

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019.

#### **PRESENT**

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Councillor J. Atkinson, C. Coleman and G. Sherwood.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **208. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **209. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was not in attendance. No report had been provided this month.

#### **210. CEMETERY**

Councillor R. Hughes reported that the fencing of the new extension had now been completed. Mr Aled Davies would like to remove the fencing that separates the existing Cemetery and the extension. This would help in accommodating the drain. Councillors agreed that an opening could be made for this, but the consensus of opinion was that it would be nice to maintain some sort of boundary between the two pieces of land for aesthetic reasons. The boundary could be in the form of existing hedgerow rather than a wire fence. Any clay movement should be done through an opening on the first bend of the roadway up into the existing Cemetery.

#### **211. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications.

#### **212. PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATION**

160 dwellings, convenience store and associated development.  
Land off Dingle Road, Leeswood, CH7 4SN.

Councillors had been circulated with the pre-planning consultation documents issued by Cadnant Planning who are acting on behalf of the Bromfield Group Limited.

It was brought to the Council's attention that residents on Dingle Road, Leeswood, were putting in objections to Cadnant Planning about this proposed development.

Comment was made that the Community Council had never invited a Planning Applicant to address them and this was not about to change.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed by a majority decision, that a response would not be made to Cadnant Planning in relation to the pre-planning consultation document. There are many concerns that need to be addressed in relation to such a proposed development and this Community Council's concerns would be brought before Flintshire County Council once an official planning application has been received.

### **213. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Correspondence addressed to the Chairman, Councillor D. Rule had been received from Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council. Mrs Jones was writing in respect to the Age-Friendly Community development work and also to raise a potential opportunity that might be of benefit to eligible residents in the local community.

It is two years since the Community Council first unanimously agreed to start working towards being an Age Friendly Community - the first in Flintshire. The focus during the first twelve months was on engagement with the wider community, identifying community priorities and developing links with key individuals and groups. Some good progress has been made, particularly in the last twelve to eighteen months where the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan has been produced, initial actions identified, and development work and activities have come to fruition. Together we have learned a great deal, and whilst this has been shared formally with our Rural Wisdom colleagues, our experience and resources have also been shared informally with other groups in Flintshire who are in the early stages of becoming Age-Friendly. Leeswood & Pontblyddyn's Age-Friendly Community action plan has been considered by two Communities in Flintshire as something they would like to aim towards in their communities.

The development of the 'Old' Clinic' has been very worthwhile, and whilst it is primarily used for the weekly community café, it is now a very practical space that could be used for a variety of purposes. This space was initially offered by the Community Council as a base for the Rural Wisdom Project Co-ordinator to work from and for meetings with members of the community, partners etc. The Age-Friendly Community action plan identified this space for development as a community café or drop-in centre where people of all ages could meet, or as an informal meeting venue. This community café has been very successful, with more than twenty customers attending each week providing somewhere local where

people can meet up for a chat, make friends and hopefully help to reduce the risk of loneliness.

One of the actions identified for the second year of the Age-Friendly Community action plan, is to work towards being Dementia-Friendly, ensuring that those people living with dementia in the community and their carers', feel supported and are able to continue to maintain their wellbeing and independence for as long as they are able. In order to take this work forward the Age-Friendly Community steering group has agreed that it needs to meet weekly, helping to build strong foundations for the Age-Friendly Community and Dementia Friendly development work going forward and to ensure sustainability in the long-term. The Age-Friendly Community steering group does not generate revenue from activity and does not exist for the benefit of one particular group. Its aim is to ensure that Leeswood & Pontblyddyn is a safe, inclusive community that enables everyone living and working there to age well.

Mrs Jones goes on to say that she is seeking support from the Community Council, that it continues its commitment to the Age-Friendly Community development beyond the provision of a base for the Rural Wisdom Project Co-ordinator, to include provision of a base for the Age-Friendly Community steering group to continue to take this development work forward.

The Rural Wisdom Project is now in the last half of its second year, due to end on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019, but the project has secured additional funding to enable the Project Co-ordinator to continue working in Leeswood & Pontblyddyn for one day each week from June until the end of October 2019 to help build sustainability.

