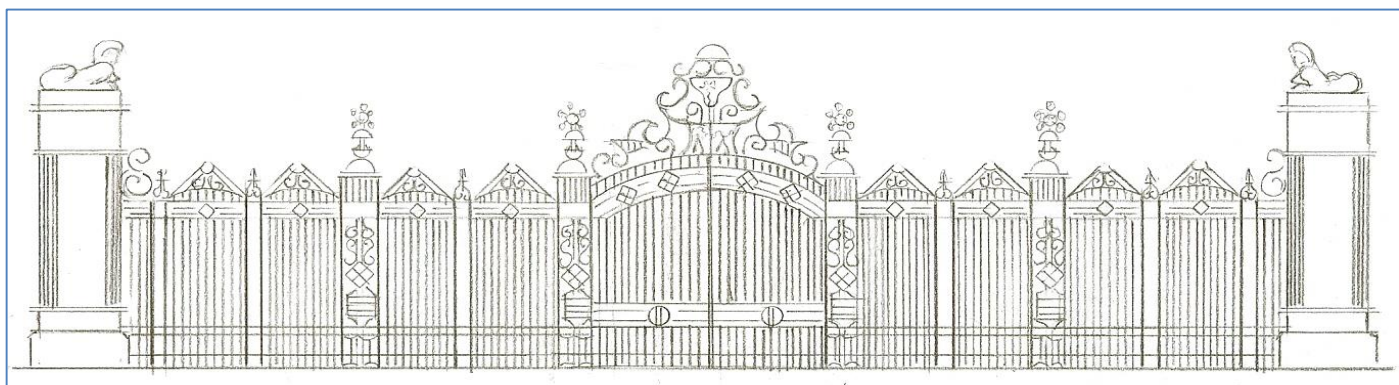


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SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2016

EDITORIAL

In case you hadn't guessed the Carnival is coming. Loving the bunting round the village. Can't wait to see houses decorated to add to the Carnival spirit. So remember Saturday 9th July. Exciting times. Hope the weather is kind for it. This continues into the evening with an evening disco and Male voice choir (pages 19 and 20). So much work goes into the planning, organising and fund-raising and I would like to extend an enormous thank you to you all. I think it is fantastic that we have an annual Carnival again. Then in August we have the allotments open day on Saturday 20th August. Followed by an evening with 'The Bushwackers'. Will be good to see what people have been growing on their allotments and in their gardens. June (the month, not me) has been an odd Summer month and has been very changeable, let's hope it picks up for the events in Leeswood and surrounding areas.

June

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Technical Corner by Joseph Caruana

I am sure that from time to time we hear people talking about continuous improvement, and it is all well and good to continually improve industrial activities in conjunction with business ventures. However, one should make sure that by being progressive in one area or one sector, one does not cause the regression of another section of the business. An example of this could occur when an industrial organisation exerts excessive emphasis on running an industrial operation as cheaply as possible at the expense of innovative progress, or capital investment.

When one sacrifices technical innovation and developments in order to make a quick financial fix, one could start a downward spiral which could have a ripple effect on the innovative capability of an industrial organisation. By weakening the capabilities to innovate and by suppressing intellectual inventors from contributing to the incremental improvement of an industrial organisation, one could be creating an atmosphere of regression. Although one could say that one is covering ground and making continuous improvements in one section, one could create a situation that could have disastrous effects in other sections of the business.

We frequently hear comments about achieving target, and on many occasions workers are judged on whether they achieve their targets. However, it could be argued that if targets are there as a rigid and dictatorial rule rather than as flexible guidelines, the results could produce a situation where the results could be negative or counterproductive. By putting pressure on a workforce to meet the target imposed on them could create an atmosphere where individuals concentrate heavily on meeting targets or ticking boxes, and not develop skills such as free intellectual thinking.

Free intellectual thinking is a quality that comes from within an individual personality, and does not need to be positively developed to create a strong industrial way of moving forward. It is therefore the responsibility of those who are in charge, to create a free thinking environment without exerting excessive pressure. When an intellectual is subjected to excessive pressure, an individual might not perform as one might expect and therefore might hinder development. From years of experience in industry one might express an opinion that the financial sector of an organisation might exercise pressure on industrial projects in order to save money. However, if excessive pressure is exerted in the initial stages of a development project, it might weaken the foundations of the whole process. In order to eliminate weakening the foundations of a development project, one should create a balance between the financial capital needed, and the industrial validity in terms of profit or financial returns.

