

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 4th FEBRUARY 2016**

Members Present

Councillors, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, M Perry and M L Roberts

Apologies

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs S Cleaver, G Frank-Keyes 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.

489 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

490 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

491 ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman reported receipt of an email from Mr Jerry O`Keeffe regarding the concerns of users of the allotments. Seemingly, last autumn they became aware that the University of Wales sold a parcel of land to the rear of the allotments to a local resident, and as the University also owns the allotment site, there is concern that they will sell off the remaining land. Mr O`Keeffe and his colleagues would be grateful for any comments of the Community Council.

The Council resolved to inform Mr O`Keeffe that they fully support Gresford Allotments Association in regard to this matter and would welcome an opportunity to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

492 POLICE REPORT

Crime statistics for January were received and discussed.

493 ONGOING MATTERS

Finance Committee

The Terms of Reference of the proposed Finance Committee agreed by the Task and Finish Group had been circulated to all members with the agenda.

The Council resolved to adopt the Terms of Reference and the functions of this Committee would include a review of the powers and duties of the Tenders Committee and the policy for considering future applications for financial assistance.

Applications for Financial Assistance 2015-2016

The Finance Task and Finish Group had considered all those applications received before 30th November 2015 except the application from Home Start Support & Friendship Group for Families. The Report of the Finance Task and Finish Group was received in respect of each application with a recommendation of financial assistance in respect of each

application. The Task and Finish Group were not in favour of giving grants to support wages and other running costs of groups. The Council's financial assistance should be made in support of identifiable projects.

The Community Council adopted the report and resolved as follows:

Temps Out of School Club and Holiday Club – a grant of £1,000

(Councillor Mrs B Blackmore declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application and left the room whilst it was considered)

Gresford Trust – a grant of £2,500

(Councillors Mrs J Dutton and Mrs J Holmes declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application and left the room whilst it was considered)

Gresford & District Community Library – a grant of £5,500

(Councillor M L Roberts declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application and left the room whilst it was considered)

Maes y Pant Action Group – a grant of £600

(Councillor M J Edwards declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application and left the room whilst it was considered)

Gresford Village Bowling Club – a grant of £1,000

(Councillor M Harriman declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application and left the room whilst it was considered)

Gresford Village Festival – Deferred until later in the year when a full application was expected.

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – grant of £100

Family Friends from 5-11`s – a grant of £400

North Wales Deaf Association – a grant of £100

British Red Cross Medical Equipment Services, Wrexham Maelor Hospital – a grant of £50

Wrexham Marie Curie Fundraising Group – a grant of £200

Home Start Support and Friendship Group – Deferred as no formal application had been received in accordance with the Community Council's policy.

Appointment of Clerk of the Council

The report of the Finance Task & Finish Group had considered the forthcoming retirement of the present Clerk on 30th April 2016 and the procedures for appointing a new Clerk. Full details had been circulated to all members inviting them to comment by 27th January 2016. As no comments had been received the post had been advertised in accordance with the Group's instructions. The closing date for applications was noon on Monday, 29th February 2016

The Council resolved that;

Questions to be put to each candidate at the interview would be approved;

Short listing should be by all members of the Community Council on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 6.30 pm. at Gresford Memorial Hall.

Interviews of the selected candidates would be held at Gresford Methodist Church on Monday, 21st March 2016 at 6.00 pm. (provided the Church could accept the booking)

Gresford Cemetery

Three quotations for the resurfacing part of the car park had been received.

It was resolved that the quotation from Williams Groundworks of Treuddyn be accepted.

The Cemetery Administrative Assistant reported on the present position regarding matters connected with Memorial safety. Also, that the Notice Board was to be installed later this week. Arising from her observations on the present policy for the pre-purchase of graves, the Gresford Cemetery Sub-Committee was asked to review the policy.

7 Chester Road, Gresford

This matter was not discussed this evening in view of the further court action on 25th February, 2016.

Gresford & District Community Library

The Library was continuing to function and members were reminded to return any monies/stubs for the Valentine`s Day Draw and the draw was taking place on Saturday, 6th February 2016.

Community Council`s Website

The website was ongoing.

Village (Gresford) Car Parking

The problems were further discussed as vehicles continued to be parked on pavements, especially large vehicles which make it difficult for pedestrians to use the pavements safely.

School Crossing Patrol at All Saints School

This post had not yet been filled but it was understood that some interest had been expressed in the post.

Road Traffic Signs – Old Wrexham Road

This item was ongoing.

Casual Vacancy for the Marford-Hoseley Ward

The official notice had been received from the Electoral Officer and would be displayed in the Notice Boards and on the Website.

494 REPORTS

Wrexham County Borough Council

Councillors Bailey and Edwards reported on the Budget, Groves School, new Police Station for Wrexham Town Centre and a Scrutiny Committee would be looking at the new Legislation for Dog Fouling.

Maes-y-Pant

Councillor M Edwards reported that fundraising was proceeding although there was a need for better public relations in this regard.

IMAGE

The new benches had been installed and the work would be completed shortly, weather permitting.

Gresford Trust

A Finance Committee of the Trust was considering a 10 year plan and the CCTV system was to be upgraded.

One Voice Wales, Area Committee

The Area Committee met recently and were pleased to note that there was no reduction in the number of PCSO`s in its area.

495 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

Details of Planning Applications received from the Head of Community Wellbeing and Development were available and dealt with as follows:

P/2016/0007 – Single-Storey Garage Extension to rear and New Front Porch, 25 Hollyfield, Gresford - **No comments**

P/2016/0025 - Application For Non-Material Amendment To Planning Permission P/2014/0813 To Amend Position Of Entrance And Atm, Land adjacent to Red Lion Public House, Marford - **No comments**

P/2016/0038 - T1 Copper Beech Tree - Crown Clean, Prune Secondary Branches Only To Provide 3 M Clearance From Adjacent Magnolia, Remove Back To Source 5 No Diagonal Primary Branches Over Neighbours Garden, Primary Diagonal Branch Over Neighbours Garden - Reduce By 2M , Holly Cottage, Marford Hill, Marford - **No comments**

P/2016/0051 – Single Storey Side Extension, 24 Meadows View, Marford - **No comments**

P/2016/0067 – Various works to Trees in Marford Wood (Trees protected by TPO WCBC No 83) Marford Wood west of Woodlands Road and Woodridge Avenue and South From Beech Lane to Turnpike Lane, Marford - **No comments, provided the views of the Council`s Arboricultural Officer were considered.**

496 FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Scottishpower – Quarterly Electricity Supply	£860.75
Mr C A Route – Grounds Maintenance	£170.00
Cemetery Maintenance	£375.00
Wrexham County Borough Council – Street Lighting	£2174.05
One Voice Wales – Annual Membership	£739.00
Mr S Pugh – Grave Making	£320.00
Encore Office Systems – Photocopying charge	£39.60
Dee Valley Water Services- Supply to Cemetery	£11.39
Bibby Factors North West Ltd – Grounds Maintenance	£59.53
Mrs M Jones - Salary	NJC rates
Maurice Paddock - Salary	NJC rates
HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE rates

497 CHAIRMAN`S COMMENTS

The Chairman advised the meeting of his intention to resign as a Councillor in May 2016 at the conclusion of his year of Office as Chairman of the Community Council.

498 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Ordinary Meeting would be held at Gresford Methodist Church on Thursday, 3rd March 2016 at 7.15 pm.

**COUNCILLOR M PERRY
CHAIRMAN**

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