

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



**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

## LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022.

#### **PRESENT**

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

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

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **154. MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

#### **155. 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.

#### **156. CEMETERY**

##### Plot 6 drainage issues

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from a Mrs Margaret Warrington regarding her mother's grave in Plot 6 of the Cemetery. This had sunk very badly. The Clerk went onto explain that this was the second time Mrs Warrington had rung about her mother's grave. Because of this, the Clerk attended the Cemetery on the morning of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and found that both graves in Plot 6 had sunk very badly with water in them and the area was waterlogged. Immediate contact was made with the Chair to the Council, Councillor G. Sherwood to request permission to ask Mr Aled Davies to attend the Cemetery as soon as possible. Mr Aled Davies was available to go to the Cemetery that morning and could see the problem which he then investigated. From his investigation, Mr Davies could

see that there was no drain across the top of Plot 6. Councillor R. Hughes met with Mr Aled Davies at the Cemetery and confirmed that this was correct. Disappointment was expressed by Councillors as it was understood that the drain across the top of Plot 5 extended along Plot 6. Councillor R. Hughes advised that this was definitely not the case and that Mr Davies had dug a trench in order for the water to drain into.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Councillor G. Sherwood, Chair to the Council, Councillor R. Hughes and the Clerk met with Mr Aled Davies. It was pleasing to see that the ground on Plot 6 was dry, and the water had been draining into the trench overnight. Discussion took place as to the way forward to resolve this issue. It was agreed by all present that a drain should be put in as soon as possible. Mr Aled Davies provided the Clerk with a quotation of £2,100 + VAT. This was accepted by all Councillors and the work was undertaken the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Councillors were very pleased with the speed of Mr Aled Davies attending the Cemetery and resolving the problem. Thanks were to be passed onto him on their behalf.

#### Grave – the late Mrs Irene Priscilla Davies

The Clerk reported that Mr Ralph Williams of HJ Williams & Sons had made contact on behalf of the family of the late Mrs Irene Priscilla Davies regarding a grave purchase. It was the wish of the family that they could purchase a grave in the front row of Plot 6 as close in line as possible to the grave of Mr William Leonard Davies which is located in Plot 5. The Clerk went on to say that she had asked Mr Williams if there would be any issues with allowing a burial on the front row as we are currently having burials on the back row. Mr Williams advised that if she was buried in the corner grave space at the front, there would be no problems, but the grave digger would have to mark the grave spaces out in the other rows so that they would not be out of line.

Following a discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors that this could not be permitted as the rules are set out for graves to be issued on a 'next in line' basis and if a 'one-off' was allowed, it would set a precedent for other residents to pick where they wanted to bury their loved ones. Concern was also expressed that this could result in future landlocking of grave spaces. The Clerk was to inform Mr Williams of this decision so that he could pass the information onto the family.

#### **157. PRECEPT 2022/2023**

Councillors had been presented with the budget figures for the 2022/2023 financial year. A discussion of the anticipated costs took place and Council were in unanimous agreement that these were satisfactory. It was proposed by Councillor J.E. Saul and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that a precept of £60,500 (Sixty thousand and

five hundred pounds) be requested for the financial year 2022/2023. Councillor R. Hughes thanked the Clerk for her work in preparing the budget schedule.

**158. DONATIONS 2021/2022**

Councillors agreed that the Coronavirus pandemic was still creating difficulties for Community organisations being able to fundraise. Because of this, it was decided that the Community Council were in a position to provide further help within this financial year on a one-off basis. The Clerk had prepared a schedule for the allocation of monies. It was proposed by Councillor D. Foster and seconded by Councillor T. Hughes that these grants/donations be paid. All Councillors in agreement. Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman, thanked the Clerk for her work in preparing the schedule.