The term development project may sound very exciting, especially if it is glamorised by an association with something which incorporates an element of design. Nevertheless, if the design itself involves a significant amount of mathematical or scientific calculations it could call for a certain level of intellectual capability to fulfil all the needs to see the project through to the end.

For a development project to be fully successful, it will have to prove itself on the market both as a reliable technical development and as a wealth creating system. To this end, if a development is technically reliable it will become very popular, it will advertise itself, and it will generate a substantial amount of profit. When a product achieves reliability within the country where it is produced, it can then venture further afield to establish itself on the export market and thus bring revenue to the country of production.

From all this, one can have an insight into how things can develop into a successful technical venture, and although it may sound a little bit complicated, it can be fully achieved by any individual.

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- No questions are off limits
- The session is for those who are seeking faith as well as those who are growing in faith
- We believe that God is able to speak through one another, not just through the person leading

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Wednesday 7:15 – 9:00

Getting in Touch with our Inner Monk

I recently attended a day retreat at Chester Cathedral. The speaker was Father Christopher Jamison, the former Abbott of Worth Abbey in West Sussex who featured in the 2005 BBC television series *The Monastery* where five laymen experienced Christian spirituality in a Benedictine monastery. I remember being fascinated by the series at the time. In fact, I have always been interested in monasticism. Some children dream of running away to join the circus; I dreamt of joining the monks on Caldey Island. That is a strange admission for a Baptist minister to make!

I suppose I am drawn to monasticism for three reasons: Firstly, its emphasis on PRAYER. At the retreat Father Jamison spoke of the many *wants* that dominate our lives, and contrasted these with our deeper *longings* - the longing for meaning and purpose and a connection with God. Prayer, he said, puts us in touch with these deeper longings. In prayer our longing for God meets God's longing for us. Secondly, monasticism places an emphasis on COMMUNITY. Our search for individual fulfilment can only be realised in relationship with others. Thirdly, monasticism places an emphasis on SUSTAINABILITY. Monks have always been committed to simple living, providing for themselves through farming and craft making. The Belgian Trappist's are famous for producing the finest beer in the world (I am particularly attracted to that way of life!).

Father Jamison has written a book entitled *Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps For A Fulfilling Life*. I believe that the monastic tradition has a great deal to teach us. Could it be that prayer, community and sustainable living are key to our quest to lead happy and fulfilled lives? I think so.

God bless,

Rev. James

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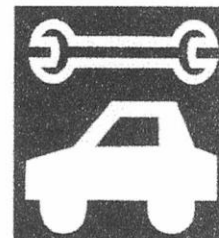
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CELEBRANT: THE REV'D JOHN POOLMAN

SUNDAY 10TH JULY: TRINITY 7

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: THE REV'D CAROLE POOLMAN

6.00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: MR BRYAN JONES

SUNDAY 17TH JULY: TRINITY 8

10.00 a.m. Walk of Witness followed by a Service in Wesley Methodist Church, Leeswood

SUNDAY 24TH JULY: TRINITY 9

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 31ST JULY: TRINITY 10

9.3-0 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, TREUDDYN.
NO SERVICE in Christ Church that morning.

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST: TRINITY 11

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: THE REV'D JOHN POOLMAN

SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST: TRINITY 12

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Gayle Brand,	Sam Tudor,
"Jay",	Frankie Morgan,
Wilson Jones,	Olwen Jones,
"Suzanne",	Mary Williams,
Cheryl Francis,	"Mark"

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A Huge THANK YOU!

To all who supported our Duck Race in any way. We are very grateful to all our sponsors, to the organisers (Mel Morgan, Johanna Kaufmann and Roger Smith) and everyone who helped on the day. The total amount raised for Christ Church Funds was approximately £1900. This is an enormous help when it comes to paying the bills and maintaining our church.

