

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 22nd JANUARY 2019.

PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

234. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Present at the meeting were Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council and Mrs Shereen Devine, Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator.

There has been an extension to Rural Wisdom project to build sustainability - Shereen is working in the community three days per week until June, then 1 day per week until end November 2019. Opportunities for maintaining this support for a period of time beyond November are being considered.

Year 2 Age Friendly Communities Action Plan - focus on becoming a Dementia Friendly Community (DFC); exploring lunch club development opportunity.

Introduce monthly Age Friendly Communities meeting to work towards DFC and build sustainability (first Mon of month, old clinic, next meeting Mon 4th February 2019 at 6pm, Dementia Friends session for Community Council organised through the Clerk on Tuesday 19th February 2019).

The potential to open a Lunch Club - looking at opportunities to work with Newydd Catering

Winter Celebration grant - successful application to the Age Cymru grant of £150. Mrs Shereen Devine is planning to hold a community meal for older people in the community in the community centre in February, the date to be confirmed.

Further opportunities are as follows: -

i) Training for Café volunteers identified opportunity to offer free catering & hospitality training for others in the community through 'Pathways to Work -

Catering & Hospitality' (through FCC Community Enterprise Team). Course covers: Food Hygiene; Health and Safety; First Aid; Customer Service. Each topic would be a full day (probably from around 9:30 to 3:00) and the training would run one day a week over 4 weeks. Each attendee would receive accreditation and certificate of attendance. The course is developed with a view to supporting people who are not in education or employment into a career in catering/hospitality. Opportunities for Community Council to identify eligible residents (could promote outside local area to get additional numbers).

ii) Good Food Hub - bringing affordable, healthy, ready meals to the community for those in need. (e.g. good food Hub is in operation in Mold - Daniel Owen Centre; Holywell - Panton Place). Community Centre becomes a hub for ordering, collecting meals, £1 profit per meal goes to Community Centre. Requires a commitment from volunteers to administer the Good Food Hub.

iii) Time Credits - the Age Friendly Communities Steering group is now registered to give Time Credits to people who volunteer under the AFC/DFC work. Volunteers can earn one time credit for each hour volunteered. The aim is to encourage people who don't ordinarily volunteer. Time credits can be used on spend with organisations registered to provide Time Credit 'spend' opportunities. These are nationwide, and Time Credits organization is growing the number of spend opportunities locally. The initiative is currently funded by Welsh Government until March 2020.

How is it going?

There is a wide group of people interested in development (AFC email list), but only a small number attend meetings. DFC plans generated more interest. Need to have regular meetings to encourage more involvement from wider community, with aim for community members to take the work forward (with continued support from Mrs Helen Jones & Dementia lead Luke Pickering-Jones)

Communication - regular What's On, included in Leeswood & District monthly Newsletter. Need to consider how this will be maintained beyond the Rural Wisdom project. Opportunities to share via community websites and Social media sites need to be progressed - and kept up-to-date.

Seek continued support from the Community Council to ensure sustainability (perhaps members could be more actively involved e.g attend monthly AFC/DFC Steering group meetings).

To seek confirmation of continued support from this Council to use Old Clinic as base for Mrs Shereen Devine and AFC/DFC Steering Group meetings.

Does Community Council want to take up the Pathways training opportunity, can it identify people in the community that may benefit, can it contribute by providing free use of the community centre for the course delivery?

Councillors agreed that they had offered support to the Age Friendly Communities initiative by offering to fund room hire at the Community Centre. Mrs Helen Jones advised that donations had been received by the Steering

Group, but these had been towards the setting up of the Community Café. Any funds in hand would soon be depleted if the hiring of rooms at the Community Centre required paying for.

The Chairman, Councillor D. Rule, thanked Mrs Helen Jones and Mrs Shereen Devine for attending this evening's meeting and giving an excellent detailed report, there was a lot to think about.

235. PRECEPT 2019/2020

Councillors had been presented with the budget figures for the 2019/2020 financial year. A discussion of the anticipated costs took place and Council were in unanimous agreement that these were satisfactory. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that a precept of £58,000 (Fifty-eight thousand pounds) be requested for the financial year 2019/2020. Councillor R. Hughes thanked the Clerk for her work in preparing the budget schedule.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.