

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



**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2025**

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2025.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Foster, Chairman (in the Chair),

Councillors M. Brown, J. Caruana, L.C. Richardson, D. Rule, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Thomas.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, A. Bond, R. Hughes, S. Owen and M. Thomas.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

72. MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Thomas and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors who had been present at that meeting were in agreement.

73. POLICE LIAISON

It was agreed by all Councillors that PCSO Enfys Roberts should be sent a list of the meetings up to the end of the year to see if she was available on any of the dates. If she was unavailable to attend any of these dates, Councillors agreed that provision should be made to accommodate PCSO Roberts on a date and time suitable for her.

74. CEMETERY

i) Tree in the Church Car Park – the Clerk advised that she had requested Mr Aled Davies of Aled Davies Agricultural Contracting for the tree in the Church Car Park to be removed as per the advice of the Tree Survey undertaken on behalf of this Council. Mr Davies informed that this job would be put in his programme of works.

ii) Replacement of seats in the Cemetery – Councillor G. Sherwood reminded Members that two seats should now be replaced in the existing Cemetery. A discussion took place on the benefits of replacing these with hardwood seats or those made of a composite material. Councillor J. Caruana pointed out that those made of composite material had a greater lifespan and now had the appearance of being made with wood.

It was agreed by all Councillors that Councillor G. Sherwood would research replacement seats.

iii) General condition of the Cemetery – the Clerk advised that residents were very complimentary regarding the condition of the Cemetery. All Councillors agreed that Mr Aled Davies and his team provided an excellent service.

75. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Consultation – Ref. No. FUL/000741/25

Proposal: Change of use of the Druid Inn Restaurant at Pontblyddyn (Use Class A3) to a Medical Clinic (Use Class D1)

Location: Druid Inn, Pontblyddyn, Mold, CH7 4HG

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that this Council should support this planning application. All Councillors were in agreement.

76. LEESWOOD ALLOTMENTS

Mr Aled Davies of Aled Davies Agricultural Contracting and his team were still in the process of clearing the abandoned allotments but there is a large amount of solid waste as well as weeds. Councillor G. Sherwood referred to one of the allotment plots exceeding their boundary, Councillor M. Brown would speak with the tenants regarding this. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor D. Rule that going forward all new tenants would have to pay £100 deposit refundable when they gave up the tenancy, if the plot was left in the condition it had been received. All Councillors were in agreement.

77. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) A541 Pontblyddyn and Pontblyddyn Crossroads and Village – Councillor J.E. Saul reported that he has yet to receive a reply from Mr Lee Shone, Transport Strategy Manager, Streetscene & Transportation, Flintshire County Council. Councillors once again expressed their dismay at the length of time it was taking for Flintshire County Council to respond to this Council's e-mails.

b) Water coming down the lane next to Prince of Wales, Leeswood – the Clerk and Councillor R. Thomas advised that they had been contacted by Mr Neil Parry of the Land & Estates department, Flintshire County Council. Mr Parry had advised that the water course to the rear of the properties of Oak Villas connects to the Welsh Water combined sewer which takes foul drainage and roof water drainage not highway drainage. Welsh Water do not want this water course in their sewer. Flintshire County Council and Welsh Water had been working together and undertaken some camera surveying. The aim was to take the water course from the combined sewer and put it into a surface water drain/sewer. The responsibility for a water course is with the riparian owner, but once it goes into a pipe, it becomes the landowner's responsibility. It was believed that the properties of Oak Villas would have been flooded had it not

been for the black drainage pipe. Councillor J.E. Saul pointed out that solving the problem might make it the neighbours' problem, inasmuch it could affect other properties in the vicinity of Parc Derwen. Councillor R. Thomas advised that Mr Parry would contact him when he came up to Leeswood later this week to visit the site so he could meet with them. Councillors L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul and G. Sherwood were to be informed of the time of this meeting.

c) Big dip in the left-hand lane of the highway in the area of the bridge as you approach the Pontblyddyn Crossroads from the Penyffordd direction – Mr Ian Williams, Area Supervisor, Streetscene, Flintshire County Council advised that the resurfacing work is in progress. The delay was because there had been other highway works on the same road, and it would have been problematic to close more than one section at the same time.

d) Erosion of the road on both sides on Dingle Road, Leeswood – Councillor D. Foster, Chairman pointed out that there had been a lot more traffic on Dingle Road, Leeswood recently. The Clerk advised that this could have been because of the resurfacing work which had taken place from Stryt Cae Rhedyn to the Leeswood turning from the old Mold Road. Councillor R. Thomas stated that to widen the Dingle Road would be very costly as this would need the purchase of land. It was agreed by all Councillors that Mr Ian Williams, Area Supervisor, Streetscene, Flintshire County Council be asked to inspect the Dingle Road.

78. SCOTTISH POWER – EXIT FROM INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL MARKET

Following an inspection of the streetlights. Councillor G. Sherwood advised that this Council had fourteen non-LED remaining. The schedule had been forwarded to the Clerk. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk look at the invoices from Flintshire County Council to establish the cost of replacement from sodium to LED and calculate the total cost for the remaining streetlights to be converted.

79. MILLENNIUM CLOCK AND TOWER, BELL'S CORNER, LEESWOOD

The Clerk advised that she had spoken with Mr Aled Davies of Aled Davies Agricultural Contracting Ltd about attending the site to assess whether he and his team were able to cut back the tree.

80. ASSET MANAGER/CEMETERY MANAGER SOFTWARE

This item is to be put on the Agenda for the November 2025 meeting.

81. HSBC – BANK MANDATE

All Councillors present completed the bank mandate paperwork as necessary. This was now to be sent to HSBC for processing.