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Memories of an oilfield man first day on the job (Egypt)

In this chapter I will introduce Mohammed Atir Abid and explain how and why I remember him so well after nearly forty-three years,

So here we were (Mr Tom) and his seven dwarfs, walking in formation to the scrap yard (dismantled rig) we were all wearing plastic safety goggles and various types of rags wrapped around our heads, I could not find any type of face masks so we had to make do with another rag wrapped around our nose and mouth hoping this would prevent us inhaling sand and dust,

Having reached our work site my thoughts were how on earth do I handle this lot, I knew that they all smoked so I decided to break the ice so to speak, making a cigarette smoking gesture, they all thought I was asking for one, immediately I was surrounded by the crew offering me Egyptian cigarettes, (not Camel cigarettes as these were banned in Egypt at the time and seen as derogatory to their culture, I think it must have been the picture of a camel on the packet) why I don't know,) each one insisting their ciggy was better than the others, I knew that they were really trying to gain favour, the cigarettes that they offered were similar to the ones I later smoked from Pakistan, the tobacco was loosely wrapped in paper with a twisted end and the aroma of Marijuana, (that came later) 25 ciggies came in a cone shaped paper bag, and cost around five Pesetas , next to nothing really, and tasted similar to the camel dung that I had unknowingly smoked at one time ,more about that one in a later chapter,

So there was I dressed like the poor man's Lawrence of Arabia with my sunglasses and the traditional rag wrapped around my head, the shirt sleeves removed and the legs hacked off my jeans, but I seem to fit in with the motley crew, but honestly speaking I enjoyed working with my Egyptian crew's, I would say that maybe ninety eight percent were honest, hardworking ,and had a good sense of humour, In later years when I worked with local people from countries like Thailand,, Philippines, China Koreans, Brazil, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Africa, and always gained respect by always treating people as I would expect to be treated myself,

Sad to say I was embarrassed and ashamed of the way that some of the expats treated and spoke to the local Labour, I remember once when a member of my Thai crew was wrongly accused of attacking an American Assistant Driller with a knife I witnessed all of that incident and fully supported the Thai his name was Sunthorne, when the whole crew and expats expected me to back the AD, the Thai crews respect for me grew, but did not go down very well with the American members, but that also for a later issue,

Mohammed Atir Abid, I remembered him telling me that he spoke little English, so I decided to use him as my liaison officer so to speak, and for him to ask the crew about their work experience and a little of their back ground history etc., this will help me to place the man best suited to the job given him, this worked for me with all the nationalities that I had worked with in later years, I explained to Muhammed in the best way I could, what I was trying to do,

“Tell you what Mohammed, let us find somewhere out of sun and sit down for a couple of minutes, with the crew still standing they all began to talk at once to Mohammed “ is there a problem” I asked “they want to know if they sit down and talk will they still get paid” he replied, “of course they will, I am the boss and I have just given them permission, but tell them if they sit or lay down without my permission they will be looking for another job ”they could not sit down quick enough, Shukraan, Shukraan (thankyou thankyou) my first word in Arabic,

Once we were settled, all smoking our ciggies, I suddenly had a thought what do I say if Melvin Whitmire were to turn up now and finds us sitting here doing nothing ,it will not be the crew fired it will be me, and we were not exactly the best of anyway friends, no sooner had I thought it and he appeared over the sand dune “what the hell is going on here” or words to that effect with a few choice swear words thrown in, “you have been given a job to do get of your butt and get on with it” he said, as well as a few more choice words regarding Limies.

I was not going to lose face on my first day in front of the crew, here goes “who the hell do you think your talking to, this is my crew I am in charge of our Labour force this is my way of getting to know what they are capable of and getting the best out of them give me half an hour with them and you will see the benefit believe me, if you don’t like the way I work, get me on the next flight to Cairo and we will see what the divisional manager Gus Henderson has to say”

I had previously spoke to Gus about the local labour and he told me that I was in charge as long as we completed the work in time as there was a penalty clause in the drilling contract if the date was not met, I reminded Melvin about this and as much as it bugged him he decided to see it my way and stormed off back to his air conditioned office,

After this confrontation I turned back to the crew needless to say only Mohammed understood was said, he then translated it for them I was a little embarrassed to see them clapping me,

“Right Mohammed tell me a little about yourself” I said, “are you married, do you have any children, and a little about your previous work experience”

As I had previously mentioned he was a different type of person than the rest of the crew, although he was dressed in the same ragged and torn clothes and shoes a little large for him none of the crew were wearing socks and a couple had leather sandals on, but whenever Mohammed approached me he stood to attention in almost a military manner,

“yes Mr Tom I am married and have four children and we live in village by the river Nile but I have to look for work anywhere I can find it,” but why can you not find a permanent position in Ras Gharib or Cairo ”I asked him, this seemed unusual because he had a fair education and I was comparing his back ground to my own in Liverpool (different culture obviously)

“I had many years in the army I joined when I was fifteen then in 1967 the six day war with Israel began” he then asked if we could go somewhere private for a minute so he could explain why he was unable to find work in a permanent position, by this time I was curious so I agreed, and asked him to tell the crew to stay where they were.