Finally, in seeking to identify FREE training for the Community Café volunteers in basic food hygiene and health and safety, an opportunity has arisen that might benefit the wider community. Mrs Jones has approached Flintshire County Council Community Enterprise Team who offer 'Pathways' training to help people who are not currently in Education, Employment or Training into work. They are able to provide a 'Pathways into Catering and Hospitality' course for the café volunteers and others in the community who are eligible to attend, but the café volunteers felt the course was too comprehensive for their needs. However, if the Community Council can identify a need and can identify (a minimum of) 8 individuals from the community, the course could provide an ideal opportunity for eligible residents to develop skills for a career in catering and hospitality. The Community Enterprise Team would provide the course free of charge, if the Community Council is able to provide the venue. The course is fully accredited and would run over four days (from 9:15am until 3:30pm approx.) and covers:

Food Safety - Level 2

Emergency First Aid at work course - Level 2

Health and Safety Level 2

Cosh Level 2

Customer Service - ½ day introduction

Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that it was great to know that Leeswood and Pontblyddyn were leading the way in regard to Age Friendly Communities in

Flintshire. He went on to state that the Community Café was indeed very successful, he attended when possible and it was good to see so many residents of the Community there.

The Clerk advised that she had invited Mrs Helen Jones and Mrs Shereen Devine, Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator to attend a meeting of the Community Council to be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. Also, a Dementia Awareness course has been organised for the Community Council on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**214. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

In his absence, Councillor G. Sherwood had earlier reported to the Clerk that the Trustees of the Community Centre are considering the draft documentation for the asset transfer.

Councillor J. Caruana advised that the New Year's Eve event had been very successful. There was about 80 in attendance and it had been enjoyed by all.

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

The Clerk reported that she had heard nothing further from Mr Lee Shone, Highways, Flintshire County Council. It was agreed by all Councillors that contact be made with him to see what progress had been made.

**216. CADWYN CLWYD – iBEACON PROJECT**

Mrs Jo Danson is to give a training session at Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 3.30pm. This is open to the teaching staff and Councillors.

It was pointed out that a date for the launch should be given some consideration. Councillor J.E. Saul would discuss this with Mrs Jo Danson.

**217. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES COMPETITION 2019**

Councillor D.K. Crowther informed that the DVSA are looking to do a team building day. He advised that his superior at the DVSA had enquired as to whether something could be done in our Community, such as a litter pick or planting. Councillors welcomed this offer and it was agreed that this would be discussed in more detail at the February 2019 meeting.

**218. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS**

No further information had been received following the meeting on site in December 2018.

**219. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN**

There had been no further report on the progress of the erection of this sign.

**220. COUNTY FORUM MEETING OF 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2018 – ELECTORAL REVIEW, LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES**

This matter relates to the reduction of Flintshire County Councillors from 70 in number to 63. It was agreed by all Councillors to make a response to the Boundary Commission advising that the communities of Leeswood and

Pontblyddyn should retain their County Councillor because a lot of distance is covered due to it being a rural ward. There is not much of a shortfall of the required numbers but if this was an issue then it should be looked into how these could be made up by adding Pontybodkin onto Leeswood and Pontblyddyn as this was the next village.

**221. INDEPENDENT PANEL REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR**

All Councillors agreed that this item be put on the Agenda for the February 2019 meeting.

**222. YSGOL DERWENFA, LEESWOOD - IT EQUIPMENT**

The Clerk advised that she will be speaking to Mr Gareth Owen of Legal Services, Flintshire County Council, to check if a Community Council can make a monetary donation to a School.

**223. 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS, 2019**

Samantha Roberts, Clerk to Mold Town Council had forwarded e-mail correspondence regarding the Daniel Owen Festival Committee and their plans to showcase the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mold Riots 2019.

A new play on the Mold Riots is being written and this will be performed in Mold on/around the High Street 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Part of the Daniel Owen Festival in October 2019 will also incorporate a walk from Leeswood to Mold, (this is to take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October) and a guided walk in Leeswood with Walkabout Flintshire during the week. The Daniel Owen Festival Committee would be happy for the Community Council to be involved with this.

All Councillors agreed that it would be good for this Community Council to be involved with these arrangements.

**224. AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES PRESS RELEASE RE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOING MORE TO DEVELOP A STRONG DATA CULTURE**

Members had been circulated with will a copy of the press release from the Auditor General for Wales. Local Authorities in Wales are sitting on a 'rich vein' of personal, financial and community data that could help them develop more efficient and effective services. The Auditor General states in his recently released report that while Councils are slowly developing a strong data culture, they need to do more to unlock its full potential. This document was accepted.

