

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018.

#### **PRESENT**

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **13. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **14. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend. He had sent a report in his absence.

#### **Crime Issues / Trends**

(Review from last month - April Meeting)

Dangerous Dogs on Queen Street - Dog chased an individual showing its teeth and barking. - Was dealt with by owner receiving a visit, also having the LEAD initiative.

Common Assault - Child assaulted by another child on the way home from school. Investigations ongoing. No further action was taken in this matter.

#### **Crime Issues / Trends**

(04/04/2018 to 30/04/2018)

Pontblyddyn Service Station - Making off without payment. Vehicle had filled up with fuel and made no attempt to pay. Enquiries on-going.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour Issues**

County Road, Leeswood - Group of drunken children found on County Road. Officers located source of party and words of advice were given to parents. Children were all safely taken home.

County Road, Leeswood - Youths messing around with traffic lights on County Road, area search was conducted but there was nobody in the area.

Derwen Deg, Leeswood - Suspicious Circumstances. Male knocked on door of resident in Derwen Deg asking to borrow a spanner. He was in company of another male who appeared to be paying attention to vehicles on the drive. CCTV was obtained and there have been no further reports since. Patrols are being conducted regularly in Leeswood and an email was sent out asking for increased patrols.

**15. CO-OPTION OF MEMBER DUE TO VACANT SEAT FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR C.E. JONES JP**

The Clerk reported that there had been three expressions of interest from residents of the Community for the vacant Community Council seat. These were from Mr David Foster of 11 Dingle Road, Mr Shaun Owen of 15 Ash Grove and Mr Clive Venables of 23 Heol-y-Goron.

In accordance with the procedure as stated in the Flintshire County Council Guidance for the Filling of Casual Vacancies via Co-Option, Mr David Foster was elected to fill the vacant seat.

**16. ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Mrs Sian Jones of the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council who had forwarded the Completion Statement for the purchase of land. A cheque for the purchase of land and legal costs associated is to be sent to Mrs Jones and she will send the money to Mr Owens' Solicitors.

Discussion took place in relation to the signing of the Contract of Sale between Mr Owens and this Council. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Chairman of the Cemetery Sub-Committee, Councillor R Hughes and the Clerk to the Council would arrange to meet with Mrs Jones to sign the Contract.

**17. CEMETERY**

It was suggested that the Cemetery Committee and the Finance Committee should hold a joint meeting to discuss what needs doing with regard to the Cemetery extension and to form a plan of process to cost the works out. Comment was made that it would be advisable to meet at the Cemetery first in order to get a picture of it. All Councillors were to attend this meeting at the Cemetery which was to take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 6.30pm.

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he was waiting to hear from Mr Aled Davies to discuss the work to be done on the tree to the rear of the Cremated Remains section. He stated that he would now ring Mr Aled Davies about this matter.

**18. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that great progress was being made in relation to the opening of a Community Café/Drop In. The Community Café would be opened on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 for one morning per week on a six-week trial basis. This enterprise is aimed at all ages of the Community and it was hoped that it

might target the mothers going home after taking their children to School or people going to the Doctor's Surgery.

New blinds had been fitted in the Community Centre Committee Room, these were a donation.

**19. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Flintshire County Council had been running three-hour workshops regarding subsidised Bus Services. At present the Mold to Wrexham/Wrexham to Mold service that runs through Leeswood is a commercial bus service that is operated by Arriva. Councillor R Hughes reported that he had been in discussion with Flintshire County Council about the possibility of putting a bus service in place should anything go wrong with the Arriva provided service.

**20. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Asset Transfer is moving forward and the Solicitors acting for the Leeswood Community Centre Trust are waiting to hear from Flintshire County Council. Councillor R. Hughes advised that the Building Survey is to take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

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

Councillor R Hughes reported that the double yellow lines would not be put on just the corners but had to be a certain distance on either side of the affected area. They also had to be put directly across the road from the affected areas for a certain distance. Flintshire County Council is now preparing the scheme and will be in contact once this has been done.

**22. CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT**

Councillors D.K. Crowther, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and the Clerk had met with Mrs Jo Danson on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Councillors D.K. Crowther and J.E. Saul had been to the Hawarden Record Office to look up photographs to be included on the iBeacons. Mrs Jo Danson is to meet up with some members of the Community to record memories. It had been agreed where to set the iBeacons through Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. Councillor L.C. Richardson is to be included on the e-mail for the next iBeacon meeting.

**23. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018**

A Community Council/Community meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Invitations had been sent to representatives from all organisations to attend.

It was pointed out that there had been more fly tipping in the Community. A group of residents had once again been out on a Sunday morning to clear this. Councillor R Hughes pointed out that nothing could be done unless there was proof of the people responsible for the fly tipping. Flintshire County Council will collect items of rubbish at a cost of £30 for five items. Observation was

made that there were cans and bottles amongst the rubbish that had been fly tipped, this can be disposed of in the recycling bags.

Councillors expressed gratitude at Mr David Ellis who had led the team of residents clearing the rubbish and it was agreed by all Councillors that he should be given a donation of £50 as a show of appreciation.

24. **FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN**

This item was to be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

25. **COUNCILLOR C.E. JONES JP - COMMEMORATION OF SERVICE AS LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

Ex-Councillor C.E. Jones JP had written a letter to the Community Council, thanking the members for the Commemoration Event held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. He had been overwhelmed by the turnout of so many representatives from the Community's organisations. All Councillors agreed that it had been a very successful afternoon and were pleased that ex-Councillor C.E. Jones JP had enjoyed himself.

26. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS**

Councillor R. Hughes that someone from the Highways Department at Flintshire County Council would be getting in contact regarding a site meeting at the Pontblyddyn Crossroads.

27. **PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN**

It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk was to get in touch with an Officer of Flintshire County Council Highways Department to discuss the purchase and erection of a plain sign in Pontblyddyn.

28. **CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN - CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE**

Received from Revd Carole Poolman, Priest in Charge, Christ Church Pontblyddyn a letter advising of the increased costs in maintaining the Churchyard. Further financial assistance with funding is requested. After discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that this Council was not in a position at present to give more financial assistance, but a review of the current grant would take place at the Precept Meeting to be held in January 2019.

29. **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

A copy of a GDPR Toolkit of local Councils regarding the new Data Protection Laws had been circulated to all Councillors. This document has been produced by the National Association of Local Councils in conjunction with Winckworth Sherwood, Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents. It was agreed by all Councillors that this matter be put on the agenda for discussion at the June 2018 monthly meeting.

30. **ONE VOICE WALES, THE VOICE OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN WALES – RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES**

In regard to the Review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales, the formal response made by One Voice Wales to the consultation invitation by the Independent Review Panel had been circulated to all members. This was accepted.

31. **AGE CYMRU – REPORT ON SHOWCASING DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO TACKLING LONELINESS ACROSS WALES**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Age Cymru report which has been collated based on responses received from Stakeholders who have provided an update on their work to tackle loneliness. This report was accepted.

32. **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – CONSULTATION ON THE BUS NETWORK REVIEW 2018**

Correspondence had been received from Ruth Cartwright, Programme Manager, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council subsidises 24 bus routes through either standalone contracts or agreements with commercial operators to provide services that are not commercially viable, such as early morning, evening, via certain villages etc. While some Local Authorities have stopped subsidising bus travel altogether, Flintshire has not taken that approach. However, there is a need to ensure an effective and integrated bus network into the future, and services must be sustainable, affordable and meet the changing and prioritised needs of our residents.

A full review of the current bus network is being undertaken to establish current and future demands on the network and create a sustainable, equitable and stable transport system which fits the needs of local communities and the wider employment and social sector demand. Four proposed options are given to analyse what best suits the needs of our community: -

- a) Stop subsidising bus services altogether
- b) Continue to support the services currently subsidised
- c) Support services on the core bus network and implement Local Travel arrangements for the non-core network
- d) Support services on the core bus network and implement a demand responsive ‘ring and ride’ service

A number of community engagement ‘drop in’ events are taking place across the county for members of the public to discuss the review with officers of the Council. These will be held at the following locations: -

- Hawksbury Community Centre - 26th April 2018, 4pm-7pm
- Mold Town Hall - 27th April 2018, 4pm-7pm
- Holywell Town Council - 2nd May 2018, 4pm-7pm
- Connah’s Quay Civic Centre - 3rd May 2018 - 4pm-7pm
- Flint Town Hall - 10th May 2018, 4pm-7pm

It was pointed out that the Wrexham-Mold/Mold-Wrexham Arriva operated bus service through this Community was on a commercial basis. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had been in discussion with Flintshire County Council about there being a replacement Bus Service should anything go wrong with the current Service.

**33. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - NEWS RELEASE ADVISING OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR APPOINTED FOR NORTH WALES HEALTH WATCHDOG**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the news release introducing the new Chair and Vice-Chair of the North Wales Community Health Council. The independent health service watchdog for North Wales has appointed Mr Mark Thornton as the new Chair of the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) at its recent Annual General Meeting and Dr Garth Higginbotham was elected as Vice-Chair. This correspondence was accepted.

**34. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

- a) Pot Holes in the Community - Flintshire County Council have been filling in as many of the pot hole as possible.
- b) Highway white lining - Flintshire County Council's programme of white lining was to start soon.

**35. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

- a) 20mph speed limit outside Flintshire Schools - comment was made as to when Flintshire County Council intended to make the 20mph speed limit outside Schools mandatory rather than advisory. It was pointed out that neighbouring local authorities had mandatory 20mph outside their Schools and it was felt that Flintshire County Council should do the same. All Councillors agreed that an e-mail should be sent to Mr Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council asking for this matter to be looked into.

**36. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Flintshire County Council, Chairman's Civic Service - the Chairman of Flintshire County Council, Councillor Paul Cunningham is holding his Civic Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 in Parish Church of St. Mary & St. David, Church Street, Flint, at 11.00am.

**37. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - April 2018	£628.31	£0.00	<b>£628.31</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery - April 2018	£150.87	£0.00	<b>£150.87</b>
Scottish Power	Electricity supply - 31/12/2017 to 31/03/2018	£345.60	£17.28	<b>£362.88</b>
Flintshire County Council	Purchase of land to extend Cemetery plus legal fees	£28,044.80	£0.00	<b>£28,044.80</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance	£233.31	£0.00	<b>£233.31</b>
Mr D. Ellis	Donation re clearing up	£50.00	£0.00	<b>£50.00</b>
Mr B. Williams	Allotment rent	£500.00	£0.00	<b>£500.00</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£29,952.89</b>	<b>£17.28</b>	<b>£29,970.17</b>

**38. INCOME RECEIVED**

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

**39. BANK BALANCES**

As at 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018: - Deposit account - £60,957.65 and current account - £20,880.79.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.