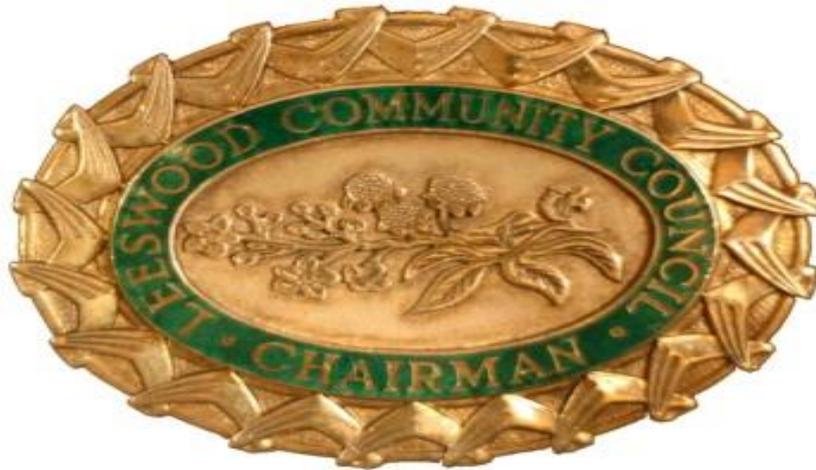


THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 5^h NOVEMBER 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 5th NOVEMBER 2019.

PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

135. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2019 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

136. POLICE LIAISON

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

Incident update - (from 20/09/2019 to 01/11/2019)

Crime Issues / Trends

This Month

Ash Villas, Leeswood - criminal damage – breeze block thrown through car rear windscreen. Enquiries on-going.

Queen Street, Leeswood - common assault – youth has been assaulted by another youth. Enquiries are on-going.

Padeswood Lake Road, Padeswood – criminal damage – entry has been gained to unoccupied property. Nothing was taken from within but taps were left on. This is believed to be malicious. Enquiries are on-going.

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – theft of vehicle – vehicle has been taken unlawfully following a party at an address – suspect identified. Enquiries on-going.

ASB Issues

Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood – an address has been throwing parties and causing general disruption on the street. PCSO Jones has arranged a joint visit with the housing association on 5th November 2019.

PCSO Jones had been made aware of other incidents that have occurred over the Halloween period but unfortunately these have not been reported at this time. Victims are urged to report these incidents formally so that PCSO Jones can build up a picture of these events in the hope offenders can be identified through investigation.

Other News/PCSO activities:

On 1st November a successful event was run at Phoenix Park which saw approximately 30 youths get involved. The event was setup to educate youths about the dangerous and consequences of deliberate fire setting.

Councillors referred to incidents that they were aware of in the Community: -

i) Hallowe'en, 31st October 2019 – a lot of pumpkins that had been left outside of residents' properties had been smashed up. A bus and a car had eggs thrown at them.

ii) Bowling Green, Leeswood – the lock has been smashed off.

iii) Reindeer Lodge, Leeswood – the marquee has been slashed but this has not been reported to the Police.

iv) Prince of Wales, Leeswood – the pub was broken into on Saturday 2nd November 2019.

It was commented that there has been a lot of anti-social behaviour in the Community recently and concern was expressed that it was youths who were doing this. Query arose as to whether the PCSO could visit Ysgol Derwenfa and Castell Alun High School to discuss the on-going issues. Councillors agreed that PCSO Jones does an excellent job in the Community and appreciate his regular visits. The Clerk is to e-mail the South Flintshire Inspector requesting a meeting.

137. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CLARE COLEMAN

A 'Notice of Co-Option' in would now be advertised on the Community Council website and Community notice boards.

138. 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 the ground in the lower section of the new extension would not be able to take the soil that would be

removed when re-grading the bank behind the Church car park wall in the existing Cemetery. A further cost of £650 + VAT would be incurred to move this off site.

All Councillors agreed that the work to take down the Church car park wall should be postponed to the spring, but the planting of the hawthorn/holly hedge in the top section of the new Cemetery could go ahead. The Clerk is to check with Mr Aled Davies as to whether the quotation will stand until the spring.

139. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application 060538.

New 2 storey rear extension and front porch.

Grandstand, Station Lane, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4JD.

Councillors agreed that there was no objection to this as they believed the extension to be sympathetic to the existing building.

140. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2018/2019

This was presented to all Councillors. It was agreed that the comments and suggestions should be noted and acted on where required.

141. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The bi-monthly Steering Group meeting which had taken place on Monday 4th November 2019 had felt more positive as eight people had been in attendance. Mrs Helen Jones, Older People's Strategy Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council, has achieved further grant funding which means that Mrs Shereen Devine, Age Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator, will stay in the Community for one day per week for a further year. It was reported that the new Lunch Club was very successful and 38 residents were booked in for the lunch to be held on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

142. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Asset Transfer is ongoing, Flintshire County Council have now forwarded the legal papers. A new caretaker has now been employed. Community Centre bookings are stable and a music night is held every month on the last Friday. The Co-Op has added the Community Centre as one of its Charities for the coming year.

