

THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON

TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2020

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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 4th FEBRUARY 2020.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillor D.K. Crowther, Vice-Chairman,
Councillors J. Caruana, L.T. Coleman, D. Foster, Terry Hughes, L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul and G. Sherwood.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, Timothy Hughes and D. Rule.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

205. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the Precept meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 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.

206. POLICE LIAISON

PCSO 3684 Peter Jones was unable to attend this evening. He had forwarded an e-mail to the Clerk.

Incident update - (from 31/12/2019 to 02/02/2020)

Crime Issues / Trends

Bryn Clyd, Leeswood – theft of a motor vehicle – a vehicle has been taken via unknown means in the middle of the night. Vehicle was later located in the Wrexham area. Forensics experts have examined vehicle – awaiting results.

Birch Court, Leeswood – common assault – Person reported being assaulted by the neighbour. Enquiries are on-going.

Bryn Clyd, Leeswood – burglary – section of rear patio door has been smashed and the door has then been unlocked with the key that had been left in the door. Watch and collectable 50p's stolen from within. Enquiries on-going.

ASB Issues

Heol-y-Goron, Leeswood - ASB – Motorbike riding around at the location one rider was not wearing a helmet. No registration number was provided. Upon officers attendance the vehicle had left the area.

Corwen Road, Pontblyddyn - ASB – number of youths have banged on a residents windows. The resident has approached the youths and they have eventually apologized.

The Clerk reported that PCSO Jones had advised that they are due to get a new Inspector in the next month or so, and that he will try and arrange a meeting with him when he arrives.

207. 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 Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes reported that Mr Aled Davies and his team would be starting work on the removal of the Church car park wall the following day. The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with Rev. Carole Poolman to inform her of this. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, was to contact Mrs M. Bartlett, Church Warden to Nercwys Church in order to discuss a convenient time for the stone to be delivered there.

208. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The next Lunch Club is to take place on Wednesday 5th February 2020. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that this was very well attended.

209. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Asset Transfer lease has now been signed and the Charitable Trust is in the process of taking possession of the Community Centre. The Music Nights on the last Friday of the month had started up again. These were growing in popularity. During the Six Nations Rugby, the Community Centre would be open for the Welsh matches, the first one had been on Saturday 1st February 2020.

210. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Councillor J. Caruana reported that there had been no complaints between the Liaison Committee meetings held on 2nd December 2019 and 3rd February 2020. This was confirmed by Natural Resources Wales. Since the beginning of January 2020, the transportation of product between Padeswood and Avonmouth has been conducted by rail. Each trip by train carries 1,500 tonnes which is the equivalent of 60 lorry loads. There are three rail trips per week which is keeping 180 lorries off the road. Natural Resources Wales has confirmed that CCTV monitoring of the Padeswood site

has improved. Councillor J. Caruana advised that Natural Resources Wales can have access to the CCTV footage if necessary.

The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes thanked Councillor Caruana for his report.

211. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, informed that the monitoring of this area was ongoing. The issue of parking in the area of the Motorbike Café remains of great concern and whilst there had been no accident, there had been a couple of close shaves.

212. PONTBLYDDYN SIGN

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that the sign had finally been erected on the Nant, Pontblyddyn. Councillors were pleased that this work had now been completed and all agreed that this item should now be removed from the Agenda.

213. LEESWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Correspondence has been received from the Leeswood Methodist Church requesting financial assistance with their intended kitchen refurbishment. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor L.C. Richardson and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that this Council donate £1,000 towards the refurbishment in this financial year and the Methodist Church are to be informed that they can apply for a further grant from the following financial year. All Councillors were in agreement.

214. BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

Members had been circulated with a copy of the latest report from Mike Parry, One Voice Wales representative on the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group. The last meeting had taken place on 17th December 2019.

In his report Mr Parry advised that the Chair advised the meeting that following the absence of Local Authorities at the last meeting, he had then written to them to urge them to attend.

A presentation on Primary Care (General Practice) was given by Chris Stockport a GP who is the BCUHB Executive Director for Primary Care and Community Services. Dr Stockport highlighted the problems and issues that Surgeries are facing with many facts and figures given. Amongst the interesting figures presented were that in North Wales, 14,000 GP consultations take place per working day – in 105 GP practices, 153 community pharmacies, 86 Dental practices and 78 Optometry facilities. Of these 14,000 consultations only 4% (approx. 500) lead onto forward referral of one kind or another and 1% (approx. 140) progress to become emergency admissions. In relation to GP recruitment, the model of care and working environment continues to be problematic in attracting GP's to General Practice – despite the Tony Blair initiative which introduced basically a 5 day a week and office hours working (as compared as to how the old GP practices operated). There has

also been a shift in gender balance of the makeup of GP's - towards women, which by default means that family life is a serious consideration for potential female GP's when considering placements. The way forward being advocated is a model that embraces a centralised service that offers a one stop solution. A social model of care - this would entail housing, surgeries, services, including OT's, nurse practitioners, pharmacy, co-ordinators, advance nurse practitioners, GP's etc. - basically a centralised multidisciplinary team/workforce under one roof. Essential partners here would be housing associations and some of the solutions are presently being developed by working with Housing Associations/Local Authorities, the third sector etc.

