

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 5th JUNE 2018.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Rule, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillor R. Hughes, Vice-Chairman,
Councillors J. Caruana, C. Coleman, 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 Councillors J. Atkinson and L.T. Coleman.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

42. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT/FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUS NETWORK

REVIEW

Correspondence had been received from Ruth Cartwright, Programme Manager, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Councillor. This correspondence advised that the consultation due to end on 3rd June 2018, has now been extended into June for Town and Community Councils only, giving them an opportunity to discuss the matter further.

Steve Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation was present at the meeting to discuss the Bus Network Review further. Mr Jones advised that there had been a huge response to the Bus Network Review consultation. There are four options open for discussion: -

Option 1 - To stop subsidising bus routes completely - this option would see all Flintshire County Council revenue support for bus subsidies removed and leave only commercial bus services operating on routes that are financially viable. Commercial bus operators can introduce, withdraw or change their bus services at any time with no consultation with the Local Authority simply by giving 56 days' notice to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner. The Local Authority has no control regarding the operation of commercial bus services and has little or no input into the commercial transport network. Commercial bus services would operate where bus operators believe a profitable operation can be run, and they are free to set the routes, timetables and fares as they see fit according to service demand. Also, under this option, rural areas and less populated areas of the County, including some larger housing estates, would not benefit from any bus service and some evenings and Sunday services may be reduced or withdrawn. There are also implications for the revenue grant support (Bus Service Support Grant (BSSG)) received from Welsh Government, which exists to

supplement local authorities' own expenditure. In the future, it is expected that BSSG allocations, from April 2019, will be determined to reflect in part local authorities' own expenditure on supporting bus and community transport services, which means that any reductions or removal of a local authority's own revenue support would result in the reduction or removal of the grant. Statutory school transport services for eligible pupils would continue to be provided under this option.

Option 2 - Do nothing - This option would leave the current arrangements for supporting the existing bus services in place as they are currently but may require fares to be reviewed and some minor timetable amendments to improve reliability and increase passenger numbers. Subsidised bus services would continue to be provided on existing routes at current frequencies but would not benefit those areas where a service does not currently operate. There would be no alternative support should a commercial operator amend, reduce or withdraw their services in the future. Additionally, this option would not take into account any recent changes made to the commercial network or longer-term developments and changes in land use or economic activity. Statutory school transport services for eligible pupils would continue to be provided under this option.

Option 3 - Support the core bus network and implement local travel arrangements (LTAs) in communities not on the core network - This option would involve maintaining the core bus network at an affordable level through Quality Partnerships with the bus operators and linking communities to area hubs utilising smaller vehicles such as minibuses which operates just like a regular bus service running along a fixed route and to a scheduled timetable. This service would be less frequent than a standard bus service and would require passengers to adapt their travel needs to suit. The smaller vehicle would better suit itself to rural transport for access via country roads. Statutory school transport services for eligible pupils would continue to be provided under this option and concessionary travel passes would be accepted on all services.

Option 4 -Support the core bus network and provide a demand responsive service for communities not on the core network - This option would involve maintaining the core bus network at an affordable level through Quality Partnerships with the bus operators and linking communities not on the core bus network through a "ring-and-ride" style service, where a vehicle can be pre-booked on a demand responsive basis for transport to a main hub. Unlike current taxi arrangements, this would not be a trip for the individual and other passengers will be picked up and dropped off on a shared service, for which a fee is chargeable. Transport will be provided when you require, you would not have to wait for a scheduled service. All of the area would have access to this form of transport. At present, concessionary travel passes are not eligible on "ring-and-ride" services. The authority currently operates a chargeable "Dial-a-Ride" service for individuals registered to the scheme. This is provided for those needing to attend local medical appointments. This service will continue and be promoted in areas effected by bus service changes.

Question was raised as to whether the County Council would be able to help with the bus service through Leeswood if Arriva stopped the commercial service. Mr Jones informed that options 3 and 4 allow for the County Council to step in and help.

The Chairman, Councillor D. Rule thanked Mr Jones for attending the meeting.

Following a discussion, the Community Council agreed unanimously to support Option 3 and the Clerk was to e-mail Ruth Cartwright at Flintshire County Council to advise this.

43. MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 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.

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The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

44. 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 - May Meeting)

Pontblyddyn Service Station - Making off without payment. Vehicle had filled up with fuel and made no attempt to pay. All lines of enquiry have been investigated, no suspects identified.

Crime Issues / Trends

Maxwell Drive, Leeswood, Criminal Damage to garage door - nothing taken. Crime scene investigation did attend, nothing found for investigation. No suspect was identified.

Queen Street, Leeswood, Common Assault - One child assaulted by another. Enquiries on-going.

Station Lane, Leeswood, Theft of batteries from a Commercial property - All lines of enquiry investigated, no suspect identified.

Ffordd Y Glo, Leeswood, Theft of Lawn Mower - All lines of enquiry investigated, no suspect identified.

Pontblyddyn Service Station, Common Assault - enquiries are on-going.

Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood, Criminal Damage to door - all lines of enquiry investigated, no suspect identified.

ASB Issues

County Road, Leeswood, Youths causing a nuisance - youths taken home and given strong words of advice.

Padeswood Lake Road, Padeswood, burnt out vehicle - Fire service confirmed that this was an electrical fault. Nothing suspicious.

Pontblyddyn, Suspicious Circumstances (possibly nothing) - People knocking on doors for a lost phone. Possibly due to the rural location that the 'Find my phone' has given a large area.

Councillors were grateful to PCSO Jones for his report but requested that the Clerk write to him and ask him to attend the next Council meeting on 3rd July 2018. Concern was expressed about the assault on Queen Street and Councillors wished to know if this was the same family. Also, information had been received by Councillors about people going into gardens and trying sheds to see if they were unlocked which had not been included on PCSO Jones report. The Clerk was reminded to send an invitation to Sergeant Mavis Evans of the South Flintshire Policing Team to attend the next monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd July 2018.

45. **ACQUISITION OF LAND - CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS/CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that the section of land operated as a Cemetery by this Community Council was purchased by the old Delyn Borough Council. Correspondence from 1997 between Cyril Williams, the then Clerk of this Council and Peter Evans, the then Assistant Director of Legal Services, Flintshire County Council stated quite clearly that this Council was not the owner of the land, nor did we hold the deeds. However, this correspondence also indicated that Flintshire County Council did not hold the deeds for the land either. The Clerk advised that Mrs Sian Jones of Legal Services has also looked for the deeds but was unable to locate them. Mrs Jones had subsequently recommended that this Council seek the services of an independent Solicitor in order to make an application with the Land Registry to be registered as owners of the land. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the Clerk approach a Solicitor to deal with this. All Councillors in agreement.

Councillor R. Hughes and the Clerk are to meet with Mrs Sian Jones at County Hall to sign the contract of purchase for the Cemetery extension at a date and time convenient to both parties. The Clerk is to arrange this.

Following a meeting at the Cemetery, Councillor J.E. Saul presented a drawing for the Preliminary Works required for the new extension. He recommended that we invite tenders for the work, based on the drawing. This work included; the fence, a drain run at the top of the site and an asphalt access 2 metres into the site. He estimated the cost to be about £10,000.00. It was agreed by all Councillors that it would be discussed further at a special meeting to be arranged.

The Clerk is to ask Mr Aled Davies, Cemetery Subcontractor to contact Councillor R. Hughes to organise a meeting at the Cemetery.

46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: - 058263

Proposed drainage works to alleviate waterlogged fields, including the creation of an attenuation pond to be used for fishing.

Tyddyn Glo Farm, Dingle Road, Leeswood, CH7 4SN.

There was no objection to this.

Application number: - 058345

Siting of two cricket nets.

Pontblyddyn Cricket Club, Pontblyddyn, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4SN.

There was no objection to this.

47. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017/2018

JDH Business Services Ltd had conducted the internal audit for the financial year 2016/2017. The Clerk reported on the findings of the internal audit report. Councillors acknowledged receipt of the report and noted the work that was still ongoing. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the report be accepted and that the Chairman, Councillor D. Rule should sign the Annual Governance Statement (Part 2) reflecting this Council's approval. All Councillors were in agreement.