143. LEESWOOD MEMORIAL CENTENARY FIELDS

The Clerk reported that the date has been sent for Thursday 28th November 2019 at 11.30am at the Cenotaph, Bell's Corner, Leeswood followed by refreshments at the Community Centre.

144. 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOLD RIOTS, 2019

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that he had been present at the Community Centre to see the walkers off on Sunday 20th October 2019. He had also attended the Tyddyn Street Church to meet the walkers as they arrived. The bus to bring the walkers back to Leeswood was supplied by B.E. Davies Coaches, the cost of £100 incurred by this Council.

145. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council, advising that the area would be monitored and a report issued in due course. Councillors expressed their thanks for this information.

146. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that the Ivy Cottage site was now complete. The Factory site on Pontybodkin Hill was in progress. Leeswood was marked for sustainable growth on the Flintshire Local Development Plan and the Dingle Road site is not included, although this can be appealed. Land banking is being stopped.

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

Members had been circulated with a copy of a report from Councillor Ken Lloyd of Carmarthen Town Council who had attended the 'Managing Green Spaces for Biodiversity, People and Financial Sustainability' workshop on 28th June 2019. All Councillors agreed that this item be discussed again in the spring.

148. ONE VOICE WALES CONFERENCE 2019

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the One Voice Wales Conference for 2019 had been well attended. The main speaker was Hannah Blythyn AM, Minister for Housing and Local Government. Discussion was taking place about compulsory training for Town/Community Councillors.

The Community Council needs to put a small description of the Community on the 'Understanding Welsh Places' website.

There had been many exhibitors present at the Conference and Councillor Sherwood advised that software to manage the Cemetery was potentially of use to this Council. The Clerk was to look into this.

149. 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 is Mr Owens' eighth 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 one further visit, undertaken in September 2019 was 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.

It was noted that, post the summer "recess", minutes will be two months old or more before they are approved. This makes it difficult to remember what transpired but also means that the public must wait a long time to see what happened. A suggestion was made that minutes be prepared, checked with the Chair and then be published marked "draft" until they are confirmed as accurate.

At the meeting on 30th September 2019, the Committee considered a report on the role of the Councillor. The following document, A Guide for New Councillors in Wales, produced by WLGA provides tips for new (and existing) Councillors which may be helpful.

Mr Owens has been asked to run a training session on the Code of Conduct. These events work best if plenty of people are present.

Councillors accepted this report and expressed their thanks at the advice provided.

150. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

Members had been circulated with a copy of the relevant information relating to payments to members of Town and Community Councils from the draft report for 2020/2021.

Councillors stated that they did not wish to receive any remuneration but inquired as to whether the money could be given to Community organisations. The Clerk is to seek advice on this.

151. BETSI CADWALADR STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

For their information, members had been circulated with a report from Councillor Mike Parry, Pwllheli Town Council, One Voice Wales representative on the BCUHB SRG.

In his report, Councillor Mike Parry advised that the number of pages relative to all the reports and papers for this particular meeting - totalled over 700. Items on the Agenda incorporated numerous published reports and presentations by officers and health professionals which included:

Mental Health Delivery Plan
Developing a clinical services strategy
Strategic Equality and Human Rights Plan 2020-2024
HMP Berwyn Health and Wellbeing Annual Report
BCUHB Third Sector Strategy
The Workforce Strategy

Whilst a lot of these reports are available on line – Councillor Parry expressed concern that despite an apparent recent revamp he considered the BCUHB website still user unfriendly. Navigating the site for information is still not easy in his opinion.

The Mental Health delivery plan presentation by Senior Staff was informative – highlighting the number of Mental Health patients that presented at A&E – and some suggestions were made regarding improvements for early intervention over a number of areas including GP surgeries. Councillor Parry pointed out that generally a reception counter in a surgery is certainly not private and added to that greatly disadvantaged patients who needed help there and then if they could not get an appointment with their GP.

The Workforce Strategy Document is aimed at the period 2019-2022 and is the first document of its kind. It points out key areas over budget namely Secondary Care, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities. Health and Safety provision is patchy within the Trust and significant improvement is required. Recruitment is another area of great concern. Workforce planning tends to be of a local hospital nature as opposed to a pan trust basis. More and more GP practices are being taken over by the Trust due to gaps in GP numbers.

The provision of consistent dental Services is also a challenge due to capacity gaps.

Mental Health, which is one of the areas overspending has numerous vacancies at consultant and other levels, thus not helping their financial position, due to the use of Agency cover.

The HMP Berwyn report was generally satisfactory for a new facility, but it is to be noted it is only operating at roughly 60% capacity. On average about 15% of men fail to attend appointments (did not attend or could not attend) so some further work on clarity is required here. In March there was a full inspection and this report by HMIP - (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons) and HIW - (Health Inspectorate Wales) should become available in the coming months.