A presentation was given relating to Orthopaedic treatment, with very some ambitious plans for upgrading and investment over the next ten years – which is not as yet funded. Orthopaedic and musculoskeletal services are predominantly for older people – which due to the ageing population, is increasing in demand. The focus of the programme is on prevention via a healthy lifestyle, earlier intervention and care closer to home and in the longer term reduce waiting times and to produce sustainable services. There are significant challenges ahead as demonstrated by the fact that there are substantial delays and unacceptable waiting times, national targets are not being met and over £4.0 million being spent outside North Wales.

It is proposed to improve referral and assessment processes, increase the number of Consultants and support staff to promote new ways of working etc. – but in the longer term, dependant on potential access to Welsh Government funding.

The overall programme business plan is yet to be finalised - with a commitment to work and engage with key stakeholders to deliver the National Planned Care Programme (Orthopaedics).

A general overview was given by Mark Williamson Finance and Performance Director. The three year plan is yet to be secured and a financially balanced plan has yet to be achieved as an operating deficit still prevails. The Chair of the Board is committed to submitting the three year plan next year. It requires co-working and collaborating with organisations, agencies and partners on many fronts and clusters. From January to March 2020 it is proposed to have stakeholder meetings to build on year two and three of the three year plan.

An Update of the Well North Wales Programme was given by Mr Glynne Roberts who is the Programme Director. It is a framework for local communities and organisations to improve health and well-being and reduce inequalities as demonstrated by deprivation, homelessness, food poverty, housing etc. – with a great emphasis being given to the establishment of Health and Wellbeing Hubs. Along with other partners and Housing Associations etc., five of these are presently being developed in Shotton, Denbigh, Colwyn Bay Bangor and Penygroes. There are other community based projects for regeneration and Homelessness etc. throughout

North Wales. Initiatives are also in place to address food poverty and social prescribing.

Councillors expressed their gratitude at this report, appreciating the updates in regard to the BCUHB and its' future plans.

215. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ‘MANAGING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT’

Members had been circulated with a copy of an e-mail from Ruth Cartwright, Regulatory Services Manager, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council. In her e-mail, Ms Cartwright advised that in December 2013 Flintshire County Council’s Cabinet Committee approved a single policy for all of its Environmental Enforcement activities. Entitled “ Managing the Local Environment”, the policy included an explanation of all the enforcement arrangements operated by the County Council, across all service areas and the powers under which the various enforcement activities are carried out. This policy has recently been reviewed to reflect the various changes, both to legislation and portfolio operating arrangements, in the period since 2013. Members had been circulated with a copy of this updated version. Councillors accepted this.

216. ONE VOICE WALES – TRAINING SESSIONS

An e-mail had been received from Wendy Patience, Administration Officer, One Voice Wales, detailing the Training Sessions facilitated by One Voice Wales. These are to be held at Mold Town Hall. The cost is £40 per person for One Voice Wales members.

Tuesday 18 th February	Module 3 – The Council as an Employer
Thursday 5 th March	Module 8 – Introduction to Community Engagement
Tuesday 24 th March	Module 5 – The Council Meeting
Wednesday 8 th April	Module 17 – Making Effective Grant Applications
Tuesday 28 th April	Module 15 – Information Management
Thursday 4 th June	Module 9 – Code of Conduct
Tuesday 23 rd June	Module 12 – Creating a Community Plan
Thursday 9 th July	Module 20 – Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015/Sustainability
Tuesday 21 st July	Module 19 – Devolution of Services/Community Asset Transfer

Councillor D. Foster expressed a wish to attend the course to be held on Tuesday 4th June 2020. The Clerk advised that she would be attending the courses on 23rd June 2020 and 9th July 2020. Councillor G. Sherwood stated that he would also like to attend the course on 23rd June 2020.

217. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Road through Leeswood from the Doctor's Surgery to the Wylfa Farm – the re-surfacing has failed. This will be re-done by the contractor hired by Flintshire County Council for free in March 2020, weather permitting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that the County Council will try to get the road re-surfaced from Bell's Corner to the Wylfa Farm without cost. The County Council road sweeper is attending the village regularly.

b) Chester Road, Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that the potholes on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn need repairing. It is believed that the cause of these potholes is water run off from nearby farm land.

218. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – January 2020.	£633.37	£0.00	£633.37
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Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery – December 2019	£264.00	£52.80	£316.80
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Scottish Power	Street lighting – energy	£353.28	£17.66	£370.94
Leeswood Community Centre	Balance of grant 2018/2019	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
Leeswood Community Centre	Rent quarter 3 2019/2020	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00
	Totals: -	£3,235.02	£123.26	£3,358.28

219. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

220. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th November 2019 - deposit account - £77,069.89 and current account - £303.83.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.40pm.