I was more concerned when he began to remove his shirt “what the hell are you doing Mohammed” I asked too late as he turned around and presented his back to me , this was the only time that I had seen the damage that a bullet can do, his back was a mass of scars this he explained was the result of him being hit in the back by an Israeli bullet, but obviously you survived and your government would help you find work”

“No Mr Tom ”he replied, “any soldier that had back wounds were classed as cowards and accused of running away from the enemy, when I was released from the hospital the government refused to give me my work permit so I have to find any work available” But this issue is mainly about Mohammed Atir Abid, I last heard of him in the year 2003 when I attended a seminar in Aberdeen, but more about that later, he worked on my crew until the rig and Tender were ready for sea, during this time he proved himself to be one hundred percent reliable and a excellent worker and all this time he was still polite and had a great deal of respect from his work mates, so when the time came when we had to release all casual labour then recruit a permanent crew, I was asked by the divisional manager to find members of the casual crew that I would recommend to keep on, obviously Mohammed was at top of the list, he told me no matter how much he wanted the job he was not allowed a government work permit,

“leave it with me and I will get in touch with the office” I told him, leaving him in charge of the crew while I had a word with my (mate) Melvin, “do not interfere with local politics it’s these people are not worth it anyway there are plenty of other rag heads available” this was not acceptable to me so I called the boss in Cairo and explained the situation, “If you vouch for him and think he will be an asset to the company tell him to get on the bus and come to the office in Cairo and we will interview him” great stuff I thought, one in the eye for Melvin,.....

to be continued.....

Ladies Guild

Thursday 26th May

All were welcomed to the meeting by Mrs Ingman. Our speaker was Mrs Jill Currie, who gave us a very interesting talk about her volunteering work in Ghana, in a small village called Aslba. The children in the orphanage live communally except for sleeping accommodation.

Jill goes out to Africa to work for the "Alliance of Youth Development" set up by Elvis Morris Donkoh, who was an orphan himself. The "Home of Hope" orphanage was established in 2007.

Children that are cared for, range in ages from 18 months to 17 years. They are taught in English and learn Science, English, French, Fanti and Citizenship.

The special raffle was won by Mrs Gill Burton, and the raffle was won by Mrs Jennie Webb. The tea hostess was Mrs Maureen Calder.

Thursday 9th June

A small but enthusiastic group of ladies met for our first meeting in June. Our entertainment took the form of a pictorial quiz devised by one of our own ladies. The eventual winners were Mrs Ingman and Mrs Jennie Webb.

The tea hostess, Mrs C Flitcroft, was thanked by Mrs Ingman, (both for the tea and the quiz).

The raffle prize was won by Mrs Jennie Webb and the special raffle was won by Mrs Flora Roberts.

C. Flitcroft

A somewhat unusual request for help was received recently from a Mr David Bradbury

"Over 40 years ago I met a gentleman called Mr. I. M. Donald (I think his Christian name was Ian) who lived in Mold and who owned a 1932 Morris Ten Special Coupe. I sold Mr. Donald some spare parts for his car and I wondered if this vehicle is still around the Mold area? Perhaps some of your readers may be able to help me with this unusual request."

Can anyone help? If you know anything, or can point this man in the right direction, please can you either let Mrs June Lincoln know (either by phone or dropping a note through the door), details on page 2. Or email Mr David Bradbury direct at :-

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Well, here we are folks. As I write this article we are just three weeks away from the big day on Saturday 9th July 2016 but, as you read it yourselves, the bunting will be up (hopefully not blown down) and we will be just over one week away! We don't know about you, but we are buzzing. Like busy bees in fact!

There is still plenty for us to do in the run up to the day, not to mention what is required to be undertaken on the day itself, which leads us to ask again for Volunteers. Volunteering could mean something as simple as helping set up on the field first thing in the morning or acting as a Marshall in directing cars to the various car parks or assisting with the road closure. Speaking of road closure, the main road into the village will be closed at 12noon on the day and we are asking the public to remove their cars in accordance with the notice published in this edition. The road will re-open at 2pm after the parade has finished. There is also a "NO DOGS permitted on the field" notice which you will also find published. Even though these notices have been put up here, there and everywhere, we would ask you to please spread the word as both matters are extremely important.

Another job is that of litter picking during and after the event. Keeping the field in a tidy manner will mean that the Council will continue to allow the use of the field each year and, in all honesty, we deem this role to be just as important as the others. (I remember litter picking every year as a child just so I could have a ride on the tractor to the local farm!).

All these roles, however big, however small, are important and they help us to run things better and more quickly and efficiently. So, if you are interested in undertaking a little role, then please contact the Committee via our Facebook page or come along to the Volunteers' meeting which, at the time of me writing this article, we are yet to confirm a date for but I do recall last year's meeting taking place just several days before the big day. If you do not have access to social media, then please just ask someone to make the request on your behalf.

If you cannot volunteer, then perhaps you would like to decorate the outside of your own house just to get into the spirit of it all. There is a poster that may just get you in the mood and we have some bunting left over from last year that is available from our Mr David Ellis or Mr Stewart Williams by request. A voluntary donation would be lovely if you are feeling generous, but not altogether essential.

We are certainly trying to make this year's event bigger and better for you all. This time we have Morris Dancers. What's a Carnival parade without Morris Dancers eh?! Sadly, we were let down just days before last year's event and I even desperately made a suggestion of having the men of the village dress up in cheerleading outfits complete with pompoms just so we had something at least, but there wasn't time to organise it. What a shame. I think that would have been hilarious and definitely one to remember! Whatever the size of the parade this time around, we just hope the rain keeps off. That's all we can ask for.

The parade will commence from the old Laura Ashley Factory on Pontybodkin Hill at 1pm and we are asking everyone involved to make sure they arrive by 12.30pm at the very latest so that the Committee can organise every person/group in order ready to kick off at 1.00pm.

Speaking of kicking things off, in the run up to Carnival Day, a football tournament has been organised on Phoenix Park. This event has been advertised on our Facebook page. By the time this edition reaches you however, the deadline will have passed to enter. Nevertheless, it would be nice to see the village out in support of this event, which takes place over two days, namely the 4th July at 5pm for the Under 16's and the 5th July at 8pm for the Over 16's. If anyone has any queries on this, they will need to contact Mr Stephen Rule (Committee Member).

This year we also have the Flint Male Voice Choir at Christ Church, Pontblyddyn as well as the family disco at Leeswood Community Centre, both on the evening of the 9th July 2016 commencing at 7.30pm. These are ticket only events. Tickets are available from the Committee and the relevant information for these events is mentioned on the posters which, again, have been published in this edition.

Also published (aren't you lot lucky eh!) is the Carnival poster itself. It gives everyone an idea as to what we have going on. Of course we cannot list everything, but we can guarantee you that there are more stalls this year and the funfair hopefully will be slightly bigger. We also have a slightly larger beer tent than last year (licensed of course and who hopefully won't run out of alcohol so early!) at which you will be able to sample a few alcohol beverages, sit in the sunshine (we are hopeful) and enjoy the day. All we ask of those who are drinking alcohol on the field is that they act in a responsible manner so that other members of the public are able to enjoy themselves. We trust that these rules will be adhered to and that there is no cause for concern on the day or night.

Our Carnival programme will have the relevant times of what is going on throughout the day on the field and, more importantly, the purchase of a programme will mean that you will have the chance of winning either £100 in cash, 2 Chester Zoo tickets or a champagne basket. The programme will have a specific number printed on it and that will act as your raffle ticket, **so please do not throw your programme away**. If you do, you may find me fishing in the bins for a better chance of winning the prizes!!

Apologies for the masses of adverts for this month's edition, but we truly hope that the village and surrounding villages get behind us and make this year's Carnival a much better one and that it becomes a talking point for months to come. People are still talking about last year's Carnival so we know we are doing something right at least! If there is anything the Committee can help you with however, please just ask. Most of you by now know the majority of us by face or by name, so getting a message to us should be relatively easy.

So, here's to Leeswood Carnival 2016. To the people who make it happen and to you, the public who support us. Stay safe, enjoy the day and the night with your families and your friends, and let's make it another one to remember!

Kind regards,

Louise Hoyle Fennell
Committee Member
Leeswood Carnival Committee



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SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2016



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LEESWOOD CARNIVAL COMMITTEE



kindly request that **all** vehicles parked on
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allow the Carnival parade to take place at 1.00pm - main road opens again at 2.00pm

Alternative parking will be available at Ysgol Derwenfa and Leeswood Community Centre

We are sorry for any inconvenience, but your co-operation would be most appreciated

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on

Saturday 9th July 2016

7.30pm to midnight

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7.30PM

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Allotment Open Day

“Be it dry or be it wet, the weather always pays its debt”.

