

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



**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 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 7th SEPTEMBER 2021.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, D. Foster and R. Williams.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

69. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR TERRY HUGHES

The Clerk informed that she had received the resignation of Councillor Terry Hughes as a Community Councillor. He is moving to Buckley so is unable to continue as a Community Councillor because of this. Councillors expressed their thanks to Councillor Terry Hughes.

70. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR DAVID CROWTHER, CHAIR TO THE COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Councillor David Crowther, Chair to the Council, expressing that he wished to resign as a Community Councillor and as this Council's representative as Governor to Ysgol Derwenfa. Councillor J.E. Saul stated that he would be sorry to see Councillor D. Crowther leave, he had been a good Community representative on this Council. All Councillors were in agreement.

71. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

The minutes of the special meeting held on Tuesday 17th August 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor L.C. Richardson and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

72. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA

Cemetery Fees – it was pointed out that the Community Council had not set a date for the uplift of the Cemetery fees. The Clerk advised that she had not been charging the new fees as she had been waiting until the minutes from the meeting of 17th August 2021 to be passed as a true record of proceedings. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that the new fees should start from 1st October 2021. All Councillors were in agreement.

73. POLICE LIAISON

A reply from the letter sent to the South Flintshire Inspector at Mold Police Station requesting the contact details for the new PCSO had still not been received.

The Clerk advised that she would seek an alternative method to obtaining the information about the PCSO covering the villages of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn via direct message on social media.

74. CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes stated that he was receiving telephone calls from residents of the Community who 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 and Councillor R. Hughes had been to look at replacement benches at P&A Mold. Councillors were circulated with photographs of suggested benches. The cost of a two-seat wooden bench which would be sited on the bank by the taps was £259.99 and the cost of a three-seat wooden bench to replace the bench in memory of the late Councillor Selwyn Roberts was £289.99. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor L.T. Coleman that these benches be purchased. All Councillors in agreement. Councillor R. Hughes reported that Mr S. Hellen had requested to site a seat in the Cemetery in memory of his late wife, Mrs J. Hellen, this was to be sited next to the late Councillor Selwyn Roberts' bench. Also, Mrs L. Denny had requested to site a bench in memory of her mother, Mrs M. Davies and grandparents, Mr and Mrs R. Davies, this was to be sited next to the bench in memory of the late Mr and Mrs R. Richardson.

Councillor R. Hughes informed that the new laurel hedge planted was still not taking in some parts. All Councillors agreed that contact be made with Mr Aled Davies to see what could be done about this.

75. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2020/2021

JDH Business Services Ltd had conducted the internal audit for the financial year

2020/2021. The Clerk reported on the findings of the internal audit report. Councillors acknowledged receipt of the report and noted the work that was still ongoing.

76. 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 Community Café had now been open for some time and residents were pleased about this. It was hoped that the organisations using the Community Centre such as the Patchwork & Quilt Group which had started back today would now return. Coleg Cambria were booked in to do a series of Monday morning classes teaching basic skills in various subjects.

77. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Councillor J. Caruana informed that an incident of a dust release from a burst filter bag had been investigated and the findings would be reported back to the Liaison Committee. Other complaints of dust release had been made but these had not yet been linked to the Padeswood Plant. The investigation is ongoing.

78. DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE

Councillor R. Hughes reported that Flintshire County Council had been given the details of the defibrillator that would be purchased by this Council. Work on establishing a suitable mains electric feed will be carried out by Flintshire County Council.

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

Flintshire County Council had been asked to test the ground for any utilities before the installation of a bench.

80. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE

E-mail correspondence had been received from Jessica Wellstead, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene Service, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council advising that in regard to Pontblyddyn Average Speed Cameras, speed and flow surveys had been undertaken in June 2021. A report had been issued to Jayne Rodgers, Transport Strategy Officer, which had been sent to Go Safe (NWP) for assessment. An update would be provided once a response has been received.

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

E-mail correspondence had been received from Jessica Wellstead, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene Services, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council. In her e-mail, Ms Wellstead refers to the proposed TRO's at Leeswood Surgery and Co-op. These restrictions were identified after a study to look at Bus Journey saving

times for public transport between Mold and Wrexham. The study identified restrictions were necessary in these locations. The Co-op location has sufficient parking area for visitors to the store, so should not be impeded by any restrictions.

Currently patients visiting the surgery are parking on a blind bend, opposite a junction, with limited visibility and is deemed dangerous to both pedestrian and vehicles alike. Public transport navigating this location find this particular manoeuvre difficult and there is a significant hazard due to indiscriminate parking at this location.