48. NEW BANK MANDATE

The Clerk advised that HSBC bank had provided paperwork for a new mandate to be set up. All Councillors could be included on this mandate. Further, the Clerk explained that there was a way of allowing her online access to the bank accounts without setting up a facility for payments to be made. This would be beneficial if money could be transferred from one account to another without the need to attend the bank with a letter signed by three signatories on the account. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that the Clerk should be allowed access to the bank accounts. All Councillors in agreement.

49. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Community Café had been successful so far with a fair number of residents using it. Councillor R. Hughes supported this stating that it was proving popular and residents could enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with either toast or a toasted teacake. Cakes were also available. It was understood that there would be an appeal for volunteers to help with the Café on a Thursday morning.

The litter pick organised in May had seen a lot of residents turn out to help which was very pleasing. A further litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 30th June 2018.

50. **LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that Wates had donated time and money working on the old Clinic area of the Community Centre. The Asset Transfer is moving slowly, and the Building Survey is not yet complete. There is a hole in the kitchen ceiling which will be repaired.

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

No further information had been received, Councillor R. Hughes will ask Lee Shone from the Highways Department of Flintshire County Council to send something through for the Council to look at by the next monthly meeting.

52. **CADWYN CLWYD - iBEACON PROJECT**

Councillors J.E. Saul advised that he and Councillor D.K. Crowther had attended the Flintshire Record Office to select some photographs to use on the iBeacons. The Record Office wanted to charge £50 per image which was a total of £1,360. Councillor Saul felt that this cost was steep considering that this was a not for profit enterprise which was to benefit the Community. All Councillors agreed.

Ex-Councillor C.E. Jones JP has met with Mrs Jo Danson and some audio had been recorded for use with the iBeacons. Councillor R. Hughes informed that he was to meet with Mrs Danson shortly to provide more audio.

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

The Clerk informed that the entry forms with supplementary documentation including a map of the Community provided by Councillor J.E. Saul had been submitted to Mrs Jan Kelly of Flintshire County Council. This supplementary documentation included a brief history of some of the Community organisations and the work done by the Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator and Steering Group.

54. **FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN**

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

55. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS**

Councillors pointed out that the initial request to Flintshire County Council had been for traffic lights at Pontblyddyn Crossroads. No site meeting had taken place yet and the Clerk explained that the Officer of Flintshire County Council was not available when the site meetings had taken place in Leeswood regarding the double yellow lines and the County Council Officers there that day did not know what the intention was for Pontblyddyn and were, therefore, reluctant to hold a site meeting without the Officer dealing with it present. It was pointed out that the junction is very dangerous, and some form of traffic control system is required. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would speak to the relevant Officer at the Highways Department, Flintshire County Council.

56. **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.

57. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The Clerk advised that it is unlikely that the Community Council will now have to appoint a Data Protection Officer. It was observed that this Community Council holds no data other than what is required to communicate with suppliers, clients and other Councils which is part of the day to day business. The Clerk stated that the Council can put out something similar to a disclaimer explaining what the information is used for and giving people the opportunity to request that these details are not kept if that is their wish. All Councillors were in agreement that this course of action be taken.

58. NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - PRESS RELEASE REGARDING TAWEL FAN WARD, ABLETT UNIT, YSBYTY GLAN CLWYD

The independent health watchdog for North Wales - the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC), has provided its statement following the recent release of the report into issues relating to the quality of care at the Tawel Fan Ward in the Ablett Unit at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Members had been circulated with this. All Councillors agreed that this be accepted.

59. CAIS - SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

All members had received a copy of the CAIS Spring Newsletter 2018. This was accepted.

60. BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

Members had been circulated with the latest reports from the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group. These reports relate to the North Wales Learning Disability Provider Forum and the North Wales Stroke Service Review. All Councillors agreed that these be accepted.

61. AUDITOR GENERAL - WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015

The Auditor General has published his first-year review of how public bodies in Wales are implementing this new legislation. Members had been circulated with a copy of this report. This report was accepted.

62. AGEING WELL IN WALES

From Steve Huxton, Ageing Well in Wales Lead, members had been circulated with a copy of the recently published report 'Driving Change for Older People: Impact and Reach 2012-2018'. This report was accepted.

63. NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL - PRESS RELEASE REGARDING OUT OF HOURS GPS CARE

Members had been circulated with a copy of this Press Release which highlights that more needs to be done to address the fragility of GP out of hours care in Wales. Access to out of hours GP care is patchy and the service across Wales is fragile according to a report by the Board of Community Health Councils,

published on 23rd May 2018, which recommends designing new ways of delivering out of hours care. Prepared on behalf of the seven Community Health Councils (CHCs) in Wales 'The fragility of GP Out of Hours services' found that every Health Board in Wales had identified that out of hours services are under strain and most health boards reported that there were not enough GPs to deliver the service consistently.

The CHCs report also found despite health boards taking a range of actions to address the challenges, the proportion of GPs in any area who undertake out of hours shifts remains small. Further, the report identified an increasing demand for out of hours services, particularly when patients struggle to get an appointment 'in hours'.

CHCs in Wales want the Welsh Government and the NHS in Wales to work together to introduce a Wales wide solution. Part of this must include engaging with people about the future of GP out of hours services to find out what's important to them. Speaking about the report findings, Mutale Merrill, Chair of the Board of CHCs said: "During 2017/2018 CHCs across Wales became concerned about the increasing fragility of GP services provided 'out of hours' through our continuous engagement with health boards. Health Boards have specifically informed CHCs about their need to take urgent action when they are unable to provide a normal service. CHCs are concerned that sometimes the actions taken to address one problem can have a negative impact on other services and other geographical areas. They believe the solution lies in the NHS in Wales working together to deliver GP out of hours services in a way that responds to what's important to people."

This report was accepted.

64. COUNTY FORUM MEETING - TUESDAY 19th JUNE 2018

Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council had e-mailed in preparation of the County Forum meeting to be held on 19th June 2018 which this Council is hosting. The Chairman of this Council, Councillor David Rule is to Chair the meeting on the night and refreshments will be provided by this Council.

65. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Pot Holes in the Community - Flintshire County Council have been working on these through the village.

b) Ffordd Siarl play area - Flintshire County Council have removed the sand pit and smaller play equipment is being installed to accommodate the younger children.

c) New Council properties on old Garage site to the rear of Maes-y-Meillion - there is one two bedroom apartment remaining to be let.

66. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

a) 20mph speed limit outside Flintshire Schools - comment was made that a

question raised with Flintshire County Council had a response that indicated it was believed that all Flintshire Schools had a 20mph mandatory speed limit outside. Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that this was not the case and the 20mph speed limit outside Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood was advisory. The Clerk reported that she had e-mailed Mr Steve Jones from Streetscene, Flintshire County Council about this issue but had not yet received a reply. Councillor Hughes stated that he would look into this.

b) Penyffordd to Pontblyddyn road - the give way sign was covered in ivy which required cutting back. The hedge past the Smithy, near to the Stryt Isa junction was encroaching on the pavement and needed attention.

c) Tree planted in memory of the late Nigel Jones, Clerk to this Council, at the bottom of Bryn Clyd, Leeswood - it was brought to the Council's attention that this tree appeared to be dead. All Councillors agreed that this needed removing and another tree planted in its place.

d) Tyres in the Nant river - a report was made that the gentleman who owned the New Inn, Pontblyddyn had collected twenty tyres that had come down the river. It was suggested that contact should be made with Streetscene, Flintshire County Council and National Resources Wales.

e) Poppies for lamp posts - it was agreed by all Councillors that poppies to be installed on the Community lamp posts for the Remembrance period in November should be ordered.

67. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - May 2018	£538.01	£0.00	£538.01
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery - May 2018	£169.90	£0.00	£169.90
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery - April 2018	£839.00	£167.80	£1,006.80
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery - May 2018	£488.00	£97.60	£585.60
Scottish Power	Electricity supply - April 2018	£115.20	£5.76	£120.96
JDH Business Services	Internal audit fee 2017/2018	£186.00	£37.20	£223.20
Cllr. J.E. Saul	Expenses repaid	£62.60	£0.00	£62.60
	Totals	£2,398.71	£308.36	£2,707.07

68. INCOME RECEIVED

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

69. BANK BALANCES

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

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.