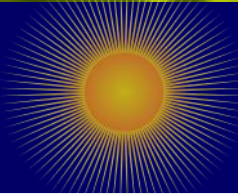


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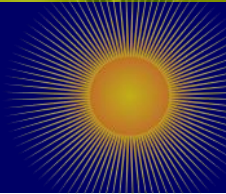
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DEADLINE DATES - September, October & November 2021

September Edition - Wednesday 18th August 2021

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Special focus on

tearfund

Persisting in prayer for 'forgotten' crises

We have a God who wants us to bring everything to him in prayer (Philippians 4:6-7). However, sometimes it can be difficult to know where to begin – or how to keep going when the situation feels unchanging or too big. Also, how can we talk to God about refugees or hunger when sometimes we don't even know the scale of the crisis ourselves, due to it being under-reported?

'For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.' (Isaiah 41:13)

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Pray with us

Five million Venezuelans have made journeys, many by canoe and foot through dangerous terrain, to flee the economic and political crisis that's devastated their country. Nearly 2 million of them fled to neighbouring Colombia.

'It is very, very hard to leave your country and go to another place... it is too hard... it is as if a little piece was torn away from you,' shares Yalitza, who fled Venezuela.

Tearfund works with local churches in Colombia to welcome Venezuelan refugees helping them to rebuild lives.

This week, please pray for Latin America and pray for safe passage for Venezuelan refugees across the region. Ask God to comfort and provide for them as they seek refuge.

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SPEAKERS for August 2021

Aug 8th Clive Davies
Aug 15th Clive Davies
Aug 22nd Clive Davies
Aug 29th Clive Davies

Message from Cedron's Minister - Clive Davies writes:

Well, the football is over and the tennis. Everyone's favourite Federer didn't win, and England lost in the final! However, everything is good at Cedron! Work is continuing apace, and we have made a start on the garden! So please come and share worship with us at your first opportunity! God is always here and welcomes everyone! He listens, and then explains to us the best things to do in our lives. We are friendly, welcoming and we also have a sense of humour, which is very important in today's world! If you can and remember with caution, try to get out into our wonderful world, particularly beautiful at this time of year! The drive up to Llangollen is absolutely stunning, and a special blessing to us, being so close. It is truly God's world and a real tonic in these testing times. If we think on all the good things God gives us, and see the beauty around us we can be better equipped to living our lives to the full, just as Our Lord means us to do. If we believe in Him, He will give us life in all its fullness. God bless.

For anyone wishing to contact Clive, please call **01244 536988** (Mob: **07811 807446**)



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in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
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SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH - TRINITY 10

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

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SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH - TRINITY 11

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: MS MEL MORGAN

SUNDAY AUGUST 22ND – TRINITY 12

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH – TRINITY 13

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CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH – TRINITY 14

11.15 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

OFFICIANT: MR ROGER SMITH

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH – TRINITY 15

11.15 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRANT: REV CAROLE POOLMAN

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH – TRINITY 16

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OFFICIANT: MS MEL MORGAN

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH – TRINITY 17

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OPENING CHRIST CHURCH, PONTBLYDDYN



We are pleased to be able to say that the church is now open every Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 4.00p.m. Sanitiser is available in the porch, please remember to wear a face mask and maintain social distancing.

The Innocence of Children

A little girl came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'"

"Give me a sentence about an emergency worker" said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Do you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

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Poetry by Joseph Caruana

A BRIGHT DAY

The day is nice and bright
People are feeling alright
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Days are long and nights are light

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Leeswood Allotments

The blackcurrant bushes on the allotments seem to have produced a good crop this year. The mixed weather we've had has obviously suited them well.



These beautiful, shiny, little black gems are not only versatile in the kitchen but also contain many health benefits. My research tells me that, in addition to vitamin C, blackcurrants also have plenty of antioxidants and anthocyanins. These can help strengthen immune systems, soothe sore throats and ease flu symptoms. They also, according to experts, are a rich source of omega 3 fatty acid and reduce the risk of anemia.

However, blackcurrants have been called "the forbidden fruit" in the USA. They have been identified as helping to spread white pine blister rust.

Back in 1911 the professional cultivation of the plant was banned to protect the pine forests. White pine blister rust, a type of fungus was spreading in the US and this became a major problem because white pine trees were an essential part of the lumber industry.

