

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017.

#### **PRESENT**

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

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **190. REPORT FROM ALED DAVIES, CEMETERY SUB-CONTRACTOR**

Mr Aled Davies of Aled Davies Agricultural Contracting was present at the meeting. He reported that all was going well with the Cemetery except for some issues with litter. A lot of empty alcohol bottles have been found. These are being cleared away and put in recycling. It was commented on that people are going to the Cemetery after dark.

Mr Davies went on to report that there are a couple of loose headstones in plot 1. Also, it is noticeable that the stonemasons are not fitting the headstones in a straight line. Councillors expressed concern at the loose headstones and the Clerk stated that she would investigate. It was pointed out that an enquiry had been made to Blackwell's Stonemasons to come to the Cemetery in an attempt to resolve the issue of headstones not being lined up. That this remains an issue with stonemasons is disappointing.

Councillors thanked Mr Aled Davies and his team for the work that they carry out in the Cemetery. All were in agreement that the Cemetery looks very tidy.

#### **191. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was in attendance.

PCSO Peter Jones reported the following incidences: -

Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – damage to a basement window on a property.

Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – damage to a roof on a commercial property.

Reference was made to the indiscriminate parking of vehicles on Bell's Corner, Leeswood with these being parked part on/part off the pavement. PCSO Jones said that he would look into the Police position regarding this.

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana thanked PCSO Jones for attending the meeting.

**192. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

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

The Clerk informed that there had been no request for an election to fill this vacancy. Following the guidelines for filling a vacancy, the next step is to advertise the vacancy for co-option. A notice would be placed on the Community notice boards.

**194. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

E-mail correspondence had been received from Mrs Sian Jones of the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council advising that the Solicitors acting for Mr George Owens had been in contact and documentation had been prepared for the purchase of land. Copies of this documentation which included an Agreement for Sale and a notice of Transfer of part registered Title had been circulated to all Councillors. Query was raised as to whether this Council had agreed to pay the costs of the vendor. The Clerk advised that no offer had been made to cover the cost. Councillor R. Hughes stated that our legal representative, Mrs Jones anticipated these costs to be in the region of £400. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood that this Council should pay for the vendor's legal costs relating to the actual land purchase, this was seconded by Councillor R. Hughes. All Councillors were in agreement.

**195. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Application – 057696

Proposed increase size of car park from that approved under permission 049892. New Inn, Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold, CH7 4HR.

It was agreed by all Councillors that concern be expressed at the proximity of the extended car park to the river and that there needs to be a suitable retaining structure.

**196. CIVIC/MISSION AREA CAROL SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN**

This event is to take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm. All Councillors are welcome.

**197. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the Steering Group meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 had not been very well attended. An Action Plan had been formed at the meeting which included the following targets: - a) to condition the old Clinic area of the Community Centre as a drop-in centre and b) to provide a diary/newsletter of what's on in the community on the noticeboards and Community Council website. Progress is now being made.

**198. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

The new bus service to Broughton Retail Park started on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017. This service is scheduled so that it meets a connection with the bus service to Chester. It is only hoped that this service is well used.

The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Clerk to Treuddyn and Llanfynydd Community Councils requesting a meeting regarding the lack of public transport in the evening. This was to be brought up at each Council's December meeting.

**199. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Trading Company has now been sent up and the draft documentation is with FLVC. The Christmas Fayre held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 had not been very well attended.

Comment was made that the Defibrillator Training Session was well attended. Councillors were appreciative of the work put in by Mrs L. Hoyle-Fennell to raise the funds to purchase the defibrillators at the School and the Community Centre. It was agreed by all that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Hoyle-Fennell.

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

It was reported that this item would be discussed at a meeting of Flintshire County Council to be held at Alltami on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Yellow lines cannot be put down anywhere, it requires consultation with the Traffic Commissioner. Following this meeting, it was hoped that the cost and match funding liability to this Council would be known.

**201. FOOTPATH TO THE REAR OF 24 TO 42 HEOL-Y-GORON, LEESWOOD**

The footpath had now been re-opened, and work had been carried out to make it walkable.

**202. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT**

Councillors taking part in this project reported that progress continued to be made with the preparing of information for the iBeacons. This information was then being uploaded onto the app. The next meeting with Jo Danson was to take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

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

There was nothing to report on this matter.

