaluated. All Councillors in agreement.

21. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

The iBeacons had now been put in place. A launch of “Leeswood Digital Trails” is to be held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at the Community Centre, 10am till 12 midday. Staff and pupils from Ysgol Derwenfa would be invited to attend. Councillor J.E. Saul had designed a poster for inclusion on the notice boards in the Community. The Clerk advised that the Community Café group had been informed of this event.

22. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

Councillors had been circulated with copy e-mail correspondence from Lee Shone. In his e-mail, Mr Shone advises that the surveys undertaken by Flintshire County

Council were forwarded to GoSafe and the locations both fall within GoSafe live enforcement sites. Additionally, Flintshire County Council are currently in the progress of identifying route treatments for submission to Welsh Government for which this route will be included. This work takes a number of weeks, as it is necessary to prioritise all routes throughout the County, the assessment takes into account a number of factors including collision data, pedestrian generators, active travel solutions to name a few. The Community Council will be updated following this piece of work, to confirm which routes are likely to be submitted to Welsh Government for funding. Councillors appreciated the information from Mr Shone and all agreed that they would await the update.

23. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

This sign had still not been erected. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that he would speak to Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene about this.

24. YSGOL DERWENFA, LEESWOOD – IT EQUIPMENT

The Clerk informed that she e-mailed Mr Gareth Owens of the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council and was awaiting a reply. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would chase this up.

25. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – VISITS TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Correspondence from Gareth Owens, Chief Officer, Governance, Flintshire County Council, which gives feedback on the recent visits by Standards Committee members to Flintshire Town and Community Councils had been circulated to all Councillors.

This is Mr Owens' fourth update regarding the visits by the Independent Members of the Standards Committee to Town/Community Council meetings to observe practice and gain an understanding of how local council business is conducted. The findings from further visits undertaken were reported to the Committee on the 29th April and Mr Owens is writing with feedback to all Town/Community Councils to give assurance on good practice and procedures. Findings from three further visits, undertaken in January and February 2019 were received by the Committee. As with previous reported visits, the four Independent Members agreed that these had been

positive experiences and praised the level of commitment and contributions by those in attendance. In addition to the procedural points, the Committee requested that the following be fed back to Town and Community Councils. One meeting seemed to take a very long time and finished very late. When meetings take this long people may find it more difficult to concentrate and it can mean that people are less able to stay to hear items that may be of importance to them. Tempers can also fray if meetings are overly long leading to intemperate behaviour. Clearly the length of a meeting will be dictated in large measure by the business to be discussed, number of participants (if there is a large public presence for example) and the significance of issues. In all cases though strong chairing can help to ensure that the business is transacted smoothly and effectively – for example it is important to prevent people from speaking multiple times or repeating points made previously, to move the debate on after the issues have been thoroughly aired etc. The members have now visited 26 councils and the remaining ten visits will be scheduled over the coming months. Once all have been completed the Committee aims to pull together an overview of its work into a single document. As before, the Committee hopes that this feedback is useful and wishes to acknowledge the dedication and good work undertaken by Town/Community Councillors in their voluntary roles.

Councillors accepted this correspondence.

26. CHANGES TO THE 26 BUS SERVICE

The Clerk advised that she had still not received a reply from Mr Mick Morton of Arriva Wales regarding the changes to the 26 Bus Service Mold to Wrexham which now excluded the Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron estate. Councillors expressed disappointment at this but acknowledged that a return to including the Bryn Clyd/Heol-y-Goron estate on the bus timetable is very unlikely.

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he was looking into providing transport from the Senior Citizens estate to Mold and return on a Wednesday and Saturday.

27. ONE VOICE WALES – NOTICES OF MOTION FOR 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive, One Voice Wales, inviting for member Councils to

propose a maximum of two notices of motion for debate at the One Voice Wales AGM to be held on Saturday 5th October 2019. Closing date for motions are by noon, Thursday 20th June 2019. This was accepted.

28. FLINTSHIRE 50+ ADVISORY GROUP

Correspondence from R Barry Harrison, Chair of Flintshire 50+ Action Group, requesting consideration for financial support towards the printing and administration costs of the twenty-page newsletter, Codgers Quarterly had been circulated to all Members. The target readership for this newsletter is people aged 50 and over, in accordance with the Welsh Strategy for Older People. It was agreed by all Councillors that a letter be sent from this Council advising that donations were decided in February and inviting the Group to apply for consideration in 2019/2020.

29. SEAFARERS UK

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Nick Harvey, Campaigns Manager, Seafarers UK, requesting that this Council supports this year's campaign to raise awareness of the UK's ongoing dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers. Councillor R. Williams advised that he would be prepared to purchase the Red Ensign for it to be flown on Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September 2019. The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes stated that he would speak to the RBL Leeswood sub-branch to obtain permission for the flag to be flown on the pole by the Cenotaph.

30. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

i) Pot Holes – The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had done a survey of the pot holes in the Community after returning from his holiday. Regretfully they had not been filled so Councillor Hughes, Chairman, would chase this matter up with Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene.

ii) 30mph sign on Stryt Cae Rhedyn – These signs have now been moved. Councillors expressed their appreciation for this work carried out.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

i) Flintshire County Council Chair Civic Service – from the Chairman's Assistants, an invitation to attend the Civic Service of Councillor Marion Bateman, Chair to Flintshire County Council, to be held on Sunday 7th July 2019, at the Parish Church

of St. Eurgain and St. Peter, Northop. Light refreshments will be served at the Edith Bankes Memorial Institute, Northop, following the Service. The Clerk has responded advising that Councillor R. Hughes will be attending the Service on behalf of this Council.

32. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – Apr. 2019.	£616.16	£0.00	£616.16
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – Apr. 2019	£43.15	£0.00	£43.15
Miss M Reynolds	ICO Commissioners Fee 2018/2019	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance	£1,380.00	£276.00	£1,656.00
Scottish Power	Street lighting – energy	£345.60	£17.28	£362.88
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting – maintenance	£596.73	£0.00	£596.73
Came and Company	Insurance 2019/2020	£1,018.30	£0.00	£1,018.30
Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk’s membership 2019/2020	£122.00	£0.00	£122.00
Association of Local Council Clerks	Clerk’s membership 2019/2020	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
	Totals: -	£4,201.94	£293.28	£4,495.22

33. INCOME RECEIVED

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

34. BANK BALANCES

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

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.