Today most white pine trees have been bred to resist the fungus. The nationwide ban was lifted in 1966 and many individual states have removed the ban, however, blackcurrants are still currently illegal to grow in New York.

Because of the long-term ban across the USA, blackcurrants are not popular and not widely available there. I can confidently say that they are missing out on a tasty and beneficial treat.

Strawberries were also in abundance this year and as you can see from the photo, I managed to harvest some beautiful ones before the birds and slugs etc got to them.



THE LDN BIBLE BLOG : August 2021



God's Pastoral Provision

He makes me lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. (Psalm 23:2)

Psalm 23 is about God's pastoral provisions. And through the rest of the psalm, the shepherd King David, takes us through some areas of life where God's provisions are experienced in the life of a Christian.

When David says that God **makes** him lie down, he's not speaking about the use of *force*. He's not saying that God *forces* him to lie down. The parallel word is **leads**. God takes his sheep to green pastures. He leads us there from the front and doesn't push from the rear.

So what do literal sheep find in **green pastures**? Well, if the sheep are **lying down** - as David says - then they could be doing two things. Firstly, they could be resting. Secondly they could be eating the grass. And likely David is picturing himself as the sheep resting, eating and drinking.

The dynamics are similar in the second part of the verse. We're picturing a quiet, gentle stream. When David speaks of **still waters** we can get the wrong picture. We might picture a still, stagnant and motionless pond. But that's probably not what's in David's mind. He's picturing a stream of water that is restful, comfortable and quiet. Not turbulent, fast and noisy. It's been said that sheep won't drink from waters like this.

How many of us have ready access to food and drink? How many of us have ever gone hungry for more than a few hours at a time? Or think about water. We have relatively easy access to clean water. This is not the case in much of the world. So, when we sit down for lunch or grab a glass of water, we would honour God by reflecting on his pastoral provision for us.

Now, food and drink - they come naturally for us in the UK, a land of relative abundance. So, I think it's in a third area - rest, calm and peace - where we as Brits can really see a difference in our lives as a result of taking God's Pastoral Provisions seriously. I think we can all bear witness to the frantic, stressful way we live life, often without realising it! The result is that inner peace doesn't come naturally to most of us. And so that's where God's Pastoral Provision can really shine through via the way a Christian lives his/her life. As I am sure we all know our calm, peaceful exterior is often no reflection of what is going on inside us!

Only the Lord God, our Shepherd can give the peace and calm that He knows we as his sheep so desperately need in our heart and soul.

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Technical Corner

Joseph Caruana

Being in employment should be a feeling of satisfaction, and a chance to improve yourself. Nevertheless, some people can be caught in a vicious circle, and because they earn so little, they have to work long hours to make ends meet. If anyone is caught in such a circle, they find themselves in a position where it would be difficult to improve their social position. There are just jobs, and there are quality jobs. Just jobs can be found anywhere, but quality jobs might require more effort to find. The manufacturing industry has always produced quality jobs, but as manufacturing industry has slowed down, the number of quality jobs in manufacture has slowly become less and less. Who is at fault for these loss of good employment is a matter of opinion, and who let who down, is again a matter of opinion. What is definitely a fact is that total areas of the country had their way of life changed, possibly changed forever.

Several decision makers have come and gone. Promises have been made, and sometimes broken. Nevertheless the ordinary people in the street are left carrying the can, and by doing so, their social standing might have suffered. There has been a time when we were told not to seek a job, but to seek a career and some career opportunities have obviously been there, but those who provided

these career opportunities might have not seen the full vision of how long these careers would last. It is important that a career needs to be supportive, sustainable and rewarding. A person might have built a career with a particular company following a particular profession, but then all of a sudden the company is taken over by another company, which operate in a different style, and might decide that they do not need that particular profession.

We hear of companies investing millions of pound here and there, and it is all well and good for employment security. However, when we look deeper into the situation, we might realise that the investment has been in buying machinery from abroad, and therefore the primary wealth of the investment has gone abroad. In order to make sure that all the money invested stays in this country, we need to understand that the machinery which is purchased to do the production, is made in this country.

