

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



**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 6th JULY 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 6th JULY 2021.

PRESENT

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

48. MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 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.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the special meeting held on Tuesday 15th June 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor L.C. Richardson and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

49. POLICE LIAISON

The Clerk reported that she had still not received a reply from the letter sent to the South Flintshire Inspector at Mold Police Station requesting the contact details for the new PCSO.

It was agreed by all Councillors that another letter be sent to the South Flintshire Inspector with a copy of the previous letter to be enclosed. Also, query was to be raised as to when the next Police Liaison Committee meeting is to be held.

50. CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes stated 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 she had asked Mr Aled Davies to remove the two Community Council owned benches in the Cemetery that are in a state of disrepair and need replacing. Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that the replacement benches should be made of wood in keeping with the other memorial benches located at the Cemetery. The Clerk informed that she had been looking at replacement memorial benches online, but the pandemic seemed to be an issue with availability, and they would not be delivered before October which might not be an ideal time for installation. Councillor R. Hughes offered to go and look at suitable benches available locally. All Councillors accepted this offer.

Councillor G. Sherwood advised that he was in the process of preparing a schedule for suggested Cemetery fee increases. Councillor Timothy Hughes suggested that Cemetery fees should be reviewed on an annual basis going forward. All Councillors agreed to this suggestion.

51. 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. It was believed that many of the Community Centre users are still reluctant to come back in and this reflects a lack of confidence due to the pandemic.

52. DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE

Councillor R. Hughes reported that Flintshire County Council were in the process of moling 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.

The Clerk advised that she had spoken with Mrs J. McCaw about the defibrillator located outside the Bethania Chapel. Mrs McCaw had been told that this Council would pay for replacement defibrillator pads when required.

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

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Richard Roberts of Aura Leisure and Libraries with a quotation for the proposed bench on the verge outside Ysgol Derwenfa.

This bench would be a Barmouth seat which consisted of a street tough steel frame and black recycled plastic boards at a cost of £483.00. Carriage and packing would be £77.00.

Ground fixing options would be as follows: -

1.5 K1 Fixing Kit M10 rawl bolts (set of 4) £18.00

1.5 K1T Fixing Kit M10 rawl bolts with tamper resistant pin-in-socket heads (set of 4) £30.00

1.5 K4 Fixing Kit M10 extended rawl bolts (set of 4) £30.00

1.5 K4T Fixing Kit M10 extended rawl bolts with tamper resistant P-I-S heads (set of 4) £42.00

54. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE

There was no further information on the Flintshire County Council proposed new traffic survey which would show the volume of vehicles and the speed through Pontblyddyn village. Councillor J. Atkinson advised that lorries going to Hope village were travelling through Pontblyddyn early in the morning, from 5.00a.m. onwards. These vehicles showed no respect for the speed limit and the roads were dirty because of them.

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

The Clerk advised that she had emailed Jessica Wellstead, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council with this Council's points from the meeting held on 15th June 2021. As yet no response to the email had been received. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should invite the Officers of Flintshire County Council to attend a meeting of this Council.

56. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

The Clerk informed that Mr Steve Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council had now left. Mrs Debbie Betts, Personal Assistant to the Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council had emailed, advising that this matter had been passed onto Mr Anthony Stanford, Transportation Manager, Flintshire County Council.

57. MANDATORY 20MPH SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE YSGOL DERWENFA, LEESWOOD

Jayne Rodgers, Transport Strategy Officer, Flintshire County Council had responded to this Council's email. In her email she explained that when Flintshire County Council implement local speed limits, they follow the Welsh Government guidance and so although they have advisory 20mph outside of schools in the county, they would not seek to make a mandatory order for 20mph unless it was part of a wider traffic calming scheme.

However, Flintshire County Council are aware that the current Welsh Government position is to enable the roll out of 20mph default speed limits on residential road throughout Wales and this is currently due to be completed for 2023. Should this default limit be approved they will be able to implement the mandatory 20mph in the vicinity of the school as requested.

The current situation is that enforcement of the legal speed limit can only be undertaken by the North Wales Police (NWP) so if this Council have concerns about the speed of the traffic along this stretch of road, let Flintshire County Council know and they will conduct a 7-day speed and flows survey to establish the situation. If the survey finds that people are exceeding the legal speed limit, the location will be referred to the NWP as a GoSafe site for enforcement.

All Councillors agreed that Flintshire County Council be requested to conduct the 7-day speed and flows survey.

58. TREEBILIEE TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE 2022

Councillors agreed to think of possible locations to plant a tree in Leeswood by the September monthly meeting. The Clerk was to ask Mr Aled Davies for suggestions to plant trees at the Cemetery in Pontblyddyn. Councillor R. Hughes informed that he would ask the Flintshire County Council Officer who dealt with trees to come and speak to this Council.

59. WELSH GOVERNMENT – PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT AND WELL-BEING STATEMENT

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence received from Joan Lockett, Local Government Partnerships, Education and Public Services Group, Welsh Government. Also circulated were copies of the recently published Programme for Government and Well-being Statement for this Senedd term. This was accepted.

60. ONE VOICE WALES – REMOTE TRAINING SESSIONS

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Wendi Patience, One Voice Wales detailing the remote training sessions available from 21st June to 29th July 2021. This was accepted.

61. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – fencing/gates – Councillor R. Hughes reported that he was hoping for Community Council financial assistance for work necessary on some areas of fencing to make it secure, and the new gate that was required on the Bethel Chapel entrance to the Phoenix Park. This item was to be added to the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

62. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Pavement outside Garage, Pontblyddyn – Councillor J. Atkinson advised that there are potholes in this area.

b) Pothole on dropped pavement entrance onto Cricket Ground, Pontblyddyn – Councillor J. Atkinson reported that there was a large pothole. The Cricket Club do try to fill this with stones, but they get washed away.

c) Access road off Ffordd Siarl/rear of Queen Street, Leeswood – Councillor Terry Hughes stated that there are incidences of rubbish dumping in this area.

d) Bus Stop outside old Chip Shop, Queen Street, Leeswood – Councillor Terry Hughes reported that this area is a mess and needs cleaning up. Councillor L.T. Coleman agreed, stating that it was a borderline health hazard.

63. 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 Clerk advised that she had asked for confirmation from Jessica Wellstead, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council, if this area was to be included in the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for Leeswood village.

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.

64. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – June 2021	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
Miss M Reynolds	Stationery	£28.99	£0.00	£28.99
Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water rates – allotments	£162.82	£0.00	£162.82
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – May 2021	£730.00	£146.00	£876.00
	Total:-	£1,595.33	£146.00	£1,741.33

65. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

66. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th May 2021 - deposit account - £67,434.47 and current account - £31,680.47.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm.