

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 3rd APRIL 2014**

Members Present

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J D Dutton, M J Edwards, G Frank-Keyes, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, G Peake, M Perry, M L Roberts and Mrs B Watson.

Apologies

PCSO 2118 Wendy Harris

In Attendance

PCSO Lisa Davies

Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and or prejudicial interest on the form provided for this purpose. Councillor M Perry indicated his intention to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests at the appropriate time.

252 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2014 were received and amended by the addition of the words `that this was not approved` to line 5 of the paragraph relating to Community Council Website before the word `The`. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

253 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was present and he would address the Council later.

254 POLICE REPORT

Crime statistics for March 2014 were circulated and discussed. Reference was made that a resident habitually litter picks in the middle of the road thereby becoming a danger to himself and members of the motoring public. The Council agreed to record it`s concern about this matter.

255 VARYING THE AGENDA

In accordance with Standing Orders the Agenda was varied to discuss Gresford Athletic FC`s application for financial assistance.

256 GRESFORD ATHLETIC FC - APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Mr P Jones was present to address the concerns of the Community Council raised at the last meeting. (Councillor M Perry declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application and left the meeting whilst it was discussed) The matter was fully discussed with Mr. Jones.

The Council resolved to make a grant of £400 to Gresford Athletic FC.

257 MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Marford Community Centre

It appeared that no residents of the Community, including Community Councillors were aware of the present position, despite several attempts to ascertain this. Members considered that such a situation was intolerable and an insult to the Community Council.

The Council resolved to write to the Secretary of the present Management Committee to see if she was aware of the position. Councillor M J Edwards would also pursue the issue.

Youth Service

The annual progress report from the Detached Youth Workers had not yet been received and the Clerk of the Council was instructed to pursue this matter vigorously. ***The Council also resolved to ask for an item relating to Youth Services in the County Borough to be considered at the next meeting of the Wrexham Town & Community Council Forum.***

Gresford & District Community Library

It was reported that the company had now been registered but more volunteers were still required to maintain the service. It was also noted that the Library would reopen on the 6th May 2014 and that a Grand Opening Ceremony would take place on the 17th May 2014 at 11.00 am.

Community Council Website

Councillor Cleaver reported that there were 2,157 unique visits to the site since the last meeting and she had made updates to various pages. ***It was agreed that reference to the Community Council's Register of Declarations of Interest were available on application to the Clerk of the Council would be recorded on the first page of the Website.***

7 Chester Road, Gresford

Councillor Bailey reported that he had emailed the Enforcement Officers about the wall being built on the site which may cross the proposed footpath, which was a requirement of the planning consent. The Clerk of the Council had not yet received replies to his letters to the Head of Community Wellbeing and Development dated 13th January, 28th January and 25th March 2014.

The Community Council resolved to keep the matter under review and seek replies from the officer responsible.

258 FORMER SWINGS AT NEWTOWN

This item had been included on the agenda at the request of Councillor Blackmore who reported that residents were concerned at the lack of information regarding the future use of the site and that many rumours were circulating.

The County Borough Councillors agreed to keep the Community Council informed of progress as the preferred future use of the site was for additional car parking or small affordable housing.

259 REPORTS

A written report was received giving a brief update of the recent activities at Maes-y-Pant.

Councillor Bailey reported on the current position regarding the County Borough Council's Budget and that it was intended to make earlier public consultations for next year's Budget.

Councillor M J Edwards reported that the Planning Committee had recently refused the application for drilling at Commonwood, Holt.

Councillor Mrs J Holmes reported that a meeting regarding the forthcoming Festival planned for August to commemorate the start of WW1 was well attended and that Mr P Jones was now Chairman of the organising committee.

Councillor G Frank-Keyes reported on the success of the Wild Weekend arranged by IMAGE to plant beds and tubs. It was also proposed to repaint the tubs in the near future.

260 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of planning applications received from the Head of Community Well-being and Development were available for Members and dealt with as follows:

P/2014/0102 – Single storey side and rear extension to create additional living space and additional bedroom, 16 Redland Close, Gresford – **No comments**

P/2014/0141 – Single Storey Side Extension, 24 Meadows View, Marford – **No comments**

P/2014/0146 – Proposed Demolition of existing garage and Erection of a Two Storey Extension together with construction of First Floor Extension, 6 Laurel Close, Marford – **No comments**

P/2014/0148 – First floor extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension, 17 Yew Tree Court, Gresford – **No comments**

P/2014/0155 – Erection of brick side walls, gate posts and timber gates to both existing vehicular and pedestrian accesses, Mareilian House, Wynnstay Lane, Marford – **Request that the Planning Department keep the use of brick or stone in connection with this proposal to a minimum in order that the rustic nature of the environment is not spoilt.**

P/2014/0185 – Front porch extension together with ground floor garage and kitchen extension with first floor bedrooms over and external alterations, 71 Wynnstay Lane, Marford – **No comments**

P/2014/0167 – Conversion of existing garage to form additional ground floor level access ensuite bedroom, with extension to form sun lounge modifications to roof over single storey rooms, Cross Tree House, Pikey Lane, Gresford – **No comments**

Proposed Base Station Installation at CTIL 128673, TEF037349, VF86968 Gresford Bank, Vicarage Lane, Gresford – **No comments**

261 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment:

Mr C A Route, Grounds Maintenance and Cemetery work	£545.00
Wrexham CBC – NNDD, Gresford Cemetery 2014-2015	£1,489.95
Scottishpower plc, Unmetered supplies	£775.61
Councillor S Cleaver – Refund of Website Fees	£82.09
One Voice Wales – Membership 2014-15	£694.00
SLCC Enterprises Ltd – Health, Safety & Wellbeing Course	£114.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC rates
ICCM - Corporate Membership 2014-15	£90.00
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC rates
HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE rates
Gresford & District Community Library – Contribution to running costs	£1,500.00
Wrexham CBC – Application of Planning Permission	£83.00
Encore Officer Systems – Repairs to PC	£90.00

262 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence that had been received and available for members was noted or otherwise dealt with as follows:

Invitation from Nightingale House Hospice to attend the AGM on 10th April 2014 – Councillor M Perry agreed to attend.

Invitation from Wrexham Area Civic Society to attend this year`s AGM.

Rofft School Governors – ***The Council resolved to support the re-nomination of Mrs Jane Williams as the Minor Authority Governor of the School for a further four years.***

Wrexham County Borough Council, Service Level Agreement – Play Areas.

The revised Service Level Agreement recently received from the Parks Countryside Rights of Way Manager was circulated and discussed.

Following the observations of members the Council resolved to seek an early meeting with the Manager on site at Allington Park to discuss the terms and conditions of the SLA.

263 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be the Annual Meeting and held on Thursday, 1st May 2014 at 7.15 p.m. at Gresford Memorial Hall.

**COUNCILLOR MRS J MACDONALD
CHAIRMAN**

Presiding Chairman.....Date.....