Councillors raised issue as to whether Ms Wellstead had actually read the e-mail sent to her by the Clerk referring to this Council's concerns as they felt that these had not been addressed in her response. It was agreed by all Councillors that Jessica Wellstead and Rob Nursaw be invited to attend the next meeting of this Council.

82. DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – BELL'S CORNER

A response had been received from Joanne Barry, TRO Technical Officer, Flintshire County Council –

Due to workloads associated with the Authorities Speed Limit Review and other Traffic Regulation Orders, it was necessary to postpone progress on the proposed Prohibition of Waiting restrictions for Queen Street, King Street, Bryn Clyd, Pontybodkin Hill and County Road, Leeswood. Whilst it was anticipated to progress this Traffic Regulation Order last year, the progression of Traffic Regulation Orders in Flintshire was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite limited resources, Flintshire County Council have increased the number of Traffic Orders undertaken each year from 1 - 2 to 20 – 30 but each one can often be contentious and dealing with complex objections takes up extra time. Unfortunately, the unpredictable nature of the work often results in timescales initially given for projects being pushed back. There is also a requirement to undertake additional traffic order work as a result of successful bids to Welsh Government and this once again pushes the Flintshire County Council programme back. They are now in the process of working through the backlog of Traffic Regulation Orders throughout the County and it is anticipated the above proposal can be progressed in December, thus reducing legal costs. Whilst the County Council appreciate this delay has come as a disappointment to this Council, they trust we will appreciate the scale of resources associated with the ongoing review of all speed limits within the County and other Traffic Regulation Orders, together with a delay due to these unprecedented times and thanked us in advance for our patience and understanding regarding this matter.

83. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence received from Jayne Rodgers, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene & Transportation, Flintshire County Council. In this e-mail, Ms Rodgers advised that following a discussion with

officers Flintshire County Council are proposing that they include junction protection measures for Constitution Hill as part of a TRO already being drafted for the Leeswood area. Information as to the days and times when the issue is most prevalent and also if this Council is able to provide photographs that show the nature of the problem was also requested. This is asked to enable Flintshire County Council to better understand the situation as, when they have visited, they have been unable to see the indiscriminate parking in situ. The café is also to be approached to see if they are aware of the situation with the car park that was once associated with the New Inn as this might provide a workable solution.

Comment was raised that the situation had become very bad in that area with vans, cars and motorbikes parking on the pavement stopping pedestrians walking. It was considered that this was a real danger and parking on the pavement should not be permitted, especially in an area where only one side of the road is paved. This was to be brought to the attention of Flintshire County Council.

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

The Clerk informed that she had requested that Flintshire County Council conduct the 7-day speed and flows survey as offered. No report had been issued yet.

85. TREEBILIEE TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE 2022

Councillors suggested that a tree could be planted on Phoenix Park in the area of the old pond. Query was to be raised with the Tree Officer at Flintshire County regarding a suitable tree for the area.

86. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – REVIEW OF REMUNERATION FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence received from John Bader, Chair to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Also circulated was the Consultation document. The consultation closed on 27th August 2021. This was accepted.

87. WELSH GOVERNMENT – CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT LOCAL ELECTIONS (PRINCIPAL AREAS) (WALES) RULES 2021 AND DRAFT LOCAL ELECTIONS (COMMUNITIES) (WALES) 2021

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence from Lisa James, Deputy Director, Local Government Democracy, Welsh Government. Also circulated was the supporting documentation. In her letter, Ms James explains that these draft Rules make certain new provision and update, consolidate and restate the law concerning town and community and principal council elections and the rules by which they are conducted. They are largely derived from The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales)

Rules 2006 (“the 2006 Rules”) and the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 (“the Communities Rules”) which applied across principal and parish, community and town council elections in England and Wales. This means, that while the 2006 Rules and the Communities Rules make provision for Wales, large parts do not apply to local elections in Wales. The draft Rules make new provision about certain election procedures and, in keeping with the principles set out in the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019, they will consolidate and restate existing law; update the law where appropriate to make it more accessible particularly using clearer language and will be Wales specific. They will also be available in English and Welsh. The draft Rules also revoke the 2006 Rules and the Communities Rules for the purposes of principal and community and town council elections in Wales. The Consultation ends on 24th September 2021. This was accepted.

88. NORTH WALES COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE AUGUST 2021

A copy of the North Wales Community Health Council August 2021 News Release advising that the Health Watchdog asks people to discuss speech and language therapy services had been circulated to all Members. This was accepted.

