

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



**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**

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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 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022.

#### **PRESENT**

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana L.T. Coleman and R. Hughes.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **214. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **215. POLICE LIAISON**

The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood welcomed PCSO Adelina Olaru to the meeting. PCSO Olaru informed that she did not have much to report. There had been an incident of anti-social behaviour recorded on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 and there had been a lot of phone calls about sheep and animals causing an obstruction on the road in Pontblyddyn.

PCSO Olaru had attended the café on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 when the ‘Cuppa with a Copper’ event had been held. PCSO Helen Holden had advertised this event on the Community notice boards. This was a less formal way of meeting with residents and listening to any issues they have. Councillor J.E. Saul advised that the Community Council website was available to advertise events.

There had been no further reports of anti-social behaviour at the Heol-Y-Goron pensioners’ bungalows. Two of the youths involved and their mother had been spoken to. If this did not resolve the problem, then it a report could be made to the Housing Officer.

PCSO Olaru informed that either she or PCSO Holden would attend Community Council meetings when she was available. Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman, thanked PCSO Olaru for attending the meeting.

**216. CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that she had received a quote from Mr Aled Davies for work on the footpath and road in the new section. These prices may increase a little depending how long we leave doing it, materials are going up week on week so please be aware that this price is based on current costs.

A quotation was also provided for digging a trial hole, but Councillor J.E. Saul stated that these were not particularly helpful as the readings from it would depend on the weather at the time.

All Councillors agreed that a further two quotations should be requested from alternative contractors based on the same spec used by Mr Davies. The Clerk to attend to this.

**217. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman, was pleased to report that the Community organisations regularly using the Community Centre pre-pandemic have now moved back in and other individual bookings are being made. Music Nights are continuing to be held on the last Friday of the month, the next one will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Unfortunately, these Music Nights are not so well supported. The Trustees have increased hiring charges, but these do not apply to the Community organisations.

**218. DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE**

The Clerk advised that the defibrillator and cabinet had now been fitted on the pole erected by Flintshire County Council at the bottom of Bryn Hyfryd Lane, Leeswood. All Councillors were pleased that the works had been completed and this item is now to be removed from the Agenda.

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

The quote received from Mr Aled Davies of £1,230 + VAT for siting the bench on the verge outside Ysgol Derwenfa and associated works had been accepted by all Councillors. All cement/tarmac work had been carried out and the Clerk reported that this had been done to a high standard. Once this had settled, the bench would be fixed in place. This item is now to be removed from the Agenda.

**220. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) Proposals for Traffic Regulation Orders within Leeswood
- b) Pontblyddyn Crossroads and Village
- c) Visibility issues junction of Constitution Hill, Leeswood
- d) Mandatory 20mph speed limit outside Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Jessica Wellstead, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene Services, Flintshire County Council. In her e-mail Ms Wellstead apologised for the delay in getting back to the Community Council, they have been really busy with year-end Finance, and there is only herself and Robin Nursaw in the team at the moment. Ms Wellstead has enquired into why the TRO's for Bell's Corner/cenotaph haven't been installed and apparently there was some confusion and they have been missed unfortunately. Flintshire County Council can advertise these again after the elections, [joanne.barry@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.barry@flintshire.gov.uk) and [nicholas.williams@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:nicholas.williams@flintshire.gov.uk) deal with TRO's so they are the best point of contact. As we are now in the election period, they would not be undertaking site visits until after the elections have finished. Ms Wellstead will arrange for herself and either Nicholas Williams or Joanne Barry to meet for a site visit to look at the locations discussed in the meeting.

All Councillors expressed disappointment at this response and hoped that the site meeting would be arranged as soon as possible following the elections.

**221. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022**

- a) Treebilee – suggested areas in the Community to plant trees are as follows: -  
Near the bench on Pontblyddyn Crossroads,  
Grassed verge on Dingle Road, Leeswood,  
Grassed area by the Notice Board outside Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood,  
Cenotaph on Bell's Corner, Leeswood and  
Grassed verge by Haydock Close, Leeswood where Councillors thought there could be room for two.

The Clerk advised that there was no information from the Tree Officer at Flintshire County Council.

- b) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch 2022 – the Clerk informed that this was in the process of being organised.
- c) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 gifts for children in the Community of Primary School age – the Clerk advised that Councillor R. Hughes had approached Mr A. Jones, Headteacher, Ysgol Derwenfa about this. Mr Jones would be happy to host a party for the children that attended Ysgol Derwenfa, but if children who lived in the Community

attended other Primary Schools were to be invited then the venue would have to be the Community Centre.

**222. AGENDA ITEMS AWAITING COMPLETION/FURTHER INFORMATION**

a) 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.

b) NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Community Council Event – this item is included as per Minute 36 of the March 2021 meeting.

**223. CORRESPONDENCE**

Leeswood Under Fives Group

Correspondence had been received from Mrs Clare Coleman who was writing on behalf of the Under Fives Group to see if there is any financial support that the Community Council can provide to the group and to the school.

Mrs Coleman goes on to say that they are a charity run group who rely on funding and grants to continue to provide a service to the young families of the village, with the aim to keep costs to them as low as we can so it is available to all. Due to covid they have lost out on a large amount of fundraising and other grants, and though they are currently receiving grants from the Welsh government it is stipulated by them that the monies is only allowed to be used for purchasing children play/education equipment and not for overheads such as wages and insurance even though these are big costs to them.

In September 2021 the school provided them with their own room within the school so they could extend the group hours and therefore provide an all-day care for all school children. This is a fantastic opportunity to further the services provided in the school to prevent families moving their children to another local school who already provide an all-day service where they can access funding to pay for fees to attend.

However, the Under Fives Group is in a situation where the cost of insurance is causing a barrier to extend their hours to cover after school club hour. The school currently offer this but only for a limited time until 5.15pm and as they are not a registered childcare provider parents are unable to access any government support to pay for their child's fees. Once the Group can provide this service under their registration it means they can further support the families of the school and again prevent them from moving to another local school.

This month the Under Fives Group have paid their insurance policy for the hours they currently provide which was £429.91 with an extra cost of £64 making it £494.64 due to extra insurance needed for the new resources bought from Welsh Government grants

and customer services charges. To extend their hours the insurance will increase to £901.19, this does not include any added service charges. As a group they must now find approximately £500 for the extra insurance required. Until they have this insurance in place, they cannot legally extend their hours.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J.E. Saul and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that a donation of £406.55 be made to the Leeswood Under Fives Group to cover the cost of the increase in insurance. All Councillors in agreement.

**224. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – March 2022	£683.52	£0.00	<b>£683.52</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – March 2022	£488.00	£97.60	<b>£585.60</b>
Aled Davies Agricultural	Prepare base and fitting of seat outside Ysgol Derwenfa	£1,350.00	£270.00	<b>£1,620.00</b>
HMRC	PAYE Q4	£482.99	£0.00	<b>£482.99</b>
Leeswood Under Fives Group	Donation towards insurance costs	£406.55	£0.00	<b>£406.55</b>
	<b><u>Totals: -</u></b>	<b><u>£3,411.06</u></b>	<b><u>£367.60</u></b>	<b><u>£3,778.66</u></b>

**225. INCOME RECEIVED**

There was no income received.

**226. BANK BALANCES**

As at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - deposit account - £54,090.44 and current account - £53,776.04.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.30pm.