

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor D. Rule, Chairman (in the Chair),  
Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman,  
Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, C. Coleman, L.T. Coleman, D.K. Crowther, D. Foster, 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 Councillor J.E. Saul.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **90. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **91. POLICE LIAISON**

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

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

Individuals using rented fishing equipment and making off without payment.

Victim did not want to make a complaint, so the matter was not pursued.

Theft of a large amount of wooden boards from a garden on Maes-y-Meillion,

Leeswood. House to house enquiries were completed with all lines of enquiry investigated. Unfortunately, no suspects had been identified.

Criminal damage on Station Lane, Padeswood. Gates were broken on a property.

There was no CCTV or independent witnesses. All enquiries investigated with no suspect identified.

Shoplifting on Queen Street, Leeswood. Enquiries are ongoing.

Approximately seven reports of hate related (racist incidents) or anti-social behaviour involving young children in the village and the same individuals.

Very difficult for the Police to deal with as there is never any evidence. PCSO

Jones is intending to host an event at the Community Centre for children and

adults to attend. This is to promote the seriousness of hate related incidents

along with the consequences of committing such an offence. PCSO Jones is

hoping to get some funding for the event which if successful will take place on

HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK, 13<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The Community Council agreed that they would offer to fund this event.

### **ASB Issues**

Off road bikes, Leeswood area. Numerous reports of off-road bikes being used illegally in the Leeswood area. PCSO Jones has spoken to the riders and given them advice. Since then an individual involved has been arrested and their bike seized.

The Clerk reported that Inspector Darren Whibberley had invited the Community Council to attend the Mold Police Station as his guests. It was agreed by all Councillors that they would attend on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6pm. The Clerk was to confirm this.

It was brought to the Council's attention that there had been complaints about the behaviour of a few of the children at the Playscheme in Leeswood. These children could be removed from the Playscheme in Leeswood as it was held in the grounds of Ysgol Derwenfa. Unfortunately, the children moved on to the Playscheme in Pontybodkin where they could not be removed as it was held on the recreation ground which is open to everyone. All Councillors agreed that an e-mail should be sent expressing this Council's concerns to Richard Roberts at Flintshire County Council with copies to Mrs C. Thomas the Clerk to Llanfynydd Community Council, Councillor C. Thomas and Councillor R. Hughes.

### **92. ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS/CEMETERY**

Councillor R. Hughes reported that the completion of the purchase has finally taken place. The Clerk reported that Councillor J.E. Saul had put out requests for tender for the preliminary works. This work included; the fence which in agreement with the contract of sale would have to be stock proof, an extension of the existing drain run at the top of the site and an asphalt access 2 metres into the site. Concern was expressed about putting in a road into the extension as this would take up space.

### **93. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application number: - 058559

Alteration to side elevation of existing building.

New Inn, Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold, CH7 4HR.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R.

Williams that this application be supported. All Councillors were in agreement.

### **94. HSBC BANK - SAFEGUARDING REVIEW**

The Clerk advised that the HSBC Bank were undertaking a safeguarding review.

As any bank related activity has to be agreed by all Council, it was necessary to supply the Bank with the individual Councillors dates of birth and postal addresses.

**95. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Steering Group was due to meet again soon. The Community Café now sited in the Clinic Area of the Community Centre was flourishing. Councillor R. Hughes supported this stating that he was a regular user and it was proving popular with residents able to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and either toast or a toasted teacake. Cakes were also available. It was hoped that more volunteers would be able to help with this.

A ten-week tablet course for those who wanted to learn the basics of using a tablet form of computer is due to start soon. This was open to all residents.

**96. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Asset Transfer is still progressing slowly.

The Clerk advised that the Management Committee had not been in receipt of the second half of their grant from the financial year 2017/2018. It was agreed by all Councillors that they should be given this.

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

Councillor R. Hughes informed that there was nothing further to report on this matter. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should e-mail Lee Shone of the Highways Department, Flintshire County Council to obtain a progress report.

**98. CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT**

Councillor D.K. Crowther reported that the children of Ysgol Derwenfa were going to participate in the iBeacon project and Councillor J.E. Saul along with Mrs J. Danson were to attend the School on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to meet the children. All Councillors agreed that a further iBeacon to be placed in an area near Ysgol Derwenfa would be funded by this Community Council.

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

Flintshire County Council had forwarded reports of the Best Kept Communities Competition 2018. Leeswood village had won third prize of £50.00 in Section B, Best Kept Village population between 1,000 and 5,000. Heol-y-Dderwen had won third prize of £25.00 in the Best Kept Senior Citizen Estate section. The prize giving was to take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 in the Alyn & Deeside Room at County Hall, Mold at 6.00pm.

On the whole the judges' comments in the other sections entered were very positive with constructive remarks on improvements that could be made.

All Councillors expressed their pleasure at the result and accepted the reports.

