

THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2019

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2019.

PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

89. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

90. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was in attendance this evening. His report was circulated to Councillors.

Incident update - (from 01/07/2019 to 29/08/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends

This Month

Queen Street, Leeswood – theft of clothes left on the driveway of a property. The victim did not wish to make a complaint so no further investigation could take place.

Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood – a dog has jumped over a gate and bitten a male. Enquiries are on-going.

Ash Villas, Leeswood – a window has been smashed at this location. Enquiries are on-going.

Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – following an incident of road rage, a victim has been assaulted by being pushed. Enquiries are on-going.

ASB Issues

Phoenix Park, Leeswood – children are causing a nuisance on the Park. Officers attended to speak with the youths and move them on.

Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood – intoxicated youths running along the Stryt carrying vodka bottles.

Queen Street, Leeswood – youths causing issues outside the School in the evening.

Criminal Damage

17/08/2019, Community Centre, Leeswood – stones have been thrown causing damage to a window at the location. No opportunities for crime scene investigation as it had been raining before the report was made. There was no CCTV in the area. No houses overlook the area therefore no house to house enquiries were conducted. All lines of enquiry completed. No suspect identified.

20/08/2019, Bowling Club, Leeswood – a brick has been thrown at a window causing it to smash. Police attended and seized the brick, Crime scene investigation stated that there would be no evidence on the brick due to the rough/dirty texture. There was no CCTV in the area. No houses overlook the area therefore no house to house enquiries were conducted. All lines of enquiry completed. No suspect identified. Both areas will now be patrolled more regularly.

91. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CLARE COLEMAN

The Clerk advised that there had been no request for an election. A 'Notice of Co-Option' in the community area would now be advertised.

92. DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LEESWOOD

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, has spoken with Mrs Louise Fennell who has agreed to the siting of the defibrillator outside the Community Centre. The Clerk reported that the invoice for the new cabinet has been received, the cost of this is £384.00 + £76.80 VAT.

All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Tomos Hughes to advise that the work can now proceed.

93. CEMETERY

Councillors noted that the Cemetery was looking very well. It was pointed out that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing a very good job there. All Councillors were in agreement that they are very pleased with the Cemetery.

The Clerk reported that Christ Church had recently had its Quinquennial Inspection. A recommendation of this inspection was that the wall separating the Church car park and this Council's Cemetery should be taken down with the Cemetery ground re-profiled, perhaps as a rockery using some of the stone from the wall. All Councillors agreed that a meeting should be arranged with members of the Church on site to discuss the way forward.

94. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received.

95. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the Steering Group had met on 2nd September 2019. There were only three members present, himself, Mrs Helen Jones of Flintshire County Council and Mrs Shereen Devine, Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator. Mrs Shereen Devine is now working in Leeswood one day per week until November when the funding will cease. The cost of funding Mrs Devine for a half day per week would be £3,924 or for a day £7,160. It was pointed out that Mrs Devine had done a lot of good work in the Community but there would come a time when she would be moving on and the Community would need to build on this themselves. The weekly Café runs itself now and there are new volunteers. All Councillors agreed that the Steering Group needs to be stronger as this would help going forward.

A Lunch Club is to be started in agreement with the caterers at Ysgol Derwenfa. The Taster Session is to take place on 2nd October 2019, this would be free. It was hoped that following the initial session, the Lunch Club would be held monthly on the first Wednesday with the cost being £4.50.

96. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Asset Transfer Lease is to be changed. Aura will be taking over responsibility for the changing rooms. Mr Neal Cockerton of Flintshire County Council is to be advised of this.

97. PARKING ISSUES – BELL'S CORNER

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that Flintshire County Council had been ready to go ahead with the double yellow lines on Bell's Corner. However, a re-surfacing programme is to start on the road from Bell's Corner to Maxwell Drive. Once this had been completed the double yellow lines will be put on Bell's Corner.

98. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that this matter was ongoing at Flintshire County Council and a report would be received once further information was available. Whatever is decided upon will be submitted for funding in January 2020.

99. PONTBLYDDYN VILLAGE SIGN

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, reported that this sign has not yet been put in place. It was believed that this would be completed soon.

100. 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS, 2019

Mr Kevin Matthias, Chair of the Daniel Owen Festival had sent e-mail correspondence advising that for the Sunday 20 October walk it has been decided after much debate to stick to the roads. Some of the footpaths are challenging and if there is a decent

number of walkers the stiles would hold people up so the following route has been chosen: County Road & Constitution Hill down the A5104 to Pontblyddyn Cross then A541 to the Llong turnoff then the B5444 into Mold. There will be plenty of stewards with yellow jackets (although volunteers are welcome).