Who makes the decision of who is made where, is not common knowledge to all of us, and such knowledge is only available to the privileged few. What is for certain is that these decisions, does affect the lives of hundreds of people. With this in mind, it could be concluded, that in this day and age, the final decision of who becomes prosperous and who does not, comes from a very complicated process, which could be very tricky indeed.





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4th May 2021

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, D. Foster,
L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul and G. Sherwood.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the
Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkin-
son, L.T. Coleman, Terry Hughes, Timothy
Hughes and R. Williams.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

As the Community Council are still meeting via
ZOOM and some members were unable to join
meetings in this way, it was proposed by
Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by
Councillor L.C. Richardson that the annual
meeting be postponed until the June monthly
meeting when this Council will return to meeting
at the Leeswood Community Centre. All
Councillors in agreement.

MINUTES

[The minutes of the monthly meeting held on
Tuesday 6th April 2021 had been circulated to all
members. It was proposed by Councillor D.K.
Crowther and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana
that these be accepted as a true record of
proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.](#)

POLICE LIAISON

The Clerk reported that she had written to the
South Flintshire Inspector at Mold Police Station
requesting the contact details for the new PCSO.
A reply to this correspondence was awaited.
Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that he
had a phone number for the new PCSO Brian
Thomas which was to be passed onto the Clerk
for her to make contact.

CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, pointed out that
residents of the Community were complimenting
the way the Cemetery was being kept. It was
agreed that Mr Aled Davies and his team were
doing a very good job there.

doing a very good job there. All Councillors
were pleased that the Cemetery was receiving
these favourable comments.

The Clerk advised that a full meeting of the
Council would be convened after the June
monthly meeting to discuss the new by-laws
which were being drawn up. Also to be
discussed were the Cemetery fees with a view to
these being increased.

Councillor J.E. Saul queried how the Cemetery
record books were kept for safety. It was agreed
by all Councillors that the Clerk should keep
these in a metal safe in her home which would
be purchased by this Council.

DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, reported that
consideration was being given to putting a post
and shelter with an electric feed near the metal
seat on Bryn Estyn, Leeswood. Costing of this
work is awaited.

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

The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes reported
that Flintshire County Council had no objection
to the siting of a bench on the verge outside
Ysgol Derwenfa. It would be necessary to put in
a concrete base and fix the bench in place.

PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE

It was reported by Councillor R. Hughes, Chair-
man, that he had met with Rob Nursaw of Flint-
shire County Council who had advised that there
will be another traffic survey in Pontblyddyn.
This traffic survey would be to detect the
volume and speed of traffic. Councillor R.
Hughes, Chairman, advised that this traffic
survey would not be taken in the area of the
crossroads due to the build up of traffic at busy
times which would result in a reduction of
average speed.

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - PROPOSALS
FOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS WITHIN
LEESWOOD**

E-mail correspondence from Jessica Wellstead,
Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene and
Transportation, Flintshire County Council had
been circulated to all Members.

4th May 2021

In her e-mail Ms Wellstead advises that there are some proposals for Traffic Regulation Orders within Leeswood as part of Bus Journey Time Saving improvements between Mold and Wrexham (funding received from the Welsh Government). A map showing these areas (outside the Co-Op shop on Queen Street and outside the Doctor's surgery and top of Rhodfa Helyg) had also been circulated.

A suggestion was made to extend the double yellow lines further up Chapel Terrace from the Doctor's surgery. Query was raised as to why put double yellow lines down as there was no bus service through Leeswood village in the evening. Concern was also expressed as to where patients attending the Doctor's surgery would be able to park, especially those patients with reduced mobility. It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that the officers of the County Council be requested to attend the June meeting of this Council to discuss the issues raised. All Councillors in agreement.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

For their information, Members had been circulated with the Mobile Library Service schedule for April to August 2021. This was accepted.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Repairing of potholes in Leeswood – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman advised that this remedial work had taken place on the Dingle Road, Leeswood. Stryt Cae Rhedyn and Hall Hill still required work, this would be carried out shortly.

b) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – fence between football field and bottom field – The Chairman, Councillor R. Hughes reported that someone had cut a hole of approximately three foot in size in the fence to let the dogs through. He had requested that the Phoenix Park area be made secure with fencing and new gates so that dogs could be let loose on the dog walking section.

c) Community litter pickers – Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, advised that there was a group of residents in the Community who had undertaken to pick up the litter in the village. He had purple bags, litter pickers and gloves available for anyone who wanted to participate. The Chairman extended his thanks on behalf of this Council to the volunteers of the Community who were carrying out this litter clearing.