**100. FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN**

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

**101. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS**

Observation was made that lorries speed through the village of Pontblyddyn. Concern was also expressed at the traffic jams in rush hour which caused hold-ups in particular for those drivers wanting to turn right from the Corwen Road onto the Wrexham Road. It was pointed out that there were traffic lights in Abermorddu and had these been put in place because of accidents or for safety reasons. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should e-mail Lee Shone of the Highways Department, Flintshire County Council, to request a morning site meeting at Pontblyddyn. The Chairman, Councillor D. Rule, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes, Councillors J. Atkinson and G. Sherwood, Pontblyddyn representatives, and the Clerk were to attend.

**102. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN**

The Clerk is to e-mail Steve Jones, Streetscene, Flintshire County Council to discuss the purchase and erection of a plain sign on the Nant, Pontblyddyn.

**103. COUNCILLOR D. RULE, CHAIR TO THE COUNCIL – CIVIC SERVICE**

This is to take place at Christ Church, Pontblyddyn on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 11.15am.

**104. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – FLINTSHIRE PLANNING COMMITTEE WEBCASTING**

An e-mail had been received from Robert Robins, Democratic Services Manager, Governance, Flintshire County Council, reminding that the meetings of the Authority's Planning Committee are available for the public to view on webcast. Councillors accepted this.

**105. WELSH GOVERNMENT – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT 'DELIVERY OF HOUSING THROUGH THE PLANNING SYSTEM'**

The Welsh Government consultation document which 'Delivery of Housing through the Planning System - Call for evidence' had been circulated to all Councillors. Responses are required by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

It was pointed out that this has had an impact on the Communities of Broughton and Penyffordd where large parcels of land have been given Planning Permission because the Local Development Plan has been out of date. Developers have won on appeal due to the lack of a Local Development Plan. The Clerk advised that she had previously completed an on-line form to try and prevent Developers making use of this loophole.

**106. WELSH GOVERNMENT – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT 'BANNING THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN THE EXTERNAL WALLS OF HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS'**

Copies of the Welsh Government document, 'Banning the use of combustible materials in the external walls of High-Rise Residential Buildings' had been circulated to all Councillors. Responses are required by 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Observation was made that this document did not apply to this Community. The document was accepted.

**107. WELSH GOVERNMENT – CIRCULAR ‘PLANNING REQUIREMENT IN RESPECT OF THE USE OF PRIVATE SEWERAGE IN NEW DEVELOPMENT, INCORPORATING SEPTIC TANKS AND SMALL SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS’**

Members had been circulated with the Welsh Government document, ‘Planning Requirement in respect of the use of private sewerage in New Developments, incorporating septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants’ for their information. This was accepted.

**108. WELSH GOVERNMENT – CONSULTATION EDITION NEWSLETTER ‘DECARBONISATION PROGRAMME’**

Councillors had been circulated with the Welsh Government Consultation Edition Newsletter, ‘Decarbonisation Programme’ for their information. This was accepted.

**109. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE ‘PATIENTS ASKED FOR ‘ONE SIMPLE THING’ TO IMPROVE NHS COMMUNICATION IN WALES’**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Community Health Council News Release, ‘Patients asked for ‘One Simple Thing’ to improve NHS Communication in Wales’.

Patients in Wales are being asked for their views on the NHS, as part of a drive to develop better communication between healthcare professionals and those using the health service. The One Simple Thing campaign is being led by the Board of Community Health Councils on behalf of the seven Community Health Councils in Wales and is looking for patients from across Wales to give a simple suggestion for improving the way the NHS communicates. Concerns from people across Wales has prompted the campaign. Poor communication can increase the risk of potential harm from misunderstandings, lead to a lack of confidence on the part of patients and waste valuable NHS resources.

Speaking about the issues surrounding communication in the NHS, Mark Thornton, Chair of the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) said: ‘Misunderstandings in patient and provider communications arise from many factors, but particularly from the use of jargon or complex medical terms, or when information is given at inappropriate times, for example when a patient is in pain, is tired or feeling unwell and unable to concentrate.’ ‘We also know that patients can find messages from health professionals providing their care to be ambiguous or unclear. Sensory issues or cultural, language and social issues can all also impact on communication in a health setting.’

The CHC survey is running throughout the summer. Suggestions will then be collated to form a report to be sent to the Welsh Government as well as NHS Local Health Boards and Trusts in Wales, asking them for their response and looking for their plans to improve communication. Responses can be completed via: e-mail; SMS (text); Smartphone App; Social Media – Twitter, Facebook, Instagram; Postal Survey; Face to Face discussion and a dedicated Answerphone service.

Observation was made that the Hospital is very poor in communicating with changes to appointments. Two letters can be received at the same time with different information. It was also pointed out that many older people are not in a position to complain as there is no-one to help them.