**225. ONE VOICE WALES - TRAINING SESSIONS, JANUARY TO MARCH 2019**

Councillors had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from One Voice Wales detailing the training sessions arranged for January to March 2019 and an overview of the course modules.

Councillor D. Foster expressed an interest in attending the course on Module 1 - The Council - to be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Abergele Town Council Offices at 6.30pm. The Clerk was to book this.

The Clerk expressed interest in attending two courses at Mold Town Hall, Module 20 - Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015/Sustainability and Module 12 - Community Place/Planning.

**226. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION - CONNECTING COMMUNITIES IN WALES NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2 DECEMBER 2018**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter, issue number 2, December 2018. This was accepted.

**227. COUNTY FORUM MEETING**

Councillors had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Sam Perry, Corporate Business and Communications Support Officer, Flintshire County Council advising that the next County Forum meeting will take place at the Town Council Offices, Quay Building, Fron Road, Connah's Quay, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Suggestions for Agenda items are invited to be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This was accepted.

**228. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) Pot Holes in the Community - some of these have now been repaired and those remaining will be attended to over the coming weeks.

b) Re-surfacing of highway in the village of Leeswood - a bid has been put in to re-surface the stretch of road from Bell's Corner to Stryt Cae Rhedyn.

c) Grit boxes in Leeswood - Councillor R. Hughes and Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council had inspected areas that required Community Council funded grit boxes. Two of these boxes were required on the Parc Derwen estate. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be installed. All Councillors were in agreement.

**229. MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE**

a) Break-ins in the Community, evening of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - it was brought to the Council's attention that residents had reported break-ins in the Community on Facebook. Councillors expressed concern at this news, and it was hoped that the Police would be able to provide more information regarding these.

b) 20mph mandatory speed limit outside Flintshire Schools - reference was made that Flintshire County Council did not seem to have a policy for mandatory 20mph speed limit outside Schools in the county. It was commented that Wrexham County Borough Council did have these mandatory 20mph speed limits outside the Schools of their county and it was hoped that Flintshire would follow this. Concern was expressed at the speed of vehicles travelling along the main road through the village of Leeswood and Councillors hoped that the 20mph advisory speed limit sign would be replaced by a 20mph mandatory speed limit sign. This item was to be included on the Agenda for the next monthly meeting of this Council.

**230. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Mayor of Mold Charity Dinner Dance, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 - this is to

take place at the Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton, 6.45pm till 12.30am. The Mayor's chosen Charity is Save a Life, Make a Difference Appeal. Tickets are £25.00.

b) Report of broken bottles on Phoenix Park, Leeswood - Mr Bob Pitts of Dingle Road, Leeswood, had e-mailed regarding the problem of broken glass in Phoenix Park. On 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018, for the third time in recent weeks, there have been broken bottles on and around the two large stones near to the play area. Mr Pitts had removed all that he could collect. It is horrifying to know that anyone would intentionally break bottles anywhere, but especially not within yards of a children's play area, especially as some of the children actually play on those stones. This is a recent occurrence. Councillors thanked Mr Pitts for his e-mail and expressed their concern at this report. It was pointed out that Streetscene, Flintshire County Council, regularly inspect the area and undertake a litter pick twice weekly. The issue outlined by Mr Pitts would be reported to Streetscene.

### 231. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses - Dec. 2018.	£616.16	£0.00	<b>£616.16</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery - Dec. 2018	£96.27	£0.00	<b>£96.27</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery - Dec. 2018	£264.00	£52.80	<b>£316.80</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	To supply and install fence in Cemetery extension	£1,820.00	£364.00	<b>£2,184.00</b>
HMRC	PAYE/NI Q3	£660.09	£0.00	<b>£660.09</b>
Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water rates - allotments	£146.83	£0.00	<b>£146.83</b>
	<b>Totals: -</b>	<b>£3,603.35</b>	<b>£416.80</b>	<b>£4,020.15</b>

### 232. INCOME RECEIVED

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

### 233. BANK BALANCES

At 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018: - Deposit account - £59,160.03 and current account - £2,032.99.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.