89. FLINTSHIRE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Fiona Mocko, Strategic Policy Advisor, Corporate Business and Communications Team, Corporate Services, Flintshire County Council. In her e-mail, Fiona Mocko informs that Flintshire County Council achieved the Gold Award in 2019 from the MoD Employers Recognition Scheme for their support of the Armed Forces community. Tony Fish, the Regional Employer Engagement Director of the MoD has been supporting Flintshire County Council and working with other organisations across Flintshire. He would like to meet with Town and Community Councils to provide more details about the Covenant. Councillors did not feel that this applied to Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council as the only employee they had was the Clerk to the Council.

90. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – DRAFT ACTIVE TRAVEL NETWORK MAP

A copy of e-mail correspondence from Jayne Rodgers, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene & Transportation, Flintshire County Council had been circulated to all Councillors. In her e-mail, Jayne Rodgers explains that Flintshire County Council has recently undertaken an [interactive consultation](#) on how they can make journeys across Flintshire on foot or by cycle easier and safer for everyone. The information gathered has been incorporated into their updated draft Active Travel Network Map for submission to Welsh Government. As part of the requirements of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, all local authorities in Wales are required to continuously improve their active travel routes and plan how routes will join up to form networks. Therefore, Flintshire County Council are now undertaking statutory consultation on their updated

draft network map and giving the public the opportunity to check their opinions have been taken on board. A 12-week statutory consultation period has started and the online consultation has been updated so people can access the draft map for each of the settlements and leave comments and feedback. **The statutory consultation period will run until 1st November 2021** and during this time people can review our draft submission, leave feedback and add comments by visiting <https://flintshire2.commonplace.is/>

This was accepted.

91. FORMER DOVECOT AT LEESWOOD HALL

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Virginia Brown, Volunteer, SAVE Britain's Heritage. In her e-mail Mrs Brown asks if the former Dovecot at Leeswood Hall is still at risk. Observation was made that over many years Flintshire County Council and its predecessor Delyn Borough Council have tried to do something about the Dovecot. It was still very much at risk with an almost non-existent roof and in deteriorating condition.

92. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – LICENSING POLICY CONSULTATION

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Jacqui Dale, Licensing Officer, Licensing, Community and Business, Flintshire County Council. In her e-mail, Jacqui Dale advises that Flintshire County Council are reviewing their Statement of Licensing Policy as required by the Licensing Act 2003. This was accepted.

93. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – LAUNCH OF FLINTSHIRE DIGITAL HUB

A copy of e-mail correspondence from Joanne Pierce, Executive Officer, Chief Executives Suite, Flintshire County Council had been circulated to all Members. In her e-mail, Joanne Pierce advises that Flintshire County Council and its partners have developed a new Digital Flintshire Hub – an online resource to help residents to discover digital technology and build confidence in digital skills. This Hub is now live, and they are seeking our help and support to “spread the word”. This was accepted.

94. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – fencing/gates – Councillor R. Hughes reported that areas of fencing that were rotted or missing had been replaced on Phoenix Park. Two self-closing gates were needed, one at the Bethel Chapel entrance and one to the rear of the Community Centre. Flintshire County Council had requested some financial support from this Council for the works. It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul that this Council give £2,000 towards the maintenance works. All Councillors in agreement.

b) Community Council street lights - Councillor R. Hughes had requested a condition survey on these to be undertaken by Flintshire County Council. An Officer from

Streetscene who deals with the street lights will then meet with this Council to discuss the transition to LED.

c) Traffic calming, Padeswood – Residents in Padeswood had expressed concern over speeding in certain areas and have indicated that they wish these to be considered for traffic calming measures.

95. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) 100 years of the Royal British Legion – the Clerk advised that this year commemorated the Centenary of the Royal British Legion. She reported that she had booked the usual caterers to provide a buffet for 60 people following the Remembrance Sunday Service on 14th November 2021. This was subject to there being no Covid restrictions in place.

96. 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.

97. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – July 2021	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
Miss M Reynolds	Printer cartridges	£61.18	£0.00	£61.18
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – June 2021	£628.00	£125.60	£753.60
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – July 2021	£588.00	£117.60	£705.60
Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water rates – Cemetery	£29.15	£0.00	£29.15
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting maintenance – work at Ffordd Siarl, Leeswood	£197.50	£0.00	£197.50
Scottish Power	Street lighting - energy	£349.44	£17.47	£366.91
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – August 2021	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – August 2021	£488.00	£97.60	£585.60
Councillor R. Hughes	Chairman’s Allowance 2020/2021	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
Leeswood Community Centre	Hire of room for meetings	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00
	Total: -	£4,063.31	£358.27	£4,421.58

98. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

99. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th July 2021 - deposit account - £74,086.28 and current account - £23,824.55.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.00pm.