

## **LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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NOTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillors C. Coleman, L.T. Coleman, D.K. Crowther, 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. Caruana – Chair to the Council, Councillor D. Rule – Vice-Chair to the Council, Councillors J. Atkinson, R. Hughes, T. Hughes and G. Sherwood.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **221. POLICE LIAISON**

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was in attendance.

PCSO Peter Jones reported two episodes of criminal damage: -  
Queen Street, Leeswood – damage to a window on a vacant property.  
Pontybodkin Hill – damage to a padlock.

Reference was made to an incidence of anti-social behaviour involving the throwing of snowballs at a property on County Road, Leeswood.

PCSO Jones was thanked for attending the meeting.

#### **222. ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS**

Mrs Sian Jones of the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council advised that the searches used in the Planning Application process would be useful in regard to the purchase of the land. She would liaise with the Planning Department regarding this and report back to this Council if any further information was required.

#### **223. CEMETERY**

Mr S. Blackwell of Blackwell's Memorials would be meeting with Councillor R. Hughes during the next week to discuss remedial work on the headstones at the Cemetery, particularly in regard to the re-alignment.

#### **224. PARKING ISSUES – BELL'S CORNER**

Councillor R. Hughes had received an e-mail from Lee Shone, Road Safety Officer, Flintshire County Council regarding the cost to this Council of a scheme

for provision of double yellow lines on Bell's Corner, Leeswood. It is unlikely that the scheme would be selected for funding from Flintshire County Council in the 2018/2019 financial year.

In this e-mail, Mr Shone explains the cost of this scheme would be in the region of £3,000 and that as always with Traffic Regulation Orders there is a cost involved with no guarantee that the proposals will be implemented due the objection process. The quoted cost is for the scheme being implemented, should the scheme not progress to implementation, then a proportion of the cost would be returned.

With a Traffic Regulation Order of this nature there is a process which is as follows: - firstly prior to completing a Draft Order, Notice of Proposal and Statement of Reasons, it would be necessary to seek approval from the Emergency Services and Key Stakeholders. All documentation should be bi-lingual, and the cost of translation is non-refundable. The Notice would then be advertised in the local press, online, on-site and in a nominated location such as a local Library, Post Office for the statutory 21 days Consultation Period, again all associated costs are non-refundable.

There is a potential risk of objections being received during the Consultation Period and that these may not be over-ruled, therefore, the associated costs would be borne by this Council. However, should the objection not be valid, then a Delegated Report will be written and signed, recommending that the objection/s be over-ruled. The Notice of Marking can then be advertised, with the order being sealed and all objectors would receive a written response. Following this, the road marking works would then be programmed.

It is important to note that the estimated total cost for the works is £3,000, but if the road marking physical work does not go ahead because of objection/s that cannot be over-ruled a proportion of this money would be returned.

#### **225. PARKING ISSUES – JUNCTION OF BRYN CLYD/KING STREET**

The issue with vehicles parking near the junctions of Bryn Clyd and King Street are ongoing. Comment was made that there is now a problem with cars parking part on and part off the pavement that runs along the front of properties numbered 9 to 14 Bryn Clyd. This evening three cars had been parked along there and ten cars were parked on the opposite side, for buses and larger vehicles such as vans and lorries this is going to create a big problem. Councillors present agreed that the Clerk should be speak to Councillor R. Hughes regarding this.

#### **226. 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 which is accessed through Bluetooth. The next meeting with Jo Danson was to take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**227. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - BEST KEPT COMMUNITIES**

**COMPETITION 2018**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Mr D. Ellis about organising a group of residents to clean-up in the Community in preparation for the Best Kept Communities Competition 2018. This had come about because of a Facebook campaign to clean-up the area by the cattle grid on Hen-ffordd where there had been fly tipping. Some of the Community Councillors were involved in this clean-up and reported that eight tonnes of rubbish had been taken to the tip in Nercwys. Amongst the rubbish cleared was toys, trophies, DVDs, printers, televisions and personal documents. Flintshire County Council had been made aware of the details on the personal documents. It was pointed out that there is a risk to clearing up on private land, but people should not be discouraged from doing so. Councillors advised that there was evidence on fly tipping on Dingle Road also.

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

Correspondence had been received from Ian Bancroft, Chief Officer, Organisational Change, Flintshire County Council, advising that due to the level of applications for match funding, the County Council contribution is to be 50%. Councillors expressed disappointment at this.

**229. TRAFFIC LIGHTS, PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS**

The Clerk reported that Barry H Wilkinson, Highway Network Manager, Flintshire County Council had e-mailed stating that he was happy to meet with members of this Council on site at Pontblyddyn Crossroads at a date/time suitable. Councillor R. Hughes had advised that the Flintshire County Council were looking into traffic calming measures in that area.

**230. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

30mph speed limit on Stryt-Cae-Rhedyn, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes had reported that this matter was in progress.

**231. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – December 2017	£568.09	£0.00	<b>£568.09</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – December 2017	£77.70	£0.00	<b>£77.70</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance	£81.63	£0.00	<b>£81.63</b>
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance	£163.68	£0.00	<b>£163.68</b>
Dee Valley Water	Water rates – Cemetery	£20.09	£0.00	<b>£20.09</b>
Dee Valley Water	Water rates – allotments	£53.53	£0.00	<b>£53.53</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£964.72</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£964.72</b>