AGENDA ITEMS AWAITING COMPLETION/ FURTHER INFORMATION

a) Parking issues – Bell's Corner

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 274 of the April 2017 meeting. The yellow lines would be painted in once the road re-surfacing had been complete. It is acknowledged that work here remains outstanding and the situation with the pandemic is not helping.

b) 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.

c) Visibility issues junction of Constitution Hill, Leeswood

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 130 of the October 2019 meeting. Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman reported that although monitoring is ongoing, the issue in that area has changed at the present because of the Coronavirus restrictions.



1st June 2021

PRESENT

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman (in the Chair), Councillors J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, Terry Hughes, Timothy Hughes, L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, L.T. Coleman and D. Foster.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/2021

Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman, thanked all Councillors for their support during the past Council year. It has been a strange year with the pandemic and all restrictions in place, the worse thing that he had ever come across in his lifetime. He was pleased that all Councillors and their families had stayed safe.

TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2021/2022

It was proposed by Councillor T. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that the Vice-Chairman, Councillor D.K. Crowther be elected as Chairman for the community year 2021/2022. All Councillors in agreement. The Chairman, Councillor D.K. Crowther thanked Councillor R. Hughes for his work as Chairman over the past two years. Councillor R. Hughes has been Chairman eight times, the most times a Councillor in this Community has held the position. Councillor D.K. Crowther, Chairman, stated that this was a great achievement, and that Councillor R. Hughes was an inspiration and his service much appreciated.

TO ELECT THE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2021/2022

It was proposed by Councillor L.C. Richardson and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that Councillor G. Sherwood be elected as Vice-Chairman for the community year 2021/2022. All Councillors in agreement.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CEMETERY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2021/2022

It was proposed by Councillor J. Caruana and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that all members of the Cemetery Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc with the addition of Councillor Terry Hughes. All Councillors in agreement.

Members are: - Councillor R. Hughes, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Caruana, D.K. Crowther, Terry Hughes, Timothy Hughes, L.C. Richardson and J.E. Saul.

APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY YEAR 2021/2022

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor G. Sherwood that all members of the Cemetery Sub-Committee be re-elected en-bloc with the addition of Councillor L.T. Coleman. All Councillors in agreement.

Members are: - Councillor G. Sherwood, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Councillors J. Caruana, L.T. Coleman, D.K. Crowther, D. Foster, R. Hughes and J.E. Saul.

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

It was agreed that this be open to all Councillors.

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

It was proposed by Councillor G. Sherwood and seconded by Councillor L.C. Richardson that Councillor J. Caruana remains as this Council's representative on the Hanson Heidelberg Liaison Committee. All Councillors in agreement.

COUNTY FORUM REPRESENTATIVES

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor R. Williams that Councillor J.E. Saul and the Clerk remain as the County Forum representatives. All Councillors in agreement.

REPRESENTATIVES ON ONE VOICE AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had been unable to attend meetings of the One Voice Area Committee through the year due to other

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_commitments and did not wish to be the representative going forward. It was proposed by Councillor R. Williams and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that Councillor G. Sherwood remains as this Council's representative. All Councillors in agreement. Suggestion was made that Councillor D. Foster be asked if he wished to be the other representative. The Clerk was to attend to this.

LEAD MEMBER FOR AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Councillor R. Hughes proposed and Councillor L.C. Richardson seconded that Councillor G. Sherwood remains as the lead member for Age Friendly Communities. All Councillors in agreement. Councillor G. Sherwood

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asked if another Councillor might want to attend the meetings as he is now Chairman of the Steering Group. It was agreed by all Councillors that Councillor J.E. Saul represent this Council.

RISK ASSESSMENT 2021

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Risk Assessment 2021. The Clerk advised that amendments needed to be made to the Risk Assessment and requested that this item be put on the agenda for the next meeting. As a separate meeting was to be arranged to discuss the Cemetery by-laws and the Cemetery fees, it was suggested that the Risk Assessment be discussed then. All Councillors agreed that a meeting be convened for Tuesday 15th June 2021.

requesting the contact details for the new PCSO.

LEESWOOD AND PONTBLYDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL— CYNGOR CYMUNED COEDLLAI A PONTBLYDDYN

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Councillor D.K. Crowther, Chairman (in the Chair),
Councillors J. Caruana, R. Hughes, Terry Hughes, T. Hughes, L.C. Richardson, J.E. Saul, G. Sherwood and R. Williams.

Also in attendance Marie Reynolds – Clerk to the Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Councillors J. Atkinson, L.T. Coleman and D. Foster.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS

CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 had been circulated to all members. It was proposed by Councillor R. Hughes and seconded by Councillor J. Caruana that these be accepted as a true record of proceedings. All Councillors in agreement.

POLICE LIAISON

The Clerk reported that she had not yet received a reply from the letter sent to the South Flintshire Inspector at Mold Police Station

She had tried to contact the new PCSO Brian Thomas using the phone number Councillor R. Hughes had passed on to her at the last meeting but had not been successful.

CEMETERY

Councillor R. Hughes advised that he had spoken with Mr Aled Davies about the parts of the laurel hedge that had not taken. Mr Davies had been asked to replace these and put some good soil and feed around them.

The new seat in memory of the late Josh Chapman had been installed in the Cemetery. Councillor R. Hughes pointed out that residents of the Community were complimenting the way the Cemetery was being kept. It was agreed that Mr Aled Davies and his team were doing a very good job there. All Councillors were pleased that the Cemetery was receiving these favourable comments.

Councillor G. Sherwood pointed out that two of the Community Council owned benches in the Cemetery are in a state of disrepair and need replacing. These being the one near the store shed on the bank and the other one near the Cremated Remains section in memory of the late Councillor Selwyn Roberts. The Clerk advised

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The Clerk advised that she had been looking at replacement memorial benches, but the pandemic seemed to be an issue with availability. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should ask Mr Aled Davies to remove the two benches in question with a view to replacing these as soon as possible.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application – 062570

Erection of single storey side and rear extension
Druid Inn Cottage, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn,
Mold, CH7 4HG.

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

Planning Application – 062795

Dropped kerb for off road parking and erection of a double gate

9 Bryn Clyd, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4RU.

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

Planning Application – 062889

Single storey extension, internal alterations, and formation of 2 no. dormers to the rear elevation
Lyncroft, King Street, Leeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4SB.

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

DEFIBRILLATOR – LEESWOOD VILLAGE

Councillor R. Hughes reported that Flintshire County Council would move an electric feed from the lit 3-ton sign on Dingle Road to a pole on Bryn Estyn where a defibrillator cabinet could be sited. This work will cost approximately £3,000. The Clerk would contact Tomos Hughes of the Ambulance Service with regard to the purchase of a defibrillator cabinet and defibrillator.

It was pointed out that Bethania Chapel have a defibrillator which was donated to them. A suggestion was made that the Community Council consider adopting responsibility for this. The Clerk to make enquiries about this.

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

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Councillor R. Hughes reported that Flintshire County Council had no objection to the siting of a bench on the verge outside Ysgol Derwenfa. It would be necessary to put in a concrete base and fix the bench in place. Query arose as to the type of bench which would be sited there. It was agreed by all Councillors that a bench in keeping with those throughout the Community would be the best option.

PONTBLYDDYN CROSSROADS AND VILLAGE

It was advised by Councillor R. Hughes that the previous traffic survey undertaken in Pontblyddyn was out of date. Flintshire County Council proposed to carry out a new traffic survey which would show the volume of vehicles and the speed. This would hopefully assist in showing if traffic calming measures were necessary and what type would be the most beneficial.

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - PROPOSALS FOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS WITHIN LEESWOOD

The Clerk advised that she had invited Jessica Wellstead, Transport Strategy Officer, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council to attend the meeting this evening but had not received any response.

SECTION 47 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence received by the Clerk from the Society of Local Council Clerks advising that the minimum requirement for meetings established in the 2020 regulations remains. This is that Members can hear and be heard by others. Whether meetings are held virtually; partially virtually; or entirely face to face, subject to prevailing public health regulations; is a matter for those responsible for arranging the meetings. The 2021 Act requires that participants, that is other Council Members, the public or the press can join the meeting remotely even if physical meetings are the preferred mode. Councils are not allowed to resolve that all meetings will be held entirely physically.

