

THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2019

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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 3rd DECEMBER 2019.

PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

163. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

164. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk reported that B.E. Davies Coaches had refused to take payment for providing a bus to bring the walkers back to Leeswood following the Walk from Leeswood to Mold which had been part of the commemorations of the 150th Anniversary of the Mold Riots. Councillors expressed their gratitude at this information and all agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to BE Davies Coaches.

165. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend this evening. He had forwarded a report.

Incident update - (from 01/11/2019 to 02/12/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends

Last Month

Ash Villas, Leeswood – Criminal Damage – breeze block thrown through car rear windscreen. Enquiries are on-going.

Queen Street, Leeswood – Common Assault – youth has been assaulted by another youth. The victim declined to make a complaint.

Padeswood Lake Road, Padeswood - Criminal Damage to door – entry has been gained to unoccupied property. Nothing taken from within but taps were left on. This is believed to be malicious, all lines of enquiry completed and no suspect has been identified.

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – theft of vehicle – vehicle has been taken unlawfully following a party at an address. Suspect identified, attempts are being made to locate and arrest suspect.

This Month

Commercial property near Oak Villas, Leeswood - Burglary – premises broken into and money taken from the tills. CSI have attended, CCTV is very poor and there was no witnesses identified. Unfortunately no suspect has been identified despite all lines of enquiry being conducted.

Bowling Club, Leeswood – Criminal Damage – youths have smashed a window at the club. Enquiries are on-going. PCSO Jones does not believe any witnesses have been identified and there is no CCTV in the area. The incident was reported approx. 24 hours after it was believed to have happened therefore crime scene investigation opportunities are non-existent unfortunately.

Bryn Barug, Pontblyddyn – suspicious circumstances – resident has woken up in the early hours to find three males on her drive looking at her performance vehicle. They have left in a hurry once disturbed. Police attended immediately and conducted an area search, the informant was unable to get a registration number for the vehicle.

Unnamed Road, Leeswood – theft of ATV – farm ATV has been taken unlawfully from the location, vehicle has been located nearby. Enquiries are on-going.

ASB Issues

County Road, Leeswood – ASB – youths have kicked a resident's front door. They were identified and will be receiving a yellow card.

166. COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY – LEESWOOD WARD

There had been one application for the vacancy in Leeswood Ward. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that Mr Terry Hughes be co-opted onto this Community Council. All Councillors were in agreement.

167. 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 Mr Aled Davies had e-mailed advising that he would be forwarding the invoice for the drainage work in the Cemetery extension once he had received the quarry tickets confirming the amount of stone used and the weight of material removed to make the drain deeper as discussed. A meeting was to be

arranged to discuss the hedging in the extension and removal of the boundary wall between the existing Cemetery and the Church car park.

The Clerk reported that she had not received a water bill for the Cemetery for some time. She had spoken with Hafren Dyfrdwy about this and they had stated that the water bill was in excess of £300. This was because their operatives had read the wrong water meter at the Cemetery. Councillor G. Sherwood advised that he would read the meters and provide the information to the Clerk.

168. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The new Lunch Club is proving to remain very successful and 38 residents had enjoyed the lunch to held on Wednesday 6th November 2019. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, commented that the Sunshine Café remained well supported and this was very pleasing.

169. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Asset Transfer lease has now been signed. The new caretaker has now been in post for five weeks and the Committee are very pleased with his work so far. Community Centre bookings are stable, and the last music night held on Friday 29th November 2019 was very successful. A Social Evening is to be held on Saturday 21st December 2019 and the annual New Year's Eve Dance had been organised.

170. LEESWOOD MEMORIAL CENTENARY FIELDS

The Clerk reported that the service on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 11.30am at the Cenotaph, Bell's Corner, Leeswood was well attended. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman commented that those attending had been pleased with the service despite the rain. It had been very pleasant to meet at the Community Centre following the Service.

171. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

Councillor R. Hughes advised that the monitoring of this area was ongoing. The issue of parking in the area of the Motorbike Café remains of great concern.