A fitting saying for the weather we have had recently. Down on the allotments things got off to a slow start with a cold spring. Then we had a really warm, dry spell and now we are getting our pay-back time with rain every day. It all adds up to a busy time in the gardens and allotments.

Leeswood Allotments Open Day this year is on Saturday August 20th. It will be a full day. Come and walk round the allotments in the morning...we are hoping that there will be scarecrows visiting again that day.

Produce will be on show in the Village hall during the afternoon. This is not just for Allotment holders. If you have fruit, vegetables or flowers that you are proud of and that have been grown in your own garden please bring them along from 11am. Yours could be finer examples than many from the allotments – we are all amateurs. There will also be craft work to see and refreshments available. Produce will be auctioned off at the end of the afternoon- always a popular part of the day!

The day will finish at the village hall with entertainment by local band “The Bushwackers”. Come along to chat to friends, have a dance or just tap your feet but most importantly to support the Village Hall. Doors open at 7:30pm.



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LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2016.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Williams, Chairman of the Council (in the Chair)

Councillor G. Sherwood, Vice-Chairman

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Were received from Councillor J. Phoenix.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016

The Chairman, Councillor R. Williams, thanked all Councillors for their support during his year of Office. He made particular reference to the Civic Service stating that he had appreciated the Councillors attendance. Councillor C.E. Jones JP thanked the Chairman, Councillor R. Williams for his work during the past year. This was endorsed by all Councillors.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2016/2017

Councillor R. Hughes proposed and Councillor C.E. Jones JP seconded that Councillor G. Sherwood be appointed Chairman for the year 2016/2017. It was unanimously agreed. The new Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood, thanked the Council for their support.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2016/2017

It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that Councillor J. Caruana be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2016/2017. This was unanimously agreed. Councillor J. Caruana thanked the Council for their support.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2016/2017

Councillor R. Williams proposed and Councillor J. Caruana seconded that the Cemetery Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc. All Councillors were in agreement. Members are: - Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes and C.E. Jones JP.

APPOINTMENT OF A DELEGATE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

It was agreed that this should be open to all Councillors.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE LEESWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

By unanimous agreement, the members representing this Council on the Management Committee would be Councillors J. Caruana and G. Sherwood. It was suggested that a sub-representative be nominated who could attend the meetings when either of these two Councillors were not able to. Councillor C.E. Jones proposed, seconded by the Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood that Councillor J.E. Saul would be the sub-representative. All Councillors in agreement.

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE HANSON HEIDELBERG LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillor J. Caruana was thanked for his work as the Community Council's representative on the Liaison Committee. It was agreed that Councillor J. Caruana should remain in this role and that the Vice-Chairman, Councillor R. Williams, would attend on the occasions that Councillor Caruana was unable to.

COUNTY FORUM REPRESENTATIVE

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor J.E. Saul would remain as the Council's representative on the County Forum. The Clerk would attend if Councillor Saul was unable to.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE AREA MEETINGS OF ONE VOICE WALES

Agreed that Councillors R. Hughes and G. Sherwood would attend these meetings, however, if either were unavailable then another Councillor could be nominated to attend in their absence.

RISK ASSESSMENT 2016/2017

It was agreed that this be adopted.

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

It was agreed that these be adopted.

UPDATED VERSION - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the updated version of the Members Code of Conduct be accepted. All Councillors in agreement.

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2016.

PRESENT

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

Councillor J. Caruana, Vice-Chairman

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

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds - Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillor J. Phoenix.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2016 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor C.E. Jones JP and seconded by Councillor R. Hughes that the minutes of the monthly meeting be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

CEMETERY

It was pointed out that there is a lot of clay that needs to be removed from the Cemetery. Also, top soil was required and Mr Aled Davies was enquiring about prices of this. At present, access to the shed was not possible, it was hoped that Mr Barry Richards may have a key. A suggestion was made that a numbered lock to the shed be bought - all Councillors were in agreement.

Comment was made that there were overhanging branches from a tree inside the Church grounds onto the pavement that ran along the Church wall. These were an issue for pedestrians using that particular stretch of pavement. All Councillors agreed that the Clerk informally approach the Church with regard to this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number 055165

Erection of storage shed/workshop.

