

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 7th NOVEMBER 2017.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

156. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was in attendance with his colleague PCSO 3683 Stephanie Jones.

PCSO Peter Jones reported the following incidences: -

Maxwell Drive, Leeswood – criminal damage, a lock was taken from a gate.

County Road, Leeswood – theft of a radiator.

Seven anti-social behaviour issues – these are in hand with Social Services.

There had been a North Wales Police funded Halloween Party for all ages of the Community Centre held on Saturday 28th October 2017. This was well attended and considered to have been a great success.

The Chairman, Councillor J. Caruana thanked both PCSOs for attending the meeting.

157. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

158. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS DUE TO VACANT SEATS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

Four residents had expressed interest in the three vacant seats on the Community Council. These were Mrs Clare Coleman, Ms Leah Thomas Coleman,

Ms Lesley Catriona Richardson and Mr Ray Thomas. Ballot papers were circulated to all Council members present with a request to select three of the four candidates.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows: -

Mrs Clare Coleman - 8 votes

Ms Leah Thomas Coleman - 7 votes

Ms Lesley Catriona Richardson - 6 votes

Mr Ray Thomas - 5 votes

Mrs Clare Coleman, Ms Leah Thomas Coleman and Ms Lesley Catriona Richardson were duly co-opted onto the Community Council.

It was agreed by all Councillors that a copy of this Council's Code of Conduct be sent out with the letters advising them of their success.

159. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk reported that the Planning Application for an extension to the Pontblyddyn Cemetery had been passed subject to the following conditions: -

a) The development hereby approved shall be commenced before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission. This is to comply with requirements of Sections 91 to 93 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

b) The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents as submitted by this Council. This is to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved details.

c) The position of the burial plots shall:

- be a minimum of 50m from potable groundwater supply source

- be a minimum of 30m from a water course or spring

- be a minimum of 10m from any field drains

- not take place into standing water and the base of the grave above the local water table.

This is to protect the quality of controlled waters in the local area and in compliance with Policy GEN1 of the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan.

d) Notwithstanding the details submitted, the site shall not be brought into use until a scheme of hard/soft landscaping, which shall include indications of all

i) existing trees and hedgerows on the land and details of any to be retained, together with measures for their protection in the course of development and

ii) details of pathways and any retaining structures had been submitted for the consideration and written approval of the Local Planning Authority.

This is in the interests of visual amenity and in compliance with Policy GEN1 of the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan.

e) The scheme as may subsequently be approved under condition c of this permission shall be implemented within six months of the bringing into use of this site or within such other timescale as may be approved by the Local Planning Authority. This is in the interests of visual amenity and in compliance with Policy GEN1 of the Flintshire Unitary Development Plan.

No further information had been received in relation to the purchase of the land.

160. CEMETERY

It was commented that the Cemetery remains in excellent condition and all Councillors agreed that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing an excellent job.

Observation made that the latest headstones to be erected in the Cemetery were not in line. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should inspect and report at the December monthly meeting.

161. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 057343

Demolition of the existing cement storage and loading facilities and the erection of a new Vertical Roller Mill (VRM), rail loading facility and modification to and extension of the existing railway line, together with ancillary development. Castle Cement Ltd, Chester Road, Padeswood, Mold, CH7 4HB.

From Flintshire County Council, notification received that this planning application has now been included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Flintshire County Council Planning & Development Control Committee, to be held on 8th November 2017.

162. PLANNING DECISIONS

Application number – 056118

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

Application for a lawful development certificate (existing) for the erection of a dwelling.

Further copy correspondence addressed to Flintshire County Council Planning Department has been forwarded to this Council. Again, in this letter, concern is expressed about the possibility of other 'development' on the site.

The writer states that 'what appear to be drainage pipes have been laid in the field nearest to the housing on Dingle Road and onwards into at least two further fields. Yesterday digging started in this first field close to the houses at Bryn Tirion and flexible piping is now being inserted'. The Flintshire County Council are asked if they have any information about what is being planned, 'particularly as this landowner has a track record of not going about things in an entirely standard manner'.

Councillors acknowledged receipt of this letter and agreed that an e-mail be sent requesting that this Council be kept informed of the situation.

163. FORMATION OF A VILLAGE PLAN

All Councillors agreed that this item be re-Agendad for discussion at the monthly meeting on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

164. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that there was nothing further to report, but it

was hoped that a Steering Group meeting would be convened some time during this month.

165. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Councillor R. Hughes who had advised that the twice weekly bus service from the communities of Leeswood, Treuddyn, Llanfynydd and Nercwys to Broughton Retail Park would run on a Tuesday and Saturday.

