

THE REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 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 8th FEBRUARY 2022.

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None – all Councillors in attendance.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

175. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

176. POLICE LIAISON

The Clerk reported that she had been in email correspondence with PCSO Helen Holden. PCSO Holden had requested the dates of the Community Council meetings in order that she may be able to attend. Councillors were pleased to receive this information.

177. CEMETERY

Plot 6 drainage issues

Councillor R. Hughes reported that the new drain put in along the top of Plot 6 in the Cemetery had been successful. There was still some confusion as to why the original drain along the top of Plot 5 did not extend along the top of Plot 6 as per the drawings. It was the belief of Councillors that the original drain should have extended along the full length of the top section, and they were sure that this had been the request at the time. All Councillors were grateful for the quick work of Mr Aled Davies and his team in resolving the problem.

Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council – Fund to assist residents with Funeral and associated expenses

Following a lengthy discussion on what is considered to be a necessity in uncertain times to provide residents with some financial assistance with Funeral and associated expenses, it was proposed by Councillor D. Foster that £1,000 be set aside for this purpose. This was seconded by Councillor J.E. Saul. All Councillors in agreement. The Clerk stated that she thought any money given should be paid directly to the supplier rather than the individual making the claim. Further, it was suggested rather than involving all the Council with this, the decision making should be left to the Chair to the Council, the Chair of the Cemetery Sub-Committee and the Clerk. All Councillors agreed that this should be the case.

178. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 064052

Proposed Two Storey Side Extension and Alterations to Existing Building
11 Ash Grove, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4UG.

All Councillors agreed that there were no observations in regard to this Planning Application.

179. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman, reported that the Brownies, Rainbows and Guides have started back face to face meetings since Tuesday 18th January 2022. The Ladies Guild and Senior Citizens are also starting to meet again. Although it is not as busy as previously, it is closer to normal service since the start of the pandemic. Music Nights are continuing to be held on the last Friday of the month, the next one will be on Friday 25th February 2022. Now that the Six Nations Rugby Championship has started the Community Centre will be open with bar for the Welsh matches.

180. HANSON HEIDELBERG CEMENT

Councillor J. Caruana reported that during the meeting held on 11th November 2021 at Hanson Cement Padeswood Plant, the subject of monitoring the air quality had been discussed at length. A representative of the Grove Estate in Penyffordd was in attendance and expressed his views. The Grove Estate had recently been subjected to dust release. Due to the proximity of the Grove Estate, it is more likely to be affected if dust is released due to a malfunction of production equipment rather than fumes from the high stack. It needs to be understood that there is a difference between a dust monitor and an air monitor. The geographical position of Leeswood, is more likely to be affected by releases from the stack rather than releases from a malfunction of the production equipment. Although the prevailing wind blows away from Leeswood, we can still be affected by the releases from the high stack. This is where the air monitor comes into play. The possibility of moving the air monitor to different locations has

been discussed, and it was agreed that it is not feasible, due to security and other issues. To this end, it has been agreed unanimously by those present at the meeting that the air monitor will be located at the bowling green.

Also, between the meeting held on 11th October 2021 and the meeting held on 31st January 2022, there were 40 dust complaints in November 2021, three dust complaints in December 2021, and just 1 dust complain in January 2022. Nine of these complaints were self-reported by Hanson Cement to Natural Resources Wales.

181. DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE

The Clerk advised that she had ordered a defibrillator and cabinet with Mr Tomos Hughes of the Welsh Ambulance Service.

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

Councillor R. Hughes informed that the utility people had confirmed that the bench can be sited on the verge. All Councillors agreed that Mr Aled Davies be now approached for a quote for putting the base in and fixing the bench in place.

183. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE

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

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

No further correspondence had been received relating to this matter.

185. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD

No further correspondence had been received relating to this matter.

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

No further correspondence had been received relating to this matter.

187. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

a) Treebilee – suggestions for 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.

b) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2022 – it is intended that Beacons are lit on Thursday 2nd June 2022 at 9.45pm. The Clerk reported that the cost of a Beacon is

£490.00 + VAT. Further cost will be LPG so that the Beacon will remain lit for approximately 45 minutes. Councillors considered that this was an expensive outlay for something that would be of such short use.

c) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch 2022 – the Clerk informed that part of the Jubilee celebrations is to hold a 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 5th June 2022. A suggestion was that this could be possibly funded by this Council for pensioners in the Community. All Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea and the Clerk was to organise this.

d) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 gifts for children in the Community of Primary School age – the Clerk advised that she had been looking for gifts to be handed out to the school children of the Community of Primary School age. A suggestion was made that the Community Council could possibly fund an event at Ysgol Derwenfa. Councillor R. Hughes would mention this to the Headmaster.

188. LOVE NORTH WALES COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Julie Burnage of Love North Wales Community Support (LNWCS). In her e-mail Ms Burnage requests a financial donation to help LNWCS to continue to provide much valued aid to those across North Wales who need help with basic needs. LNWCS aims to improve the quality of life of individuals and families experiencing poverty or distress across all six counties of North Wales. The people helped may be facing job loss or homelessness, fleeing violence, recovering from drug or alcohol problems, or struggling with their mental and physical health. All those helped must be referred to LNWCS to ensure that those given assistance are the most in need. LNWCS has recently been made into a not-for-profit limited company so that they are able to apply for grants from external sources. Community Council members would be welcome to attend the LNWCS unit in Rhuddlan or someone could come to a meeting of this Council to give a short presentation. All Councillors agreed that this seemed to focus on Denbighshire and Gwynedd rather than Flintshire, so were not prepared to donate to this.

189. CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN – STORM DAMAGE

Members will find enclosed a copy of correspondence received from Rev. Carole Poolman, Priest in Charge, Christ Church, Pontblyddyn. In her letter, Rev. Carole explains that during the storms in November and December of last year the Church suffered considerable damage. Falling trees damaged a couple of the Church walls and the winds did considerable damage to the roof. Most of the damage is covered by insurance although they have had to make two separate claims, and the £500 excess for each of them needs to be paid. The Church were also unable to claim for the felling of one tree which was deemed to be unsafe, which cost £500. The damage has, therefore, so far, cost the Church £1500. She goes on to say that if the Community Council can help with these costs, they would be extremely grateful.

190. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – fencing/gates – Councillor R. Hughes reported that the new gates on Phoenix Park had now been installed. Fencing has also to be replaced and this would make the dog walking area secure.
- b) Blocked grids, Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes informed that Flintshire County Council have now cleared these.
- c) White lines, County Road and Bryn Estyn, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes advised that Flintshire County Council would be putting white lines in those areas soon.
- d) Hatch lines outside Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes reported that there is consideration being given to putting yellow hatch lines outside Bryn Meirion Leeswood opposite Ysgol Derwenfa.

191. 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.

192. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – January 2022	£673.52	£0.00	£673.52
Aled Davies Agricultural	Cemetery maintenance – December 2021 + drainage work	£3,314.00	£662.80	£3,976.80
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Scottish Power	Street lighting - energy	£353.28	£17.66	£370.94
Smith of Derby	Installation of circular LED lighting bulbs	£828.00	£165.60	£993.60
Miss M Reynolds	Defib Store payment for cabinet and defibrillator	£1,238.20	£247.64	£1,485.84
Flintshire County Council	Street lighting work at Stryt Cae Rhedyn	£197.50	£0.00	£197.50
	Totals: -	£6,868.50	£1,146.50	£8,015.00

193. INCOME RECEIVED

There was no income received.

194. BANK BALANCES

As at 29th December 2021 - deposit account - £94,090.44 and current account - £10,255.24.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.35pm.