

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



**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021.

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **1. LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

As the Community Council are still meeting via ZOOM and some members were unable to join meetings in this way, it was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that the annual meeting be postponed until the June monthly meeting when this Council will return to meeting at the Leeswood Community Centre. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K. Crowther and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **3. POLICE LIAISON**

The Clerk reported that she had written to the South Flintshire Inspector at Mold Police Station requesting the contact details for the new PCSO. A reply to this correspondence was awaited. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that he had a phone number for the new PCSO Brian Thomas which was to be passed onto the Clerk for her to make contact.

#### **4. CEMETERY**

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, 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.

The Clerk advised that a full meeting of the Council would be convened after the June monthly meeting to discuss the new by-laws which were being drawn up. Also to be discussed were the Cemetery fees with a view to these being increased.

Councillor J.E. Saul queried how the Cemetery record books were kept for safety. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should keep these in a metal safe in her home which would be purchased by this Council.

**5. 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.

Referring to the loss of income discussed at the April meeting of this Council, Councillor G. Sherwood advised that the Community Centre will have a shortfall in rental income of at least £4,500.00 during their last financial year because of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Clerk in her position as a Trustee of the Community Centre pointed out that this was a conservative estimate and likely to be nearer £5,000.00. It is also likely that this current financial year may not be much of an improvement due to ongoing restrictions. All Councillors agreed that the Community Centre should be paid their annual donation of £3,000.00 now and further financial assistance will be considered.

**6. DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE**

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, reported that consideration was being given to putting a post and shelter with an electric feed near the metal seat on Bryn Estyn, Leeswood. Costing of this work is awaited.

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

The Chairman, 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.

**8. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE**

It was reported by Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, that he had met with Rob Nursaw of Flintshire County Council who had advised that there will be another traffic survey in Pontblyddyn. This traffic survey would be to detect the volume and speed of traffic. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that this traffic survey would not be taken in

the area of the crossroads due to the build up of traffic at busy times which would result in a reduction of average speed.

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

E-mail correspondence from Jessica Wellstead, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council had been circulated to all Members. In her e-mail Ms Wellstead advises that there are some proposals for Traffic Regulation Orders within Leeswood as part of Bus Journey Time Saving improvements between Mold and Wrexham (funding received from the Welsh Government). A map showing these areas (outside the Co-Op shop on Queen Street and outside the Doctor's surgery and top of Rhodfa Helyg) had also been circulated.

A suggestion was made to extend the double yellow lines further up Chapel Terrace from the Doctor's surgery. Query was raised as to why put double yellow lines down as there was no bus service through Leeswood village in the evening. Concern was also expressed as to where patients attending the Doctor's surgery would be able to park, especially those patients with reduced mobility.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that the officers of the County Council be requested to attend the June meeting of this Council to discuss the issues raised. All Councillors in agreement.

**10. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

For their information, Members had been circulated with the Mobile Library Service schedule for April to August 2021. This was accepted.

**11. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

a) Repairing of potholes in Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that this remedial work had taken place on the Dingle Road, Leeswood. Stryt Cae Rhedyn and Hall Hill still required work, this would be carried out shortly.

b) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – fence between football field and bottom field – The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes reported that someone had cut a hole of approximately three foot in size in the fence to let the dogs through. He had requested that the Phoenix Park area be made secure with fencing and new gates so that dogs could be let loose on the dog walking section.

c) Community litter pickers – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that there was a group of residents in the Community who had undertaken to pick up the litter in the village. He had purple bags, litter pickers and gloves available for anyone who wanted to participate. The Chairman extended his thanks on behalf of this Council to the volunteers of the Community who were carrying out this litter clearing.

**12. 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 R. Hughes, Chairman reported that although monitoring is ongoing, the issue in that area has changed at the present because of the Coronavirus restrictions.

**13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – April 2021	£673.52	£0.00	<b>£673.52</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – April 2021	£488.00	£97.60	<b>£585.60</b>
Scottish Power	Street lighting energy	£345.60	£17.28	<b>£362.88</b>
Leeswood Community Centre	Grant 2021/2022	£3,000.00	£0.00	<b>£3,000.00</b>
	<b>Totals: -</b>	<b>£4,507.12</b>	<b>£114.88</b>	<b>£4,622.00</b>

**14. INCOME RECEIVED**

There was no income received.

**15. BANK BALANCES**

As at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - deposit account - £46,370.02 and current account - £46,044.78.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.50pm.