

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011

### Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman M Hughes, and J L Jones, Mrs J MacDonald and R H Willis

### Absences

Apologies from Councillors Mrs S Layhe and Mrs M Lightwood were received and accepted.

### 264 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### 265 POLICE REPORT

The report was received and it was noted that the format of future reports was to change along with the reorganisation of Community Beat Managers.

### 266 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members were present but no comments were received.

### 267 DETACHED YOUTH WORK – REPORT TO MARCH 2011

Mr Les Williams, Zone Leader presented a report and it was noted that internet access was available at the youth club, the improvements to the building to which the Community Council had contributed were now completed and members were invited to inspect the premises. The questions of members were answered.

Mr Williams was thanked for his comprehensive report and for attending this evening.

### 268 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

#### Gresford Trust

It was proposed that the Community Council consider making a donation to Gresford Trust in the sum of £9,000 towards the cost of employing a Caretaker, less amounts which may be donated to the other applicants subject to review in 12 months time.

#### Applications for Financial Assistance from Gresford Village Bowling Club, Gresford Constitutional and Snooker Club, Gresford Cricket Club, and Gresford Athletic Football Club

*The Council resolved to defer consideration of the applications to a special meeting on 18th April and in the meantime the Clerk was asked to obtain more information from the Clubs, namely:*

- *A copy of the Club`s latest audited accounts*
- *Details of the cost and grants you may incur on projects for which you are seeking financial assistance*

#### Allington Park and Marford Play Areas

The report of the meeting of the Play Areas Sub-Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 was received and the recommendations were adopted, namely:-

***To accept the timetable for the work at Marford to start on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May followed by the work at Allington Park on 6th June. All work should therefore be completed by the end of the Summer Term on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.***

***To approve arrangements for settling the invoices, whereby the Contractor would submit an invoice for 50% of the cost of each play area and would require settlement within 30 days; the remaining 50% would be submitted for settlement on satisfactory completion of the work and the Contractor obtaining the necessary post installation certificate from ROSPA for each play area***

***To tell the two schools of the timetable and to include an article in Essentials magazine and to put up notices on the gates of the play areas***

***To consider the arrangements for an Official Opening of the improved play areas by the Chairman assisted by a local child chosen from the relevant school after a small raffle – monies collected could go the school and the prize would be cutting the ribbon at the play area***

***To thank North Wales Fencing for their quotation but to accept the cost included in Ray Parry's quotation.***

#### **Reinstatement of Footpath, boundary fence and gate at Woodlands Road**

A reply from the Leader of Wrexham Council was expected soon.

#### **Zebra Crossing, Chester Road, Marford**

The Network Manager had agreed to meet members on site on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 p.m.

#### **Temps Out Of School Club, Marford**

The matter was ongoing

#### **Youth Council**

The matter was under consideration by Wrexham Council.

#### **Oak Tree at the Junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane**

***It was agreed that Mr Simon O'Rourke, be engaged to carry out the work at the Old Wrexham Road location and that he be asked to approach Glyndwr University direct.***

#### **Vacancy for Community Councillor for the Gresford East Ward**

The Returning Officer has not received a request to fill the vacancy by election and therefore the Community Council may now arrange to fill the vacancy by co-option.

***It was agreed that notices be displayed inviting local residents who were interested in becoming Community Councillors to submit CVs to the Clerk.***

#### **HM Revenue & Customs – Alleged Failure to submit the End of Year Return by 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

The Clerk reported that a third Notice of Penalty Determination in a new reduced sum of £100 had been received following the successful appeal earlier this year. Accordingly he had once again appealed.

***The position was noted.***

## **269 VACATION OF OFFICE BY FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS**

The Clerk reported that Councillor C Hollway last attended a meeting of the Community Council on 2nd September 2010. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) he was no longer a member of Gresford Community Council following this evening's meeting.

Accordingly, public notice of the vacancy would now be given in the form approved by the Returning Officer allowing the electorate 14 days to call for an election.