82. CIVIC SERVICE – SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025

Members were reminded that Councillor D. Foster, Chairman, has arranged for his Civic Service to take place at the Leeswood Methodist Church at 2pm on Sunday 12th

October 2025. This will be followed by light refreshments at the Leeswood Community Centre.

83. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – THE NATIONAL RESIDENT SURVEY – LET’S TALK: LIVING IN FLINTSHIRE

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Joanne Pierce, Executive Manager, Chief Executive’s Suite, Flintshire County Council.

The National Resident Survey – Let’s Talk: Living in Flintshire – is now live.

English - <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Consultation-and-Engagement/Open/Let's-Talk-Living-in-Flintshire.aspx>

Cymraeg - <https://www.sirymfflint.gov.uk/cy/Resident/Consultation-and-Engagement/Open/Let's-Talk-Living-in-Flintshire.aspx>

Available for completion online the survey is open until **9th November 2025**.

Residents who are unable to complete the survey online will be signposted to Connects Centres where help will be available. Support will also be available on the Gwella Mobile Library, for Leeswood residents this is 4th November 2025.

This Council’s support will be invaluable in helping to spread the word and encourage residents in our wards to take part.

Councillor J.E. Saul had put the details of this Survey on the Community Council website.

84. 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 for October to December 2025.

85. FLINTSHIRE PLAY DEVELOPMENT – END OF SUMMER UPDATE

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Darren Morris, Lead Officer for Play Development and Play Sufficiency, Flintshire Youth Services, Education and Youth, Flintshire County Council. Also circulated was a copy of the Summer Playscheme report. It was noted by Councillors that the majority of attendees had been girls.

86. DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU - DRAFT ANNUAL REMUNERATION REPORT 2026-2027

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Roger Ashton-Winter, Senior Democratic Health Policy Manager, Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru. Also circulated was the section of the Draft Annual Remuneration Report 2026-2027 relating to Town and Community Councils. The Clerk advised that if Members took the amount advised they would need to complete a P46 form and be added to the payroll.

87. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – DIGITAL SUPPORT SQUAD

Members had been circulated with a copy of e-mail correspondence from Joanne Pierce, Executive Manager, Chief Executive's Suite, Flintshire County Council. Flintshire County Council are asking for support to promote the Flintshire County Council's Digital Support Squad's latest drop-in sessions.

What is the Digital Support Squad?

If residents need help with...

- accessing the internet or email
- keeping in touch with family and friends
- learning about things that interest them
- supporting friends, family or neighbours who are less digitally savvy
- or anything else digital

...then the Digital Support Squad are here to help.

When are they available?

The drop-in dates for October to December:

- Thursday 9 October 2025 Buckley Connects 10am-12pm
- Wednesday 29 October 2025 Flint Town Hall 10am-12pm
- Thursday 13 November 2025 Holywell Connects 10am-12pm
- Wednesday 26 November 2025 Flint Town Hall 10am-12pm
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 Connah's Quay Connects 10am-12pm
- Wednesday 17 December 2025 Flint Town Hall 10am-12pm

Councillor J.E. Saul had put the details of this on the Community Council website.

88. FESTIVE LIGHTS 2025

Councillor J.E. Saul advised that Mega Electrical had reported four of the lights required refurbishment. It would be more cost effective if these lights were replaced. A lamp post in Pontblyddyn had failed a structure integrity test. Councillor Saul informed that he now had a list of six lamp posts in Pontblyddyn that had failed this structure integrity test. New timers were also recommended. Councillor G. Sherwood suggested that it would be of no use to put a light on the lamp post at the bottom of Bryn Clyd, Leeswood, as this had failed to light in the past. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that new festive lights were purchased to replace those that required refurbishment. All Councillors were in agreement.

89. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

a) Cars parked on pavement Bryn Clyd/King Street, Leeswood – Councillor L.C.

Richardson reported that she had received complaints about cars parked on the pavement in the Bryn Clyd/King Street, Leeswood area. This was presenting problems to the residents who had prams as they were unable to use the footpath because of this. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should report this to the PCSO Enfys

Roberts.

b) Van parked on the bottom of Bryn Clyd, Leeswood that impeded visibility turning left onto King Street, Leeswood – Councillor L.C. Richardson advised that a van parked on the bottom of Bryn Clyd, Leeswood was problematic for any vehicle turning left onto King Street as visibility of oncoming traffic was significantly reduced. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk also reports this issue to the PCSO Enfys Roberts.

c) Dog bin located near to Wylfa Farm, Stryt Cae Rhedyn, Leeswood – Councillor M. Brown informed that the dog bin was broken again. It was agreed by all Councillors that this be reported to Mr Ian Williams of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council.

90. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
Miss M Reynolds	Salary – September 2025	£1,034.41	£0.00	£1,034.41
Miss M Reynolds	Paid Viking as August cheque not received	£249.07	£37.35	£286.42
Aled Davies Agricultural	August Cemetery maintenance + work at the allotments	£1,306.00	£261.20	£1,567.20
Flintshire County Council	Summer Playscheme 2025	£4,406.40	£0.00	£4,406.40
HMRC	PAYE/NICs Q2	£1,084.85	£0.00	£1,084.85
Flintshire County Council	Streetlights maintenance (July-Sept. 2025)	£274.98	£55.00	£329.98
Viking Direct	Stationery	£200.62	£23.12	£223.74
Mr B Williams	Allotment rent	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
Mrs E.C. Evans	Civic Service catering 2025	£870.00	£0.00	£870.00
	Totals: -	£10,426.33	£376.67	£10,803.00

91. **BANK BALANCES**

At 29th July 2025 - deposit account - £62,393.86 and current account - £21,230.08.