Activities that Theatr Clwyd is planning at the school are still to be decided but a better idea would be had after the Daniel Owen Festival meeting on Wednesday. An article is to be submitted to our community newspaper (deadline the 18th of this month) to get some more publicity for the walk and the Festival and Mold Riots production in general.

The exact route of the Leeswood and Pontybodkin walk (Thursday morning 24 October) is still to be confirmed. It is considered that the old railway line route is a bit problematic. A further look at this route is to be undertaken this week.

All Councillors expressed their appreciation to Mr Matthias for keeping them informed of the progress.

101. LEESWOOD MEMORIAL CENTENARY FIELDS

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman and the Clerk reported on a meeting with Fiona Mocko, Strategic Policy Advisor, regarding an event to celebrate Leeswood Memorial being registered as a Centenary Field. It was hoped that this event would be held in October. There would be guests from the County Council, the Royal British Legion and all members from this Council were to be invited.

102. ONE VOICE WALES – MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR WALES 2019

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Model Financial Regulations for Wales 2019 as supplied by One Voice Wales. Councillor G. Sherwood proposed, and Councillor R. Williams seconded that these be adopted.

103. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, LAND AT QUEEN STREET, LEESWOOD

E-mail correspondence had been received from Nadine Hughes, Technical & Street Naming Officer, Flintshire County Council. This correspondence advises that the developers for the land off Queen Street would like to give the name Ivy Close to the new street. All Councillors agreed that this was a suitable name.

104. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Correspondence had been received from Andrew Roberts, Service Manager – Strategy, Flintshire County Council. This correspondence advises that there is to be two briefing events relating to the Flintshire Local Development Plan. The Clerk advised that she had responded stating that two representatives will attend the event arranged for 12th September 2019.

105. Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales

For their information, members will find enclosed the following documents from the Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales: -

- a) Work Programme 2019/2020
 - b) Making Wales the best place in the world to grow older, Strategy 2019/2022
- These documents were accepted.

106. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

None other than those already discussed during the meeting.

107. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) RSPCA, Wrexham District & Deeside Branch – e-mail correspondence had been received from Dylan Evans, Volunteer & Events Officer requesting funding. All Councillors agreed that they be informed that donations are discussed in February and this will be added to the list.
- b) Supporting your local Marie Curie nurses – e-mail correspondence had been received from Laura Ellis-Bartlett, Community Fundraiser requesting a financial donation. All Councillors agreed that they be informed that donations are discussed in February and this will be added to the list.
- c) Holywell Town Mayor Civic Service – an invitation has been received from Councillor Paul Johnson, Holywell Town Mayor to attend his Civic Service on Sunday 15th September 2019. It will be preceded by a parade led by Cambria Band from the Holywell Memorial Gardens at 1.30pm to St. James the Apostles Church, Holywell for a service at 2pm. Following this, there will be a brief visit to St. Winefride's Well where refreshments will also be served in the adjoining tea rooms.
- d) Saltney Town Mayor Civic Service – an invitation has been received from Councillor Stephen Rodham, Saltney Town Mayor to attend his Civic Service on Sunday 20th October 2019. This will take place at the Saltney Methodist Church at 3pm, followed by refreshments at the Church Hall.
- e) Flintshire County Council Chair Charity Ball - Councillor Marion Bateman, Chair to Flintshire County Council is jointly hosting with her charities 'The Chair's Nightingale & Butterfly Ball' on Saturday 28th September at 7pm in the Celtic Arms, Northop. The evening will consist of a 3 Course Dinner, Raffle and Entertainment, a renowned 'Elvis' tribute act will be performing followed by a disco till midnight. All monies raised will go to Nightingale House Hospice and North West Cancer Research. Tickets will be £40 per person and tables can be purchased for 8-12 guests.
- f) Baptist Chapel, Leeswood – induction of new Minister – Councillors are invited to the Service which will take place on Saturday 14th September 2019 at 1.30pm. Refreshments are to be served afterwards at the Leeswood Community Centre.

108. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – August. 2019.	£616.36	£0.00	£616.36
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – August. 2019	£93.00	£0.00	£93.00
Pawle & Co Ltd	New outdoor defibrillator case	£330.00	£76.80	£406.80
NALC	Purchase of book 'Local Councils Explained 2013'	£64.99	£0.00	£64.99
Printcentre	Civic Service Leaflets	£87.00	£17.40	£104.40
	Totals: -	£1,191.35	£94.20	£1,285.55

109. INCOME RECEIVED

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

110. BANK BALANCES

At 29th July 2019 - deposit account - £57,704.07 and current account - £15,311.87.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.