Councillors referred to the previous questionnaire which had been circulated throughout the Community. It was felt that the questions asked had not been helpful to the issue regarding the lack of evening transport. Comment was made that a possibility of meeting with the neighbouring Community Councils of Llanfynydd and Treuddyn had been suggested. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact the Clerk of those Councils to see if such a meeting could be organised.

166. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood informed that the Charity Evening in aid of Alder Hey Children's Hospital held on Saturday 14th October 2017 had been a successful evening and very well attended. The next fundraising event is a Christmas Fayre with a visit from Father Christmas to take place on Saturday 2nd December 2017.

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

The Clerk advised that Councillor R. Hughes had informed that he was still waiting to hear from the County Council in regard to the possible cost of match funding for double yellow lines on Bell's Corner.

Again, Councillors expressed great concern about the vehicles parking part on and part off the pavement on Bell's Corner. It was believed that being forced to travel over the white line onto the wrong side of the road in order to pass these vehicles would cause an accident. All Councillors agreed that this issue needed resolving quickly.

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

It was reported that progress had been made with this matter and it was hoped that the remaining issues would be resolved soon.

169. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT

Councillors taking part in this project reported that progress was being made with preparing the information for the iBeacons. This information was then being uploaded onto the app. The next meeting with Jo Danson was to take place on Tuesday 14th November 2017.

170. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – OPEN SPACE LAND WITHIN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN A CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTING OF A DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) IN FLINTSHIRE

In June 2017 Flintshire County Council undertook a consultation exercise into a Public Space Protection Order around dog control and dog fouling. On conclusion of the consultation, the results of the online survey and comments were collated and presented to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for discussion and the Cabinet Committee for final determination. On Tuesday 26th September, the Cabinet Committee agreed the following conditions to be enforceable from the 20th October 2017.

The Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Space Protection Order will require dog walkers to:

- Remove dog waste immediately from the ground at all public locations.
- Put their dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer. This only applies to any public land where a dog is considered to be out of control or causing alarm and distress.
- Keep dogs on leads within cemeteries.
- Have a means on their person to collect dog waste from the ground if asked by an authorised officer.

Dogs are also excluded from entering:

- Equipped children's play areas
- The playing area of specific sporting or recreational facilities
- School Grounds
- The playing areas of marked sports pitches

Dogs will be able to be exercised in areas surrounding the marked sports pitches, there is not a blanket ban on dogs in areas with marked sports pitches.

Breach of any of these conditions will result in the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75.

Signs are currently being produced and will be placed at appropriate locations in order for enforcement to take place in due course. Information and maps of affected areas will be available via the Flintshire website www.flintshire.gov.uk/psporeresults.

171. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2018

Following the encouraging remarks and awards from this year's Best Kept Communities Competition it was suggested that consideration be given to build on this for preparation of next year's entry. Observation was made that perhaps this would be something the Age Friendly Communities Steering Group could get involved in and hopefully encourage residents to join in. All Councillors agreed that this matter remain on the Agenda and that the Steering Group be invited to help out.

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

The Clerk referred to the correspondence that had been received from Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer Organisational Change, Aura Leisure and Libraries relating to provision of match funding for play area equipment 2017/2018. Comment was made that the playing area at Ffordd Siarl which had been highlighted as amber and in need of upgrading, currently had equipment which was not suitable for younger children. It was agreed that any funding given should benefit the smaller children. All Councillors agreed that this item was to be re-aggenda for the December 2017 monthly meeting.

173. INDO LIGHTING – UPGRADE TO LED STREET LIGHTING

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

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

Councillors suggested that they would like to arrange a special evening to commemorate the service of Councillor C.E. Jones JP. It was agreed that invitations should be extended to representatives of all Community organisations and the Governors of Ysgol Derwenfa. The Clerk was to organise a plaque for the wall of the Committee Room at the Community Centre and a personal gift. The date for this is to be decided at the December 2017 monthly meeting.

175. TRAFFIC LIGHTS, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

It was brought to the Council’s attention that there had recently been an accident on the Pontblyddyn crossroads whereby a motorcyclist had come off his vehicle. The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Councillor R. Hughes who had advised that the Flintshire County Council had previously looked in to putting traffic lights on the Pontblyddyn crossroads and it was decided that there was no need for them. Councillor R. Hughes had asked for the Flintshire County Council to re-examine this.

Observation was made that if traffic lights were unacceptable then some other form of traffic calming should be sought. Particular reference was made to the ‘tight’ corners for large vehicles when turning and could consideration be given to widening the splay of the road.

It was agreed by all Councillors that a letter be sent to Flintshire County Council

176. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should look into the cost of obtaining a sign.

177. A SHARED COMMUNITY – CHARTER BETWEEN FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS 2014

Members had been circulated with copies of this document and a copy of the

Action Plan 2014 for Charter between Flintshire County Council and Town and Community Councils. It was decided at the County Forum meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2017 to review the Charter. This correspondence was accepted.

178. LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – GUIDANCE FOR PRINCIPAL COUNCILS ON THE REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES

Arising from the latest County Forum meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2017, this document had been circulated to all members. It is anticipated that Flintshire County Council will be required to undertake such a review over the next couple of years. This correspondence was accepted.

179. CONSULTATION ON ELECTORAL REFORM IN WALES

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Flintshire County Council response to the consultation on Electoral Reform in Wales. This correspondence was accepted.

180. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2023

This was a detailed document outlining the Flintshire County Council Plan for the years 2017-2023 which had been circulated to all members. Further supporting information had also been circulated.

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that he had attended the Flintshire County Council Public Engagement event held on Monday 6th November 2017 at Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold. Flintshire County Council is one of the most under-funded County Councils in Wales, coming at nineteenth place out of 22. Funding from the UK Government to the Welsh Government was being cut further and this cut was being borne by the County Councils. The County Council were having to budget for even more cuts and other than the ring-fenced budgets, such as education and social care, everything had been cut back as far as it could.

181. WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT – UPDATED SCHEME SETTING OUT BASIS OF A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WELSH GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Members had been circulated with information on the Local Government Scheme which looks at how the Welsh Government, Local Government and the wider Public Services will deliver services according to the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations Wales Act 2015. This correspondence was accepted.

182. DRAFT LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

Members will find enclosed a copy of a draft Local Resolution Procedure. Mr Gareth Owens, Chief Officer, Governance, Flintshire County Council, urges every Council to adopt such a protocol and to do so before there is a 'live' complaint. Mr Owens intends to host an event on how to adopt and apply a Local Resolution Procedure. This event should be attended by the Clerk to the Council.

Subject to a couple of changes to tailor the draft Local Resolution Procedure to this Council, it was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that this be adopted. All Councillors were in agreement.

183. BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – REVISED PROPOSALS REPORT 2018 REVIEW

The revised proposals report stated that the Commission had received a representation at the Wrexham public hearing from the Member of Parliament for the existing Delyn constituency that the electoral ward of Gwernaffield should be included within the Alyn and Deeside proposed constituency due to its local ties with the town of Mold, and that Northop Hall should be included within the proposed constituency of Flint and Rhuddlan due to its local ties with the electoral ward of Northop. This was supported by other representations received by the Commission which included this Council's and in the Labour Party submission. Councillors accepted this information.

184. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PREFERRED STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Andrew Farrow, Chief Officer, Planning and Environment, Flintshire County Council, informing that the Flintshire Local Development Plan 2015-2030 Preferred Strategy will be open for consultation from 9th November to 21st December 2017. This item is to be put on the Agenda for the December monthly meeting.

185. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

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

186. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Christ Church, Pontblyddyn – invitation to put a crib setting in the Crib Festival to be held in Church over the weekend 9th/10th December 2017. All Councillors agreed that this Council should participate by putting a crib setting in the Festival.

b) Leeswood Methodist Church – an invitation to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival 16th/17th December 2017. The cost of the tree is £20. All Councillors agreed that this Council should once again participate in this Festival.

c) Leeswood Royal British Legion – correspondence received advising that the Leeswood Sub-branch of the Royal British Legion no longer had the funds to purchase the wreaths to lay at the Cenotaphs on Remembrance Sunday. All Councillors agreed that the Community Council would purchase these on their behalf.

187. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – October 2017	£567.89	£0.00	£567.89
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing	£181.61	£0.00	£181.61
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery/Christmas baubles/Materials for crib setting	£97.38	£0.00	£97.38
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – October 2017	£488.00	£97.60	£585.60
FLVC	Printing of Civic Service Leaflets	£64.80	£0.00	£64.80
Flintshire County Council	Share of election expenses 2017	£401.22	£0.00	£401.22
Flintshire County Council	Summer Playscheme 2017	£2,019.00	£0.00	£2,019.00
Scottish Power	Street lighting – electricity	£353.28	£17.66	£370.94
Leeswood Methodist Church	Christmas Tree Festival 2017	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Leeswood Methodist Church	Donation from Civic Service 2017	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Mr R. Bryan	Organist – Civic Service 2017	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
Royal British Legion	Wreaths – Remembrance Sunday 2017	£37.50	£0.00	£37.50
Royal British Legion	Wreaths – Leeswood Branch RBL – Remembrance Sunday 2017	£55.50	£0.00	£55.50
Leeswood & District News	Insertions in Newsletter	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
	Totals	£4,836.18	£115.26	£4,951.44

188. INCOME RECEIVED

No income had been received.

189. BANK BALANCES

At present there is in the deposit account - £72,295.67 and in the current account - £5,059.45. This is at 29th September 2017.

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