172. ENVIRONMENTAL ACT 2016 – COMMUNITY & TOWN COUNCILS DUTY UNDER SECTION 6

Members had been circulated with a pack compiled by the Biodiversity Policy Team. This was accepted.

173. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – VISITS TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Gareth Owens, Chief Officer Governance, Flintshire County Council. This was Mr Owens' ninth and final update regarding the visits by the Independent Members of the Standards Committee to Town/Community Council meetings to observe practice and gain an understanding of how local council business is conducted. The findings from a

further visit undertaken in October 2019 were received by the Committee. As with previous reported visits, the four Independent Members agreed that these had been positive experiences and again praised the level of commitment and contributions by those in attendance. This was accepted.

174. SSAFA THE ARMED FORCES CHARITY – VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY – 8TH TO 10TH MAY 2020

The Clerk reported that the Christ Church Committee will be discussing a request to hold a Service of Celebration on 10th May 2020 at their next meeting to be held in February 2020. A shorter Service is to be held at the Cenotaph after the Church Service when the Last Post will be played and there will be a short reading. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Carlton Jones JP regarding the Service at the Cenotaph.

175. OLDER PEOPLE’S COMMISSIONER FOR WALES – COMMISSIONER’S NEWSLETTER SPECIAL BULLETIN

For their information, Members had been circulated with a copy of the ‘Commissioner’s Newsletter Special Bulletin’ from the Older People’s Commissioner. This bulletin advises that the Commissioner is launching a campaign to tackle everyday ageism. This was accepted.

176. NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE ‘HEALTH WATCHDOG TO ASK PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT VASCULAR SERVICES’

Members had been circulated with for their information a news release detailing events taking place across North Wales where NHS staff, patients, carers and families are invited to talk about Vascular Services. This was accepted.

177. COUNTY FORUM MEETINGS 2020

Members will find enclosed correspondence from Joanne Pierce, Executive Officer, Chief Executive Suite, Flintshire County Council advising that the County Forum meetings are scheduled as follows in 2020: -

Thursday 13th February, Monday 13th July and Tuesday 10th November.

All Councillors agreed that this Council should offer to host the meeting scheduled for Thursday 13th February 2020.

178. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL, WALES BOARD

Members had been circulated with a copy of the document ‘Representing the interests of people in the NHS in Wales: our Plans and Priorities in 2020-2021’ and attached questionnaire issued by the Community Health Council, Wales Board. This was accepted.

179. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Sign on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn – this sign has now gone up.

b) Sign on The Nant, Pontblyddyn – this is to be erected in the next couple of days.

c) Traffic lights on Queen Street, Leeswood – there have been a few problems with these and a lot of complaints had been received from residents. The service bus had

not been able to stop by the Co-Op car park so residents were waiting by the School.
 d) Dingle Road, Leeswood – this is to be closed for one day during the next week for works to be carried out.

e) Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn – the drains are to be cleared during this week.

f) Community Council street lights – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that the street lighting officer from Flintshire County Council would be prepared to attend a meeting of this Council to discuss changing our street lights from sodium to LED.

180. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Mayor of Holywell – Charity Ball – this is to take place on Saturday 4th April 2020 at the Stamford Gate, Holywell.

181. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – October 2019.	£738.00	£0.00	£738.00
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – October 2019	£49.25	£0.00	£49.25
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – October 2019	£752.00	£150.40	£902.40
Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water rates – allotments	£13.08	£0.00	£13.08
Scottish Power	Street lighting – energy	£353.28	£17.66	£370.94
Flintshire County Council	Summer Playscheme 2020,	£2,083.95	£0.00	£2,083.95
Roberts Bros Funeral Directors	Refund grave digging charges	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
Wales Audit Office	External Audit fees 2018/2019	£286.10	£0.00	£286.10
Cllr. R. Hughes	Chairman's allowance 2019/2020	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
	Total: -	£4,825.66	£168.06	£4,993.72

182. **INCOME RECEIVED**

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

183. **BANK BALANCES**

At 29th October 2019 - deposit account - £77,069.89 and current account - £589.49.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.