**204. MATCH FUNDING SCHEME – IMPROVEMENTS TO CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS**

The Clerk referred to the correspondence that had been received at the last monthly meeting, from Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer Organisational Change, Aura Leisure and Libraries relating to provision of match funding for play area equipment 2017/2018. It was proposed by Councillor J.E. Saul and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that £3,000 be given towards new play equipment for the younger children at the Ffordd Siarl play area. All Councillors in agreement.

**205. INDO LIGHTING – UPGRADE TO LED STREET LIGHTING**

The Clerk informed that further information about a possible upgrade to LED street lighting was awaited.

**206. COUNCILLOR C.E. JONES JP – COMMEMORATION OF SERVICE AS LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

Following discussion it was agreed that a celebration event would be held on a Sunday afternoon in January 2018. The Clerk was to attend to the organisation of this.

**207. TRAFFIC LIGHTS, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS**

The issue of traffic lights in the area of Pontblyddyn crossroads has arisen over many years. This request has always been refused.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that Flintshire County Council be requested to investigate other forms of traffic calming measures at the crossroads. All Councillors in agreement. The Clerk to e-mail Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council requesting a meeting on site on a morning convenient.

**208. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN**

It was decided that a name sign was required for the entrance to the village from the Hope side. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would speak to the necessary department at Flintshire County Council to find out the cost of the sign and fitting of it in a suitable position.

**209. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PREFERRED STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

This document includes a vision for the Plan, the issues facing the Plan and the objectives of the Plan. These are elements that have been the subject of previous engagement and consultation. The document moves forward from the previous Strategic Options document in that it identifies a preferred level of growth and a preferred spatial strategy for distributing that growth.

The 'new' elements in the document include: a) Strategic policies on a range of topics and b) Two strategic mixed-use development sites

The Preferred Strategy consultation document identifies a figure for housing and employment growth, i.e. how many new houses should be developed and how

much employment land will be required in the County over the 15-year plan period. It also sets out how the settlement hierarchy generally identifies which settlements could accommodate development and also proposes two large mixed-use development sites or Strategic Sites.

A broad strategic framework of planning policies is also shown, with each policy having a 'policy context' section providing links to: i) the relevant Plan Objectives that the policy aims to meet; ii) relevant sections of Planning Policy Wales that the policy complies with; iii) key evidence that the policy is based on; iv) Welsh Government Well-being goals relevant to the policy aims; and v) subsequent detailed policies to be included in the Deposit Plan.

The Preferred Strategy document does not include detailed policies, allocations, settlement boundaries, or other designations and is not accompanied by proposals maps. These are to follow at a later date when the Deposit LDP is produced.

**210. NORTH WALES POLICE – CHALLENGES FACED BY THE POLICE SERVICE AND NORTH WALES POLICE**

Correspondence had been received from Mark Polin, Chief Constable and Arfon Jones, Police & Crime Commissioner. This informs about the challenges faced by the Police Service and North Wales Police. The nature of crime is changing putting further pressure on police forces. During this year there has also been an 8% rise in 999 calls. 32 organised crime groups are known to be operating in North Wales and work on investigating these is assisted by the regional crime unit, TITAN and the National Crime Agency. North Wales close proximity to the large metropolitan areas of the North West contributes to this dynamic.

A small group of Chief Constables, Mark Polin included, and Police and Crime Commissioners have been overseeing work developing a business case for submission to the Home Office and then onward to the Treasury calling for a better financial settlement for policing. However, it is likely that more cuts will need to be made to cover the basic increase in costs that will be sustained through the year.

**211. AIRBUS – INTRODUCTION OF A NEW GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM AT HAWARDEN AERODROME**

From Ian Crawford, Aerodrome Compliance and Safeguarding Engineer, Airbus Operations Ltd, correspondence relating to the introduction of a new global navigation satellite system at Hawarden Aerodrome. Also received was the document 'Proposal to Adopt GNSS Approaches and amend Conventional Instrument Flight Procedures at Hawarden Airport'. This Council was being consulted due to the community's proximity to the flight path. All Councillors agreed that there was no objection to this.