Whilst indirectly associated to the work of the BCUHB, Councillor Parry raised the issue of problems with the Ambulance service and the delays in getting attendance for urgent cases. He highlighted a case that waited 8 hours for an Ambulance – with catastrophic results. Apart from the personal tragedy of this case his concerns were, that similar events surely must consequentially be costing the Trust an exponential amount of money, having to retrieve situations that were initially avoidable.

The fairly new appointment the Trust has brought in - the Executive Director of Planning and Performance Mr Mark Wilkinson - did make a positive impression and there are high hopes if he is allowed to function as he presented.

152. TRAINING SESSION TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Tracey Cunnew, PA to the Chief Officer Governance, Flintshire County Council advising that a training session has been arranged at Pentre Halkyn Community Centre on

Wednesday 13th November 2019, 6pm to 8pm. This training session will cover the following categories: - Code of Conduct; Principles of Conduct in Public Life; Behaviours that are good/bad and Advice for Chairs on how to manage meetings to reduce the risk of complaints under the Code. This correspondence was accepted.

153. COUNTY FORUM MEETING – 7TH OCTOBER 2019

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Meeting Note from the County Forum Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019. Also circulated was information on 'Micro-Care – A new approach to support in Councils'. This was accepted.

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

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence 'VE Day 75 – Town and Community Councils take the lead in VE Day 75 Celebrations' from Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster VE Day 75. This correspondence details the schedule for the Celebrations for VE Day 75.

Town and Parish Councils throughout England and Wales are taking the lead in the organisation of local celebrations marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on the 8th - 10th May 2020. After six years of fighting, the end of hostilities were officially announced on the 8th May 1945 by Prime Minister Winston Churchill. That date has since become enshrined in history as VE Day.

VE Day 75, on the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others safeguarded the home front.

The planned activities over the weekend are as follows:

The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years

The 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2

The 'Cry for Peace, around the World

Churches & Cathedrals 'Ringing out for Peace'

Street parties and parties in pubs, clubs, hotels, on town and village greens and in halls etc.

Services of commemoration and celebration in churches, including the reading of the 'Tribute to the Millions' and the playing of the Last Post

The Clerk advised that she had asked Revd C. Poolman if a Service of Celebration could be held at Christ Church, Pontblyddyn on Sunday 10th May 2020. This is to be discussed at the next Church Committee meeting.

155. OLDER PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONER FOR WALES – STATE OF THE NATION

For their information, Members had been circulated with a copy of the 'State of the Nation – an overview of growing older in Wales' report from the Older People's Commissioner. This was accepted.

156. OLDER PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONER FOR WALES - #EVERYDAY AGEISM CAMPAIGN

For their information, Members had been circulated with a copy of the '#Everyday Ageism Campaign' Supporter's Pack from the Older People's Commissioner. This was accepted.

157. WELSH GOVERNMENT – DELIVERY OF HOUSING THROUGH THE PLANNING SYSTEM

Members had been circulated with information on the following planning consultations: -

- a) Revision to the Housing section of Planning Policy Wales and associated advice and guidance – consultation closes 20th November 2019
- b) Revisions to Planning Policy Wales regarding the use of compulsory purchase powers and updated guidance on the compulsory purchase procedure in Wales – consultation closes 17th January 2020
- c) Revised planning guidance in relation to flooding and coastal erosion – consultation closes 17th January 2020.

This information was accepted.

158. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) Sign on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn – this will be erected within the next couple of weeks.
- b) Sign on The Nant, Pontblyddyn – this is to be erected on the rear of the Pontybodkin sign and the work will be carried out in the next couple of weeks.
- c) Re-surfacing through Leeswood – this had now been completed and the white lining would be done within the next couple of weeks.
- d) Double yellow lines on Bell's Corner, Leeswood – the re-surfacing had been carried out from the Co-Op to the junction of Maxwell Drive (opposite Wylfa Farm) not from Bell's Corner as first expected. The double yellow lines would be done as soon as possible.

159. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mayor of Caerwys – Civic Service – this is to take place on Sunday 17th November 2019 at St. Michael's Church, Caerwys at 3pm.
- b) Mayor of Holywell Charity Christmas Carol Service – this is to take place on Friday 13th December 2019 at St. James' Church, Holywell at 7pm. Tickets are £5.00.
- c) Flintshire County Council Chair and the High Sheriff of Clwyd joint Charity Christmas Carol Service – this is to take place on Sunday 15th December 2019 at St Mary's Church, Mold at 6.00pm. Tickets are £5.00.

d) Flintshire County Council Chair Charity Dinner – a Save the Date notice has been received advising that this will take place at Soughton Hall on Friday 13th March 2020.

160. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary/Expenses – September 2019.	£616.16	£0.00	£616.16
Miss M Reynolds	Postage/Printing/Stationery – September 2019	£162.50	£0.00	£162.50
B.E. Davies Coaches	Coach from Mold to Leeswood	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
	Total: -	£878.66	£0.00	£878.66

161. INCOME RECEIVED

None at the time of publishing the Agenda.

162. BANK BALANCES

At 29th September 2019 - deposit account - £77,069.89 and current account - £8,878.43.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.