

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 5th FEBRUARY 2015**

Members Present

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, G Frank-Keyes, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs J Macdonald, M Perry and M L Roberts.

In Attendance

PCSO Lisa Davies

Apologies

Councillors Mrs S Cleaver, G Peake and Mrs B Watson.

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.

357 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2015 were agreed as amended and signed by the Chairman.

358 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

359 POLICE REPORT

Crime statistics for January 2015 were received from the PCSO and noted. Members' questions were answered.

360 ONGOING MATTERS

Marford Community Centre

The Chairman reported receipt of an email from Lead Member for Services at Wrexham indicating that the lease had not been sent to the Management Committee because the 'general disposal' clause was missing from the lease. The new Management Committee should be reminded that the Community Council had nominated four councillors to represent it on that Committee.

Youth Services

Information provided by Officers of Wrexham Council's Lifelong Learning Department was received and noted. However, members did not consider that the information justified the amount of the Service Level Agreement for 2014-15.

Accordingly, it was resolved to write to Mr John Davies, Head of Lifelong Learning and express members dissatisfaction with the high level of Gresford Community Council's contribution to the Detached Youth Work and also inform him that the Community Council had budgeted £2,500.00 as its contribution to the Detached Youth Workers for 2015-16.

Gresford & District Community Library

It was reported that fundraising was continuing and that a report was to be considered by Wrexham Council's Executive Board regarding the transfer of library services to a trust board and that this new arrangement may affect the supply of books to Gresford Library. ***The Council agreed to express its concerns to Wrexham CBC that its proposals should not affect the supply of books to Gresford Library in accordance with the established agreement.***

Community Council's Website

It was understood that the website was continuing and proving very satisfactory.

7 Chester Road, Gresford

It was reported that time limits permitted would expire early next week and that the Enforcement Officers could proceed with a Section 215 Order or enforcement action.

Report of the Tenders Sub-Committee

It was reported that tenders for the Street Lighting Maintenance had been invited from two of the three companies who had expressed an interest to tender. The third company was considered too small and inexperienced for the level of work required by Gresford Community Council. It was also reported that officers of Wrexham had indicated that they would not be prepared to continue providing a reporting service to the Community Council if a new contractor was appointed.

361 GRANTS 2014-2015

Applications were considered and the Council resolved to make grants of financial assistance as follows:-

Maes-y-Pant Action Group (Councillors A Bailey and M Edwards declared personal interests and left the meeting whilst this application was considered) – **A grant of £600.00**

Gresford & District Community Library (Councillors A Bailey Mrs J MacDonald and M L Roberts declared personal interests and left the meeting whilst this application was considered) – **A grant of £3,600.00**

North Wales Deaf Association - A grant of £50.00

Gresford Trust (Councillors A Bailey, Mrs J Dutton, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs J MacDonald and M Perry declared personal interests and in accordance with the dispensation granted by the Standards Committee of Wrexham County Borough Council spoke and voted on this) – **A grant of £3,700.00**

Friends of Gresford Colliery Disaster Memorial - A grant of - £100.00

Advance Brighter Futures - A grant of £50.00

Gresford Retirement Club - A grant of £100.00

New Steps Life After Stroke - A grant of £50.00

Home Start, Wrexham County Borough Council - A grant of £50.00

IMAGE (Councillors A Bailey, Mrs J Dutton and G Frank-Keyes declared personal interests and left the meeting whilst this application was considered) - **Deferred**

Shelter Cymru - Noted

National Eisteddfod of Wales - Noted

362 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/2015/0006 – Demolition of car port and existing single storey extension, new single storey side extension to accommodate kitchen, utility and shower room, new pitched roof to existing dormer and new front porch, 26 Stancliffe Avenue, Marford- **No Comments**

P/2015/0016 – Erection of wood shed and boundary wall, Green Gables, Vicarage lane, Gresford- **No Comments**

P/2015/0017 – Listed Building Consent for minor alterations to and refurbishment of existing dwelling, Green Gables, Vicarage Lane, Gresford- **No Comments**

P/2015/0018 – Demolition of existing single-storey portion of house, Two-storey side extension and Single-storey rear extension, 18 Stancliffe Avenue, Marford - **No Comments**

P/2015/0029 – Installation of 2 No Camping Pods for visitor accommodation and associated car parking, Bumbleberry Cottage, Old Wrexham Road, Gresford- **The Council express comments that in view of the narrowness of the road; lack of street lights and pavements, permission for this development should be limited to the period between April-October and it should be a condition that egress and ingress to the site was improved.**

P/2015/0033 – Conversion of building to form 2 residential dwellings (2x3 bedrooms) incorporating external and internal alterations, Gresford Youth Club, Vicarage Lane, Gresford – **The Council was concerned about the parking issues as these properties will front onto a very narrow lane, often busy with traffic.**

P/2015/0035 – Single Storey Front Extension to extend garage, lounge and porch, 25 Hawthorn Road, Marford- **No comments**

363 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment:

Mr S Pugh, Gravemaking	£250.00
The Royal British Legion – Donation	£100.00
Wrexham County Borough Council – Half Yearly Installment Play Areas Maintenance	£2,310.00
Wrexham County Borough Council – Quarterly Maintenance Street Lights	£1,163.77
One Voice Wales – Membership 2015-16	£715.00

Encore Office Systems – Quarterly Photocopying Services	£39.60
Jones Lighting Ltd – Christmas Tree Lights	£279.60
Dee Valley Water Services – Charges	£12.45
Ffion Gwen Williams – Translation Services	£66.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC rates
Maurice Paddock - Salary	NJC rates
HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE rates

364 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Wrexham Town & Community Council Forum, 12th March 2015 – That consideration of the White Paper on Reforming Local Government: Power to the People be considered at the meeting and at a special meeting of Gresford Community Council (To be arranged by the Chairman and held at Gresford Methodist Church Hall.

Repairs to Lighting Units at 234 Old Wrexham Road (estimated cost of £381.90) and two units in Pont-y-Capel Lane (£665.59 per unit) were authorised.

Wrexham County Borough Council – Difficult Decisions – the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to attend the event on 24th February 2015 to hear the full report.

Invitation to the Mayor`s Charity Evening – 7th March 2015.

Quarrying Industry in Wales – A History telling the Story of Stone

365 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Thursday, 5th March 2015 at 7.15 p.m. at Gresford Memorial Hall and that the special meeting to consider the White Paper on the Reform of Local Government be held at the Methodist Church Schoolroom on Monday 9th March 2015 from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm.

**COUNCILLOR BERYL BLACKMORE
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN**

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