Old Padeswood Golf Club, Station Lane, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RD.

There were no observations regarding this planning application.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Application number 054968

Erection of bungalow.

Land rear of Delfryn, King Street, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4SB.

This has been approved by delegated officer.

CHANGE OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL NAME TO LEESWOOD & PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Clerk advised that she had heard nothing further on this matter.

NEW HSBC BANK MANDATE

The Clerk informed that she had completed a new mandate for HSBC bank and submitted it online. A hard copy of this had to be signed by the Chair to the Council and herself then posted to HSBC. It is a requirement of the Bank that an Organisation's constitution must be provided for their records. As the Community Council does not have a constitution, a letter needs to be sent to the Bank stating this. All signatories on the current Bank mandate had to sign this letter.

MILLENNIUM CLOCK

It was reported that the Millennium Clock had been running slow to time, because of this it had been necessary to call out the maintenance man from Smith's of Derby. Councillor J.E. Saul had met with the maintenance man on site and he informed that the Clock had been set to the correct time but this was a temporary fix. There would be a charge for the call out and a quote for future necessary work would be provided. Comment was made that an annual fee was paid to Smith's of Derby and should the call out be included in this. The Clerk explained that she was unaware of the terms of the contract and would look into it before the next meeting.

POND AREA ON PHOENIX PARK

No progress had been made with this matter. Observation was made to the water that was coming from the ground and running along the pathway adjacent to the pond. Depending on the work necessary to resolve this, it could be costly.

WITHDRAWAL OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES

The Clerk reported that she and Councillor Terry Hughes had attended the workshop held on Tuesday 26th April at Theatr Clwyd. Flintshire had been split into four areas and the Town/Community Councils within those areas were expected to work together, forming a 'hub'. If the Town/Community Councils could not reach an agreement on who they were prepared to join with, the decision would be made by Flintshire County Council. Information on the workshop was to be sent out to the Clerks of the Town/Community Councils in order that they may pass this on to the Councillors. It was agreed that a representative from Welsh Border Community Transport be invited to address the Community Council.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On reading the document 'Key Messages: Setting the future direction for the Plan - Tell us what you think', the Clerk had noted that Flintshire County Council had not recorded that Leeswood had a Surgery, a Pharmacy or a Post Office. An e-mail had been sent to Flintshire County Council requesting that this detail be changed.

The Clerk went on to add that it had been disappointing to read that Leeswood had been included in category 5 on the model explaining the settlements who were the most sustainable (numbered 1) to those least sustainable (numbered 10).

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- a) New surface on dual carriageway in Pontblyddyn - this work would start shortly.
- b) Chair of Flintshire County Council - Councillor R. Hughes year of office as Chair of Flintshire County Council was now coming to an end. During this time, he had raised £19,000 - £5,000 each would be given to the Riding School for the Disabled; Guide Dogs for the Blind and Nightingale House Hospice Leeswood Support Group. £1,500 was to be given to the Leeswood Community Centre and the remaining £2,500 would be split between organisations of this community. The Chairman, Councillor G. Sherwood stated that it had been an honour to have a member of this Council as Chair of Flintshire County Council and thanked Councillor and Mrs Hughes for their hard work over the past year.

Councillor R. Hughes stated that if any Councillor knew of community issues that were County Council related could they please let him know as soon as possible rather than wait until the Community Council meeting to bring it up.

MATTERS OF AN IMPORTANT NATURE

- a) Blockage on Nant river - it was brought to the Council's attention that this is blocked in three places. This matter would be reported to Natural Resources Wales and Flintshire County Council.
- b) New County Council properties - Flintshire County Council had held an exhibition at the Community Centre on 6th April with regard to the demolition of the old garages sited to the rear of Heol-y-Goron and those at Maes-y-Meillion, replacing them with new County Council built properties. It was intended to build three two bedroom houses and two three bedroom houses at Heol-y-Goron. At Maes-y-Meillion there would be four two bedroom bungalows and four two bedroom apartments. The garages had old asbestos roofs and would have to come down. Comment was made that the garages located at Heol-y-Goron were something of a meeting place, if the new properties were to be built this would hopefully stop this problem.
- c) Recognition of Councillor R. Hughes year of office as Chair to Flintshire County Council - it was agreed that this item be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- d) Website - Councillor J.E. Saul was thanked for his continuing work on keeping the Council website up-to-date.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm.

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