

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

### Members Present

Councillors A. Bailey, M Harriman, J Holmes, J. Dutton, M. Lloyd-Roberts, J. Macdonald, J. Jones, B Watson, B Blackmore, M. Lightwood, J. Hughes

**Chair:** Councillor S. Cleaver

**Clerk:** Serena Baxter

**Apologies given and accepted:** Councillors G. Frank-Keyes, M. J. Edwards

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### 606. 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. Members were also advised that the dispensation that had been put in place for certain members on a previous occasion had elapsed, as the terms of office had since been extended. Councillor Bailey advised that it would be possible to go to Standards committee in March to have the dispensation extended.

**Resolved: to reapply for dispensation to Standards Committee. Action - Clerk**

### 607. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the Public present at the meeting

### 608. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### 609. BUDGET FOR 2017-18

The Clerk presented a budget report projecting expenditure to the end of March 2017. This was accepted. A report was presented which outlined the draft budget heads for 2017-18, and for the following two years, together with amounts required to meet the estimated expenditure and possible options for the precept. The Chair advised that this report had been presented to Finance Committee the previous week, which had agreed and recommended the equivalent option 3 to be the precept.

After discussion and hearing the observations of members it was proposed, seconded and **resolved to levy a precept of £93,200 for the financial year ending 31st March 2018. It was further agreed to put £10,000 from Reserves, thus lowering the overall amount to £85, 200 an increase of 1.98%.**

### 610. POLICY ON RESERVES

The Chair presented a draft Policy on Reserves. Finance Committee had viewed and approved the policy. After discussion and Member's observations it was proposed, seconded and **resolved to adopt the Policy on Reserves** presented, with the condition that any future virement between the Reserve headings set could only take place following Council approval being granted.

### 611. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

- i. *P/2016/1032*: - Change of Use from Retail to Hot Food Outlet (A3) 17 Chester Road Gresford  
Members raised a number of concerns in relation to this planning application, comprising lack of parking to the front of the site, litter, late night opening/unsocial hours, as the village business area is also a residential area, and increased traffic. It was also stated that an

additional fast food outlet in this location would be disproportionate given that there are already a number of food outlets in the village and is reaching saturation.

ii. *P/2016/ 1044*: - Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use of a former stable building for commercial storage purposes. Former Stable building located in paddock opposite Treetops, Pikey Lane, Gresford. - No comments to make

iii. *P/2016/1029*: - Two Storey side extension and single storey rear extension Penrhos, 75 Wynnstay Lane, Marford, Wrexham. - No comments to make

## 612. FINANCE

i) The Following items were approved for Payment:

Date	Payment to	Cheque Number	Reason	Amount £
1.12.16	S Baxter	202311	NJC Salary and reimbursement	
1.12.16	M Jones	202312	NJC Salary and reimbursement	
1.12.16	WCBC	202313	Refuse charges (Cemetery)	325.00
1.12.16	One Voice Wales	202314	Conference attendance fees	270.00
1.12.16	Dee Valley Water	202315	Water supply charges (Cemetery)	25.81
1.12.16	WCBC	202316	Street Lighting Maintenance charge	2183.78
1.12.16	S Cleaver	202317	Reimbursement for teak oil	15.63
1.12.16	Scottish Power	202318	Lighting Supply monthly	858.67
1.12.16	SLCC	202319	Annual membership fee	121.00
1.12.16	HMRC	202320	Monthly payment	59.47
1.12.16	Gresford Methodist church	202321	Hire of rooms	30.00

ii. Cemetery matter – The Clerk advised members of a matter that had been discussed at Cemetery Committee concerning payment of non- resident fees by a resident family. Cemetery Committee had agreed a reimbursement of the difference between resident and non-resident fees to the family and Council's approval was sought in retrospect. After hearing the circumstances of the case, Council agreed that the reimbursement was valid. **Action: Cemetery Assistant.to reimburse the difference in fees.**

## 613. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

Items of Correspondence were tabled in a report from the Clerk, as received by the Council for the month of November, and these were **noted**.

## 614. Member's urgent announcements and requests for future meeting items.

i. Gresford Athletic Football Club - permission to develop at Gresford Trust.

In respect of this item Councillors Dutton, Holmes and Bailey declared an interest and left the meeting.

The Chair outlined the background and presented a report. A vote is to take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Trust and Councillors Cleaver and Macdonald, as representatives on the Trust Board, require a mandate from the Council on how they should vote. After discussion and observation, a vote was taken which was unanimously against the proposal. Councillors Cleaver and Macdonald advised that they will take this direction forward when they attend the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

