

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillors J. Atkinson, D.K. Crowther, R. Hughes, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes, C.E. Jones JP and J.E. Saul.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Caruana – Vice-Chairman, K. McCallum JP, J. Phoenix, D. Rule and R. Williams.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor D.K. Crowther that these minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

POLICE LIAISON

PCSO Poppy Hadfield-Jones was unable to attend the meeting this evening. It was pointed out that this was now the third meeting in a row that the PCSO had been unable to attend. The Clerk stated that she had not received a report.

It was suggested that the PCSO be sent a list of this Council's calendar of meetings for the year to December 2017 and a request made for an updated report of any criminal incidents that had occurred in the Community over the past few months. All Councillors were in agreement.

ACQUISITION OF LAND – CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

No further information had been received regarding the proposed acquisition of land to extend the Cemetery.

Councillor R. Hughes informed that the Planning Department at Flintshire County Council had advised that the Community Council contact National Resources Wales about any potential water issues with the extension. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should do this.

CEMETERY

In regard to the siting of a seat at the Cemetery in memory of Mr Raymond and Mrs Lorna Richardson, Councillor R. Hughes reported that this Council's Cemetery sub-contractor, Aled Davies was to attend to cutting out the bank in preparation. This would be a private arrangement between Mr Davies and the family of the late Mr and Mrs Richardson. There was no further information about the tree that the family had requested to plant.

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had finally contacted the blacksmith regarding repairs to the Cemetery entrance gates. The Blacksmith had stated that he would look at the gates the following weekend to assess the repair work required.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

Application number – 056188

Construction of an agricultural vehicle access.

Field OS Number 3691 adjoining The Old Stables, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn.

This application had been discussed at the Community Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2016. Information was received that the Flintshire County Council were looking into this and a report would follow in due course.

It was further reported that the log cabin sited in the grounds of the Old Vicarage, Pontblyddyn was larger than allowed without planning permission. Flintshire County Council were also looking into this and again a report would follow in due course.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor R. Hughes advised that Mrs Helen Jones and the Age Friendly Communities team from Flintshire County Council were making arrangements to visit Ysgol Derwenfa and the Youth Club. A report of these visits would be supplied once available.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OWNED STREET LIGHTING

The Clerk reported that she had still received no e-mail correspondence from Darell Jones of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council regarding her query of the Community street lights that are in this Council's ownership. Councillor R. Hughes informed that he had spoken to Mr Jones and it was understood that he would be contacting the Clerk. This matter would be chased up.

PAVEMENT REMOVAL RE CHANGE TO FORECOURT AT PONTBLYDDYN SERVICE STATION

A query had come in through the Contact Form on the Community Council website regarding the removal of pavement that has occurred since the changes to the Forecourt at the Pontblyddyn Service Station.

It was pointed out that there had never been an official pavement in that area, any 'footway' was man made and existed on private land. All Councillors agreed that a response be sent advising of this and at the same time provide contact details for Councillor R. Hughes.

PLAY SCHEME SUMMER 2017

The Clerk reported that Janet Roberts, Play Development Officer, Leisure Services, Flintshire County Council had been in contact regarding the play scheme for Summer 2017. At present, there is no funding available towards this and the total cost must be borne by the Community Council. The Clerk stated that she had advised that the Community Council would once again pay for a play scheme for the five-week period during the Summer school holidays 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Highway repairs on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes reports that highway repairs were taking place on Chester Road, Pontblyddyn. A lot of white lining was required and this will be done at the same time. b)

Speeding motorists and new speed camera Pontblyddyn – since the new speed camera had been sited in Pontblyddyn, it had detected some 1,300 motorists speeding. Councillors expressed their approval and it was hoped that lives would be saved because of this. c)

Garages sites at Heol-y-Goron and Maes-y-Meillion – Councillor R. Hughes informed that the garages had now been removed and building work would be starting soon. Parking spaces had been provided for six bungalows on Heol-y-Goron and the verge had been tarmacked. Unfortunately, due to the tarmacking of the verge people were now parking on it and blocking residents in. The new properties are under a 'local lettings policy' which means that they are for residents in the Community unless there are not enough people requiring them.

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