## **270 REPORTS**

**Councillor M J Edwards** reported on the new bid for City Status, grants available for sporting facilities and Wrexham's Web Site;

**Councillor Mrs Beryl Blackmore** reported on Youth Participation Sessions, bollards near All Saints School additional monies for Council house improvements and the AGM of Marford Community Centre on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**Councillor A Bailey** reported on IMAGE, Gresford's Got Power Evening and the purchase of The Quarry. In this connection it was agreed that Mrs Sue Kelly and MR Hon Troth should address the next meeting.

**Councillor Mrs J Dutton** reported on Gresford Trust matters including fund raising and planning meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> April and 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## **271 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Details of planning applications received from the Chief Planning Officer were available for Members and dealt with as follows:

P/2011/0157 – New Shop front, Post Office, Chester Road, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2011/0158 – Signage for new shop front, new post office signs, Post Office, Chester Road, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2011/0173 – Demolition of existing single garage and erection of replacement double garage, Greenbank Cottage, Borrass Road, Borrass, Wrexham – ***No representations***

P/2011/0182 – Submission of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning P/2008/0099 (Access, appearance, landscaping and layout). Erection of single storey dwelling, construction of new vehicular and pedestrian access and installation of septic tank, Garden area east of The Laurels, Pant Lane, Gresford - ***Gresford Community Council considers that the Chief Planning Officer should take appropriate action to ensure that the height of the ridge of this dwelling is no higher than the height of the adjoining property in the interests of the appearance of the area.***

P/2011/0183 – Variation of Conditions 5 and 6 of planning permission Code No P/2008/0099 to allow the creation of two access points, Garden area east of The Laurels, Pant Lane, Gresford – ***The Council considers that sufficient space should be available within the site cartilage for vehicles to leave the site in a forward movement.***

P/2011/0240 – Display of 1 No fascia sign, 58 Chester Road, Gresford - **The Council considered that light spillage from the site must be kept to a minimum in order to reduce any impact on neighbours.**

P/2011/0241 – Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear living room extension, 21 Bodwyn Park, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2011/0094 – Erection of 1 No. non-illuminated flag sign ATS Euromaster, Marford Hill, Marford (Amended Plans) – **No representations**

## **272 FINANCE**

**The following items were approved for payment**

Wrexham Council, Young Peoples Service 2010-2011 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment	£2,216.50
Wrexham Council, NNDR – Cemetery – 2011 -2012	£1,348.20
Mr S A Pugh, Grave Making February and March 2011	£1,550.00
HM Revenue and Customs, Replacement cheque for NI and Tax June 2010	£162.06
ICCM, Corporate Membership 2011 – 2012	£90.00
Ellison Marketing, 12 months web site marketing	£720.00
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work	£545.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates

## **273 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

North Wales Police – Changes to Wrexham North (Letter attached)

Application for Financial Assistance from Family Friends for 5's to 11's (Councillor Bailey declared personal non prejudicial interests in the application) **It was resolved that a grant of £75.00 be made**

Increase in Unmetered Electricity Supplies – **The Clerk was authorized to make further enquiries, including One Voice Wales, regarding alternative suppliers**

One Voice Wales – Councillor Development Programme 2011 **It was agreed that Councillors Bailey and Harriman be authorized to attend the course on 19th July and Councillor Harriman on 29th June 2011.**

One Voice Wales Wrexham/Flint Area Committee – **It was agreed to support the adoption of the Flintshire draft charter for Wrexham**

One Voice Wales – Membership 2011-2012 – **It was agreed to renew the Council membership for the Annual Fee £651.**

One Voice Wales – Conference & AGM at Pontrhydfendigaid on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – **Councillor Harriman was appointed to attend this conference.**

Request from the Grave Digger for new equipment at Gresford Cemetery at the estimated cost of £2,500 - ***The Council resolved to purchase this new equipment for use in the cemetery.***

Wrexham Area Civic Society Awards, 2011 – Invitation to nominate projects for the awards – ***The Council resolved to nominate the building in the cemetery as worthy of an award for the refurbishment or restoration of an existing building.***

2011 National Eisteddfod of Wales’ Local Gresford, Marford Hoseley, Rossett and Burton Appeal Fund - ***The Council resolved to note the letter and remind the Secretary of its policy to consider applications for financial assistance in February each year.***

**274 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING** It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Marford Community centre on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR J L JONES,  
CHAIRMAN**

**Presiding Chairman.....**

**Date.....**