It was pointed out that this Community Council was in a better position than many other

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Community Councils to hold a hybrid meeting as the Community Centre had a good wi-fi connection. This type of hybrid meeting is for the public and the press to join, also Councillors if they feel uncomfortable attending a meeting physically. All Councillors agreed that this item be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CIPFA COUNTER FRAUD CENTRE – MANAGING THE RISK OF PROCUREMENT FRAUD

Members had been circulated with a copy of the guidance issued by the Local Government Association CIPFA Counter Fraud Centre relating to managing the risk of procurement fraud. This was accepted.

COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

a) Repairing of potholes in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn – Councillor R. Hughes advised that there should have been a blitz on the potholes in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. This unfortunately has not happened yet.

b) Phoenix Park, Leeswood – dog walking area funding – Councillor R. Hughes reported that he was hoping for Community Council assistance in funding the completion of the dog walking area. Work was necessary on some areas of fencing to make it secure, and a new gate was required on the Bethel Chapel entrance to the Phoenix Park.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Mandatory 20mph outside Ysgol Derwenfa – Councillor R. Williams requested that an application be made to Flintshire County Council for the speed limit outside Ysgol Derwenfa be made 20mph mandatory rather than advisory. It was agreed by all Council that the Clerk contact Mr S. Jones of Streetscene about this.

b) Treebilee to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee 2022 – The Clerk advised that she had read an article where the Queen wanted to have her Jubilee in 2022 commemorated with the planting of trees. Suggestion was made that trees could be planted in the grounds of Ysgol Derwenfa, Leeswood and the Community Council Cemetery in Pontblyddyn. Councillor R. Hughes would speak to Mr A. Jones, Headmaster, Ysgol Derwenfa about the possibility of planting a tree at the School.

AGENDA ITEMS AWAITING COMPLETION/ FURTHER INFORMATION

a) Parking issues – Bell's Corner

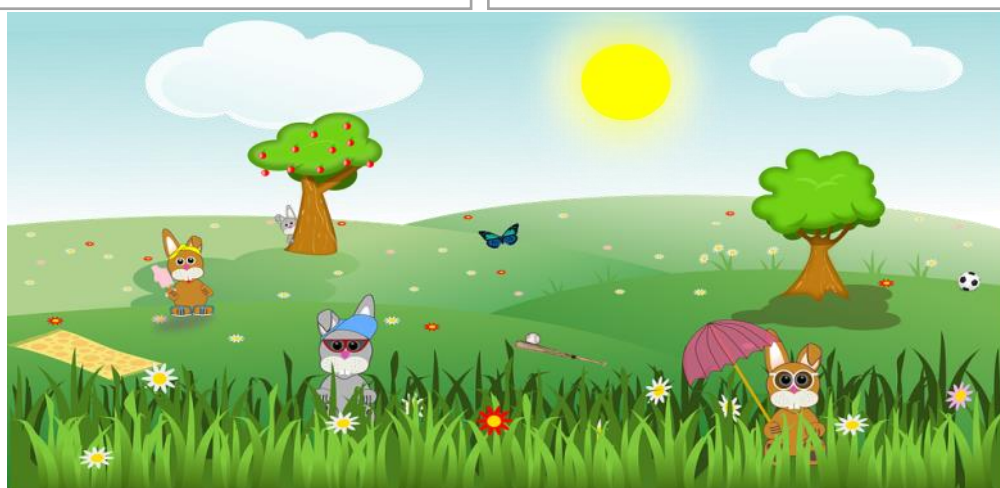
This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 274 of the April 2017 meeting. The yellow lines would be painted in once the road re-surfacing had been complete. It is acknowledged that work here remains outstanding and the situation with the pandemic is not helping.

b) 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.

c) Visibility issues junction of Constitution Hill, Leeswood

This item remains on the Agenda as per Minute 130 of the October 2019 meeting. Councillor T. Hughes advised that the parking in this area was starting to build up again. It was agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk should contact Mr Steve Jones of Streetscene for a progress report.



CASH PRIZE DRAW

1st Prize: £100

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