**110. ONE VOICE WALES – NOTICE OF AGM ON SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AND MOTIONS FOR THE AGM**

Information from One Voice Wales about their AGM to be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wales, also the motions for the AGM.

It was agreed by all Councillors that this Community Council's representative should attend the AGM if he wishes. The Community Council to cover the cost of attendance.

**111. OLDER PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONER FOR WALES – NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2018**

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales - Newsletter for Summer 2018. This was accepted.

**112. WELSH GOVERNMENT – DOCUMENT 'A HEALTHY WALES: OUR PLAN FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE'**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Welsh Government document 'A Healthy Wales: Our Plan for Health and Social Care'. This was accepted.

**113. BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP – 'FAIRNESS, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: ANNUAL EQUITY REPORT 2017/2018 'A CONSCIOUS APPROACH AND STATE OF MIND''**

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board 'Fairness, Rights and Responsibilities: Annual Equity Report 2017/2018 'A Conscious Approach and State of Mind'. This was accepted.

**114. BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP – UNSCHEDULED CARE**

Members had been circulated with the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board report on 'Urgent and Emergency Care and Unscheduled Care'. This was accepted.

**115. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLAY AREAS MATCH FUNDING**

Correspondence had been received from Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer, Strategic Programmes, Flintshire County Council, advising that Flintshire County Council have allocated £105,000 from its 2018/2019 budget for improvement works to Children's Play Areas. Comment was made that there is no play equipment suitable for a disabled child and would it be possible to consider a swing that would be suitable to take a wheel chair. It was agreed by all Councillors that £3,000 would be given towards match funding at the Ffordd Siarl Play Area, Leeswood and a request be made about a piece of equipment tailored for a disabled child.

**116. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – STREETSCENE AREA CO-ORDINATOR CONTACT**

Received from Barry H Wilkinson, Highway Network Manager, Flintshire County Council, information about the Streetscene Area Co-Ordinators. This was accepted.

**117. COUNTY FORUM MEETINGS 2019**

E-mail correspondence had been received from Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council, advising of the dates of the County Forum meetings in 2019. This was accepted.

**118. WELSH GOVERNMENT – REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Welsh Government – Review of Community and Town Council Sector in Wales August 2018 Newsletter. This was accepted.

**119. WELSH GOVERNMENT – CALL FOR CASE STUDIES - REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES**

E-mail correspondence had been received from Lisa Aspinall, Secretariat Support, Review of Community & Town Councils in Wales. The Independent Review Panel are currently putting together their final report to launch in October. This e-mail requests for Town or Community Councils to take part in this report as Case Studies. Councillors accepted this correspondence.

**120. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) Resurfacing, part of the Hall Hill, Leeswood – Flintshire County Council had resurfaced part of the Hall Hill, Leeswood.

b) Resurfacing in Leeswood village – Flintshire County Council will undertake this in 2019.

c) Section of Phoenix Park, Leeswood (near Bethel Chapel) – Flintshire County Council will be converting this into an area for dog walkers.

d) Dingle Road, Leeswood – bollards had been put up around a sink hole in the road. These had been there for a week as remedial work could not take place immediately.

e) Near Druid Inn, Pontblyddyn – work was to take place on a manhole that had collapsed just beyond the Druid Inn in Pontblyddyn.

f) Leeswood Carnival Committee – a fundraising Car Wash event was to take place at the Leeswood Community Centre on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**121. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

a) Lay-by opposite Y Fferm, Pontblyddyn – scrap metal (long coiled up pieces) had been left in the lay-by. It had been there for quite a while. Councillor R. Hughes was to report this to Flintshire County Council.

b) Reindeer/Santa Event at Black Meadows, Leeswood – it was brought to the Council's attention that there was a series of planned events at Black Meadows, Leeswood, which could result in heavier traffic travelling through Leeswood

Community. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Flintshire County Council be informed about this.

## 122. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - July 2018	£573.11	£0.00	<b>£573.11</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - Aug. 2018	£573.11	£0.00	<b>£573.11</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery - July/Aug. 2018	£153.45	£0.00	<b>£153.45</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery - July 2018	£488.00	£97.60	<b>£585.60</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery - August 2018	£488.00	£97.60	<b>£585.60</b>
Scottish Power	Street lighting - electricity	£234.24	£11.71	<b>£245.95</b>
Leeswood Community Centre	Second part of grant 2017/2018	£1,500.00	£0.00	<b>£1,500.00</b>
Leeswood Community Centre	Hire charges second quarter 2018/2019	£30.00	£0.00	<b>£30.00</b>
	<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>£4,039.91</u></b>	<b><u>£206.91</u></b>	<b><u>£4,246.82</u></b>

## 123. INCOME RECEIVED

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

## 124 BANK BALANCES

As at 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018: - Deposit account - £40,484.10 and current account - £10,534.46.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm.