

## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2013**

### **Members Present**

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs J D Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs J MacDonald, G Peake, M Perry and Mrs B Watson.

### **Apologies for absence**

Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs S Cleaver, and M L Roberts

### **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 J Edwards, Mrs J D Dutton and Mrs B Watson indicated their intention to make declarations at the appropriate time.

### **170 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **171 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No member of the public was present.

### **172 URGENT MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **Youth and Play Services**

Councillor Dutton reported that she had visited the web site recommended by Youth Service but had failed to find the relevant information. However after further conversations with Officers of Wrexham Council, the information was now available. Revised posters had been prepared and would be posted throughout the Community.

#### **Gresford Young Peoples Centre (Youth Club)**

Councillor Bailey reported that he had arranged a meeting with the Head of Integrated Youth Services at her office to further discuss the position of the Youth Club. Councillor Watson also reported that she had attended last night's meeting of the Forum where Officers of the Council seemed to stress the importance of young people, who were experimenting with drugs or established users, having contact with a Youth Officer, usually via the Youth Club. Members were extremely concerned that this would no longer be possible and indicated the shambolic way the closure of Gresford Youth Club had been organised.

It was agreed that Councillor Bailey and others should attend the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August and also continue to press for better publicity for the new arrangements for Youth Services.

#### **Marford Community Centre**

(Councillor M J Edwards declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting whilst it was discussed)

The Clerk of the Council reported that the appropriate Officers of Wrexham Council had indicated that the report on the condition of the Centre would be ready by mid-July but this had not been received. However, the Clerk reminded the meeting that the application for

£1,500 from the Management Committee was still outstanding and recommended that the cheque be signed this evening.

In view of the uncertainty over the structural condition of Marford Community Centre, the Council declined to accept the Clerk's recommendation until the report was received.

***It was also resolved that in view of the importance, Private Engineers should be asked to provide an independent report on the condition of the Community Centre and its compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act.***

#### **Goal Post at Marford Play Area**

An email was received from Dwr Cymru indicating that they were prepared to offer an additional £350 towards the cost of reinstating the condition of the Play Area suitable for playing football.

***In view of the incident in Powys, it was resolved that Dawnus, the sub contractors for Dwr Cymru should not re-erect the Goal Posts but that the Play Area Sub-Committee should investigate suitable qualified alternative contractors for this work in view of the Health & Safety implications. It was also resolved to accept the quotation from P & W Maintenance Ltd for work of leveling and seeding the area in the sum of £646.40 + VAT.***

#### **173 IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTPATH ACROSS ALLINGTON PARK**

This item had been included on the Agenda at the request of Councillor Mrs J Holmes in view of the length of time taken for the work to be carried out.

The Clerk reported that the Contractors had now assured him that the work would be commenced on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August and completed within one week.

***It was resolved that the Contractors be given one more opportunity to complete the work, but if this was not forthcoming the Contract would be regarded as null and void from the Council's perspective.***

#### **174 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM IMAGE**

(Councillor A Bailey, Mrs J Dutton and Mrs B Watson declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting whilst it was being discussed)

IMAGE were submitting an application to Northern Marches Cymru for a Heritage and Culture Grant to conserve and protect the Drinking Fountain at the junction of Vicarage Lane and Chester Road. However, NMC required IMAGE to provide an expression of interest from third party funders. Also IMAGE had no finance available to meet the cost of the work and it was suggested that the Community Council should make a loan available to finance this work which would be repayable less the 25% match funding.

***As no details of cost were available at this time, the Community Council resolved to agree in principle until the financial details were available.***

#### **175 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/2013/0453 – Alterations and extension to existing Kitchen and Bedroom at Birman House, Chester Road, Gresford – **No comments provided the adjoining landowners were not adversely affected by this proposal.**

P/2013/0462 – Extension to provided New Entrance Porch 2 Springfield Court, Gresford. – **No comments**

P/2013/0478 – Construction of Single Storey Extension, addition of Pitched Roofs to Dormers, 13 Meadows View, Marford – **No comments**

P/2013/0482 – Alterations and Extensions 4 Lakeside Close, High Street, Gresford – **No Comments**

P/2013/0500 – Removal of Existing Conservatory and Erection of Kitchen/Sun Lounge Extension to Rear 5 Myrtle Road, Marford – **No comments**

P/2013/0527 – Demolition of Existing Stores and Erection of Single Storey Extension incorporating Garden Room/Home Office, Dressing Room and Ensuite, Barnhill House, Hillock Lane, Gresford – **No Comments**

#### **176 FINANCE**

***The following items were approved for payment:***

Mr C A Route, Grounds Maintenance and Cemetery work	£545.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary and Postage	NJC rates
Scottish Power, Unmetered Supplies	£613.13
Wrexham CBC: Street Lighting Quarterly Maintenance and Repairs	£1,527.13
Dee Valley Water plc – Water charges	£14.37
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC rates
HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE rates

**177 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:** It was confirmed that there would be a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Gresford Memorial Hall 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR MRS J MACDONALD  
CHAIRMAN**

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