**212. NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – ANNUAL REVIEW, QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARTNERS**

Received from Carol Williams, Deputy Chief Officer, North Wales Community Health Council the annual review questionnaire for partners. This questionnaire consisted of a number of questions to assist the North Wales CHC in evaluating their activities of 2017/2018 and also to help develop their Work Programme for 2018/2019.

**213. BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD**

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board had circulated their November 2017 Newsletter. This Newsletter details the Health Board's ten-year plan. The challenges faced by the Service are: - a) people are living longer which is good, but it puts more demand on services; b) people need more support for a healthy life; c) more people have conditions like diabetes or heart disease; d) more people are experiencing mental health issue; e) more people have dementia; f) waiting times are too long, we need to see patients sooner and g) money is tight, we need to be efficient and spend wisely.

In the Newsletter the Health Board's goals are outlined as follows: - a) improve health, well-being and reduce inequalities; b) provide care closer to home; c) improve the safety and quality of all services; d) respect people and their dignity; e) listen to people and learn from their experiences; f) use what we have wisely, explore new ideas and learn from research and g) support, train and develop our staff. To meet these goals there are detailed action plans.

A questionnaire was attached to the Newsletter to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**214. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PLAY SUFFICIENCY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

E-mail correspondence received from Janet Roberts, Play Development Officer, Flintshire County Council and correspondence from Claire Homard, Interim Chief Officer, Education and Youth, Flintshire County Council and Marianne Mannello, Assistant Director, Play Wales. This correspondence gives details on the five-week programme of workshops to be held at the beginning of next year.

**215. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

There were no County Council matters further to what had already been discussed during the meeting.

**216. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

Memorial for the late Reverend W.A. Lewis, Vicar of this Parish 1944-1977 – reference was made to the Remembrance Sunday Service held at Christ Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and the guest preacher who reminded Councillors of the late Reverend W.A. Lewis. Suggestion was made that this Council should look into funding a memorial to the late Reverend Lewis, sited in

Christ Church, Pontblyddyn. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should liaise with Reverend Carole Poolman in this matter.

## **217. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Suitcase Theatre – to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War in November 2018, Suitcase Theatre is embarking on an ambitious plan to commission a new play and mount a new production at Theatr Clwyd. The setting of this play is to be Leeswood. Suitcase Theatre is inviting Mr Mike Stevens of Leeswood to write the script. A request has been made from Suitcase Theatre for this Community Council to write a letter of support to help their application to the Arts Council of Wales for funding.

b) One Voice Wales – notification of the next Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee meeting to be held at the Gwersyllt Resource Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00pm.

c) Chair of Denbighshire County Council, Carol Service – invitation for the Chairman to attend the Carol Service at St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00pm.

d) Mayor of Mold Town Council Christmas Concert – this is to take place at St. Mary's Church, Mold on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.

e) Chair of Sealand Community Council, Carol Service - invitation for the Chairman to attend the Carol Service at St. Bartholomew's Church, Sealand on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm.

f) Mayor of Mold Town Council. St. Dwynwen's Day Charity Dinner Dance and Auction – this is to take place at the Clwyd Room, Theatr Clwyd, Mold on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 6.45pm. Tickets are £35.

g) Bus Stop located on Stryt Cae Rhedyn near Windover – correspondence was received from Miss Bethan Crowther on behalf of Mrs Joan Jones, Plas-Y-Brain Farm, Treuddyn requesting that the bus stop just further on from the bend was given more obvious signage. A family member of Mrs Jones had been struggling to catch a bus from this area as the driver's will not stop. The Clerk pointed out that this stop had been used by school children and the drivers had always stopped, it was more difficult dropping off on the other side of the road. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would speak to the Transportation Unit at Flintshire County Council about this.

## **218. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – November 2017	£567.89	£0.00	<b>£567.89</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – November 2017	£181.72	£0.00	<b>£181.72</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – November 2017	£488.00	£97.60	<b>£585.60</b>
Leeswood Community Centre	Part payment of the 2017/2018 grant – second instalment	£1,500.00	£0.00	<b>£1,500.00</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance	£81.63	£0.00	<b>£81.63</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,819.24</b>	<b>£97.60</b>	<b>£2,916.84</b>

## **219. INCOME RECEIVED**

No income had been received.

## **220. BANK BALANCES**

At present there is in the deposit account - £62,295.67 and in the current account - £10,023.67. This is at 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

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