Leeswood Playgroup	£1,750.00
Leeswood Community Centre	£3,500.00
Christ Church, Pontblyddyn	£1,250.00
Leeswood Methodist Church	£300.00
Bethania Chapel, Leeswood	£300.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Leeswood Brownies	£250.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Leeswood Rainbows	£250.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Leeswood Guides	£250.00
Leeswood Senior Citizens	£250.00
Leeswood Bowling Club	£250.00
Leeswood & District Angling Club	£250.00
Leeswood Invitation Homing Society	£250.00
Leeswood Carnival Committee	£250.00
Leeswood Branch RBL	£150.00
Nightingale House Support Group	£200.00
Pontblyddyn Cricket Club	£200.00
Air Ambulance Wales	£200.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.00

**159. LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman, reported that the New Year's Eve Dance had been cancelled due to the new Coronavirus restrictions imposed just before Christmas. This had unfortunately resulted in a financial loss for the Community Centre. The Brownies, Rainbows and Guides are starting back face to face meetings from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022. A new Prayer Group meets every Saturday using the Committee Room.

**160. DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE**

Councillor R. Hughes advised the post and electrics are now in place so the defibrillator and cabinet can be purchased and set up.

- 161. LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN AGE FRIENDLY STEERING GROUP – BENCH ON VERGE OUTSIDE YSGOL DERWENFA**  
Councillor R. Hughes informed that they are waiting on the utility people to confirm that the bench can be sited on the verge. The bench had been ordered by Flintshire County Council, the waiting time for this is four months. All Councillors agreed that Mr Aled Davies be approached for a quote for putting the base in and fixing the bench in place.
- 162. PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE**  
No update had been received relating to the Traffic Survey undertaken at Pontblyddyn village.
- 163. 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.
- 164. VISIBILITY ISSUES JUNCTION OF CONSTITUTION HILL, LEESWOOD**  
No further correspondence had been received relating to this matter.
- 165. MANDATORY 20MPH SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE YSGOL DERWENFA, LEESWOOD**  
No further correspondence had been received relating to this matter.
- 166. 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.
- 167. WELSH GOVERNMENT – CONSULTATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021 STATUTORY GUIDANCE**  
Members had been circulated with e-mail correspondence from the Welsh Government, Local Government and Partnerships Division. Also enclosed is a copy of the draft Statutory Guidance. The Consultation closes on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk should go through the report and list what is required to be done by this Council.
- 168. 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 18<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
- 169. 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. Fencing was also to be replaced and this would make the dog walking area secure.

b) Salt bins, Leeswood village - Councillor R. Hughes informed that Flintshire County Council have expected the village for suitable sites for salt bins. These are to be placed near to Birch Court, at the top of Britannia Road and on Bell's Corner for free by Flintshire County Council. Other suggested sites were outside the Community Centre and outside the Doctor's Surgery. These salt bins would need to be paid for by the Community Council. The cost would be £300 per salt bin. It was proposed by Councillor L.C. Richardson and seconded by Councillor D. Foster that the Community Council purchase salt bins for these suggested sites. All Councillors in agreement.

c) Rubbish bags on Dingle Road, Leeswood – it was pointed out that the rubbish bags had been left on Dingle Road. Councillor R. Hughes advised that these would be cleared.

d) Blocked drains in the Community – Councillor R. Hughes reported that Flintshire County Council would be dealing with this issue.

**170. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Notice Board on Parc Derwen, Leeswood – Councillor G. Sherwood reported that the Community Council notice board on Parc Derwen, Leeswood had been damaged during Storm Arwen. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk ask Mr Aled Davies if he could attend the site and straighten the notice board.

b) Dog fouling on Maxwell Drive, Leeswood – the Clerk informed that she had received complaints about the dog fouling on Maxwell Drive, Leeswood. It was observed by Councillors that this was occurring in other areas of the village. All Councillors agreed that the Dog Wardens at Flintshire County Council be told about this problem.

**171. 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.

**172. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – December 2021	£673.52	£0.00	<b>£673.52</b>
Viking Direct	Stationery	£46.64	£9.32	<b>£55.96</b>
	<b>Totals: -</b>	<b>£720.16</b>	<b>£9.32</b>	<b>£729.48</b>

**173. INCOME RECEIVED**

There was no income received.

**174. BANK BALANCES**

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

The meeting was declared closed at 7.35pm.