

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



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

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors D. Foster and T. Hughes.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

131. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 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.

132. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS DAVID CROWTHER, TERRY HUGHES AND DAVID RULE

The Clerk reported that no request had been made for an election to fill the three vacancies. Councillor R. Hughes advised that due to the close proximity of the election there was no need to request co-opted members. All Councillors agreed that the vacancies be left open until the Community Council elections that will be held on the first Thursday in May 2022.

133. 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.

Councillor R. Hughes informed that the new laurel hedge planted was still not taking in some parts. He had spoken to Mr Aled Davies about this, and they had agreed that it

was more stunted than growing. Mr Davies would look into what could be done to improve the growth of these.

The Clerk reported that she had e-mailed Mrs Kath Curr about the plant located on the grave of the late Mrs Jane Abbots. Mrs Curr had been advised that the plant should be removed so the necessary work be carried out to seed the grave in the Spring. A request had been made by the family that the plant be re-sited where the benches are at the top of plot 5. It was pointed out that there was a designated area in plot 2 where the plant could be put as this was where the tree planted in the memory of the late Mr Peter Fielding was located. The Clerk was to inform Mrs Curr of this.

Councillor R. Hughes was to call in at P&A Fencing to establish the sizes of the benches to be purchased for the Cemetery so that the correct bases can be put in.

134. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Age Friendly Communities Steering Group were actively seeking for local organisations to become Dementia Friendly. They requested that this Community Council consider pledging to become Dementia Friendly and assist in promoting Dementia Friendly activities in the Community. All Councillors expressed their willingness to do this.

Councillor R. Hughes reported that there had recently been a litter pick organised by the Age Friendly Communities in the Community. This had been a successful event with good multi-generational attendance. Following the litter pick there had been a Dementia Friendly Training Session which the majority of those who had turned up for the litter pick remained to attend.

135. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor R. Hughes reported that the Community Centre Trustees had been obtaining quotations for the work needing to be done on the windows, ventilation and ceiling. Prices have increased significantly. The front door has been damaged during the recent storm and someone was coming out to see if this could be repaired or if it needed replacing.

Councillor J.E. Saul queried if the Community Centre had any contingency plans if it was needed during a storm and residents faced long term power outages. Is there a generator available? Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman, advised that the cooker is gas so that could be used. Councillor R. Hughes supported the remarks of Councillor J.E. Saul informing that this would be looked into.

136. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Councillor J. Caruana reported that an air monitor had been installed on the main stack.

There had recently been an issue of dust released locally which had affected Penyffordd village.

137. DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE

Councillor R. Hughes advised this was ongoing and work would be carried out when possible.

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

Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council will be testing the grass on the verge to see if there are any underground cables. The bench had been ordered by Flintshire County Council, the waiting time for this is four months.

139. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE

No update had been received relating to the Traffic Survey undertaken at Pontblyddyn village.

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

Councillor R. Hughes reported that Ms Jessica Wellstead and Mr Rob Nursaw were unable to attend this evening's meeting due to sickness. This was to be re-arranged for them to attend the next monthly meeting of this Council.

141. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

No further correspondence had been received relating to this matter.

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

No further correspondence had been received relating to this matter.

143. TREEBILLY TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE 2022

Councillor R. Hughes has spoken to the Tree Officer at Flintshire County Council about suitable trees for planting and he was coming to the village to meet with him to look for a suitable location. Councillors were requested to think of appropriate sites for this.

144. TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS – THURSDAY 5TH MAY 2022

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Lynn Phillips, Team Leader, Democratic Services, Flintshire County Council advising on the potential costs for Town & Community Councils should elections be held in their Wards.

145. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – DIGITAL FLINTSHIRE

Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from Joanne Pierce, Executive Officer, Chief Executive's Suite, Flintshire County Council, informing that Flintshire County Council are inviting local people to have their say on its new and innovative Digital Strategy. The consultation period starts on 1st November 2021 and

runs until the end of January 2022. Details of this has already been put on the Community Council website.

146. SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2022/2023

Members had been circulated with correspondence from Judith Cole, Local Government Finance Policy & Sustainability Division, Welsh Government advising that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2022-23 is £8.82. Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to incur expenditure for purposes for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure incurred. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2022-23 will be £8.82 per elector.

147. 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 29th November to 16th December 2021.

148. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – fencing/gates – Councillor R. Hughes reported that the new gates on Phoenix Park were to be fitted soon.
- b) Manhole, County Road, Leeswood - Councillor R. Hughes informed that the manhole on County Road will be built up and repaired.
- c) Remembrance Sunday – Councillor R. Hughes thanked all Councillors for their support on Remembrance Sunday. It had also been pleasing to see so many residents at the Cenotaph and attending the Community Centre afterwards.

149. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Flintshire County Council work in Pontblyddyn – Councillor J. Atkinson thanked Flintshire County Council for repairing the footpath by the Garage in Pontblyddyn. Work had also been carried out clearing the culvert and cutting back the bushes and brambles on Alyn Terrace, Pontblyddyn.
- b) Reindeer Lodge Fair – Councillor L.T. Coleman asked whether the Reindeer Lodge Fair requires Flintshire County Council permission to operate. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would look into this.
- c) Reindeer Lodge – it was noted that there had been an issue with traffic in Leeswood village due to people attending the Reindeer Lodge. It was pointed out that any

problems on the highway should be reported to the Police and problems on Henffordd at the rear of Bryn Clyd should be reported to Flintshire County Council.

d) Doctor's Surgery, Leeswood – Councillor L.C. Richardson questioned if the Doctor's Surgery would now start allowing people in, especially during the winter period. Concern was expressed at the prospect of residents standing outside the Surgery during wintry weather. It was agreed by all Councillors that a letter be written to Dr Kumar about this.

e) Blocked gullies outside Alyn Bank, Pontblyddyn – Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman reported that there was blocked gullies outside Alyn Bank, Pontblyddyn. Councillor R. Hughes advised that he would report this to Flintshire County Council.

150. **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.

151. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – September 2021	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
Miss M Reynolds	SLCC Membership 2021/2022	£154.00	£0.00	£154.00
Miss M. Reynolds	Printer cartridges	£103.92	£0.00	£103.92
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – October 2021	£528.00	£105.60	£633.60
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Mrs J. Phillips	Catering – Remembrance Sunday	£385.00	£0.00	£385.00
Leeswood Playgroup	Council grant 2021/2022	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
Viking Direct	Stationery	£112.91	£11.25	£124.16
Flintshire County Council	Summer Playscheme 2021	£2,857.80	£0.00	£2,857.80
Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water rates – Allotments	£70.20	£0.00	£70.20
Hafren Dyfrdwy	Water rates – Cemetery	£34.00	£0.00	£34.00
	Totals: -	£6,683.35	£169.65	£6,853.00

152. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

153. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th October 2021 - deposit account - £94,088.09 and current account - £17,775.09.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.