

**THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2021**

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2021.

PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

27. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

28. POLICE LIAISON

The Clerk reported that she had not yet received a reply from the letter sent to the South Flintshire Inspector at Mold Police Station requesting the contact details for the new PCSO. She had tried to contact the new PCSO Brian Thomas using the phone number Councillor R. Hughes had passed on to her at the last meeting but had not been successful.

29. CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had spoken with Mr Aled Davies about the parts of the laurel hedge that had not taken. Mr Davies had been asked to replace these and put some good soil and feed around them.

The new seat in memory of the late Josh Chapman had been installed in the Cemetery.

Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that residents of the Community were complimenting the way the Cemetery was being kept. It was agreed that Mr Aled Davies and his team

were doing a very good job there. All Councillors were pleased that the Cemetery was receiving these favourable comments.

Councillor G. Sherwood pointed out that two of the Community Council owned benches in the Cemetery are in a state of disrepair and need replacing. These being the one near the store shed on the bank and the other one near the Cremated Remains section in memory of the late Councillor Selwyn Roberts. The Clerk advised that she had been looking at replacement memorial benches, but the pandemic seemed to be an issue with availability. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should ask Mr Aled Davies to remove the two benches in question with a view to replacing these as soon as possible.

30. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 062570

Erection of single storey side and rear extension

Druid Inn Cottage, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold, CH7 4HG.

All Councillors agreed that there were no observations in regard to this Planning Application.

Planning Application – 062795

Dropped kerb for off road parking and erection of a double gate

9 Bryn Clyd, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RU.

All Councillors agreed that there were no observations in regard to this Planning Application.

Planning Application – 062889

Single storey extension, internal alterations, and formation of 2 no. dormers to the rear elevation

Lyncroft, King Street, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4SB.

All Councillors agreed that there were no observations in regard to this Planning Application.

31. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood reported that as the Coronavirus restrictions are being lifted the Community Centre was starting to open up as per the guidelines. The Doctor's surgery is still using the Main Hall of the Community Centre to provide the Community with Covid vaccinations.

A lot of the Community Centre users are still reluctant to come back in and this reflects a lack of confidence due to the pandemic.

32. DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE

Councillor R. Hughes reported that Flintshire County Council would move an electric feed from the lit 3-ton sign on Dingle Road to a pole on Bryn Estyn where a defibrillator cabinet could be sited. This work will cost approximately £3,000. The Clerk would contact Tomos Hughes of the Ambulance Service with regard to the purchase of a defibrillator cabinet and defibrillator.

It was pointed out that Bethania Chapel have a defibrillator which was donated to them. A suggestion was made that the Community Council consider adopting responsibility for this. The Clerk to make enquiries about this.

33. LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN AGE FRIENDLY STEERING GROUP – BENCH ON VERGE OUTSIDE YSGOL DERWENFA

Councillor R. Hughes reported that Flintshire County Council had no objection to the siting of a bench on the verge outside Ysgol Derwenfa. It would be necessary to put in a concrete base and fix the bench in place. Query arose as to the type of bench which would be sited there. It was agreed by all Councillors that a bench in keeping with those throughout the Community would be the best option.

34. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE

It was advised by Councillor R. Hughes that the previous traffic survey undertaken in Pontblyddyn was out of date. Flintshire County Council proposed to carry out a new traffic survey which would show the volume of vehicles and the speed. This would hopefully assist in showing if traffic calming measures were necessary and what type would be the most beneficial.

35. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - PROPOSALS FOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS WITHIN LEESWOOD

The Clerk advised that she had invited Jessica Wellstead, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council to attend the meeting this evening but had not received any response.

36. SECTION 47 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence received by the Clerk from the Society of Local Council Clerks advising that the minimum requirement for meetings established in the 2020 regulations remains. This is that Members can hear and be heard by others. Whether meetings are held virtually; partially virtually; or entirely face to face, subject to prevailing public health regulations; is a matter for those responsible for arranging the meetings. The 2021 Act requires that participants, that is other Council Members, the public or the press can join the meeting remotely even if physical meetings are the preferred mode. Councils are not allowed to resolve that all meetings will be held entirely physically.

It was pointed out that this Community Council was in a better position than many other Community Councils to hold a hybrid meeting as the Community Centre had a good wi-fi connection. This type of hybrid meeting is for the public and the press to join, also Councillors if they feel uncomfortable attending a meeting physically. All Councillors agreed that this item be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

37. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CIPFA COUNTER FRAUD CENTRE – MANAGING THE RISK OF PROCUREMENT FRAUD

Members had been circulated with a copy of the guidance issued by the Local Government Association CIPFA Counter Fraud Centre relating to managing the risk of procurement fraud. This was accepted.

38. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Repairing of potholes in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes advised that there should have been a blitz on the potholes in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. This unfortunately has not happened yet.

b) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – dog walking area funding – Councillor R. Hughes reported that he was hoping for Community Council assistance in funding the completion of the dog walking area. Work was necessary on some areas of fencing to make it secure, and a new gate was required on the Bethel Chapel entrance to the Phoenix Park.

39. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Mandatory 20mph outside Ysgol Derwenfa – Councillor R. Williams requested that an application be made to Flintshire County Council for the speed limit outside Ysgol Derwenfa be made 20mph mandatory rather than advisory. It was agreed by all Council that the Clerk contact Mr S. Jones of Streetscene about this.

b) Treebilee to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee 2022 – The Clerk advised that she had read an article where the Queen wanted to have her Jubilee in 2022 commemorated with the plating of trees. Suggestion was made that trees could be planted in the grounds of Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood and the Community Council Cemetery in Pontblyddyn. Councillor R. Hughes would speak to Mr A. Jones, Headmaster, Ysgol Derwenfa about the possibility of planting a tree at the School.

40. AGENDA ITEMS AWAITING COMPLETION/FURTHER INFORMATION

a) Parking issues – Bell’s Corner

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 274 of the April 2017 meeting. The yellow lines would be painted in once the road re-surfacing had been complete. It is acknowledged that work here remains outstanding and the situation with the pandemic is not helping.

b) Environmental act 2016 – Community & Town Councils duty under section 6

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 127 of the October 2019 meeting. The Clerk advised that she has not received any further information.

c) Visibility issues junction of Constitution Hill, Leeswood

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 130 of the October 2019 meeting.

Councillor T. Hughes advised that the parking in this area was starting to build up again. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact Mr Steve Jones of Streetscene for a progress report.

41. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – April 2021	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
Mr B Williams	Allotment rent	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
	Totals: -	£1,173.52	£0.00	£1,173.52

42. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

43. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th April 2021 - deposit account - £46,371.47 and current account - £33,932.58.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.