

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2011

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs J Dutton, M Harriman and J L Jones, Mrs S Layhe Mrs J MacDonald, M Pritchard and R H Willis

PCSO 2850 Scott Noble and PCSO 2863 Jason Knowles were in attendance

Absences

Apologies received from Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, M J Edwards, C Hollway, M Hughes Mrs M Lightwood and Mrs H Whittaker were received and accepted.

241 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th and 20th January 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

242 POLICE REPORT

Crime statistics were received, circulated and discussed. PCSO Noble referred to the Police Authority's policy of rotating PCSO and introduced PCSO 2863 Jason Knowles who would be working in Gresford from time to time as replacement for PCSO Noble.

243 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

244 VARIATION OF AGENDA

In accordance with Standing Order 16 it was resolved that the order of business be varied on the grounds of urgency.

245 TEMPS OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB, MARFORD

(Councillors J L Jones declared personal non pecuniary interest in this matter and left the room took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon)

Councillor R H Willis was appointed Presiding Chairman for this item

Representatives of the Club were present and up dated the Council on the efforts they were making to meet the Council's requirements for the loan. They answered the many questions of the members.

In order that there would be no delay on the council's part when the club was ready to receive the cheque, the Council agreed to have an item on the agenda each month to consider making the loan of £50,000 to the Club.

Councillor Jones resumed chairmanship of the meeting.

246 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Allington Park and Marford Play Areas

It was noted that the meeting with the Council's preferred contractor would take place on Thursday 24th February at 5.00 pm at Gresford Memorial Hall.

Reinstatement of Footpath, boundary fence and gate at Woodlands Road

A reply was received from the Chief Executive. Members expressed their disappointment at the tone of the reply.

Accordingly, the Council resolved to seek the help of the Leader of Wrexham Council to resolve this intolerable situation. The Clerk of the Council was instructed to make the representations.

Zebra Crossing, Chester Road, Marford

A reply was received from Network Policy & Road Safety Manager of Wrexham Council.

It was resolved to seek a meeting on site with the appropriate Officers of Wrexham Council and the police with a view to installing an acceptable form of hazard warning signs at the on the approaches to the zebra crossing.

Cycle Parking Facilities

A reply was received and noted from Network Policy & Road Safety Manager of Wrexham Council.

Youth Councils

This matter had now been discussed by the Wrexham Town and Community Councils Forum and would be raised with One Voice Wales.

Oak Tree at the Junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane

The meeting with the Area manager of Wales and the West Utility Services was to be held on site on Wednesday, 9th February at 11.00 am.

BT Red Kiosk Adoption Scheme

Any transaction with BT to purchase one of these red kiosks contained an agreement that if the purchaser proposed to sell the kiosk to a third party the kiosk must be offered back to BT in the first instance. The position was noted.

245 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – ALTERNATIVE SITES ALLOCATION:

This item had initially been included on the agenda at the request of Councillor Andrew Bailey. Subsequently a letter received from the Chief Planning Officer inviting representations on the new sites allocations suggested during the consultation period on the draft LDP in 2010. Full details were available on Wrexham Council's web site.

Members commented on the sites as follows and the Clerk was authorized to complete the appropriate forms on the web site, namely:-

3LDPAS (7049) - Land at Vicarage Lane, Gresford - Residential or Extra Care 0.8 25

Rural Aspect

Loss of valuable agricultural land

Extra traffic would be generated along this inadequate country Lane

GR06LDPAS (7049) - Vicarage Lane South, Gresford – Alternative Site for Residential / Extra Care 2.8 26

Rural Aspect

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Extra traffic would be generated along this inadequate country Lane

GR09UDPAS (7033)Trewythan Hall Vicarage Lane Gresford, Alternative Site for Extra Care Homes 1.8 26

Valuable mature trees would be removed

Park land close to residential land

No Footpaths

GR11LDPAS - (7095) - South of Kathen Court, Gresford, Alternative Site for Residential 0.6 27

Previous objections to the inclusion of this site were upheld by Inspectors of the Planning Directorate

GR24LDPAS - (7051) Builders Yard, Old Wrexham Road, Gresford, Alternative Site for Residential 0.15 27

No observations

The adjoining allotment holders have a right of way over this site and this right should be protected

GR31LDPAS - (7051) Caravan Site, Old Wrexham Road, Gresford, Alternative Site Residential 0.6 28

GR32LDPAS - (7051) Bryn y Groes Hall, Chester Road, Gresford, Alternative Site for Residential 2.8 28

This site is already included

GR33LDPAS – (7004)1 Green Pastures Gresford, Alternative Site for Residential 0.41 29

No observations

GR41AS - (841)Pikey Lane Gresford – Inclusion of land within settlement limit and exclude from green barrier for use as Paddock 0.61 59

Should be retained as rural area

GR40EX - (1774) Rear of Marford Hall Farm, Marford, Exclusion of land from settlement limit for Green Barrier 0.29 70

Support this proposal

WR43AS – Former ROC Borrass Road, Borrass Head, Alternative Site for Residential

No observations

247 VACATION OF OFFICE BY FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS:

The Clerk of the Council reminded members that Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) provided that if a member of a local authority failed throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he /she shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.

Councillor Hollway requested leave of absence from meetings for the past few months due to personal reasons.

After due consideration the Council did not consider that these reasons were appropriate to justify absence for six months and therefore Councillor Hollway's requested was not approved.

248 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applications for financial assistance were dealt with as follows

The Council **resolved** to make grants to the following organisations in the amounts shown, respectively, viz:-

Radio Maelor	£50.00
Nightingale House Hospice	£300.00
Wrexham Reuse Centre	£100.00
Shelter Cymru	£50.00
Darland High School	£100.00
British Red Cross Wales Area	£50.00
North Wales Deaf Association	£50.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£100.00
Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod	£100.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£150.00
Home Start County Borough of Wrexham	£150.00
N W Assoc for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus	£50.00
National Eisteddfod of Wales, Wrexham,	£300.00
Crossroads Care North Wales	£100.00
Yale College Challenge (Emily Price)	£30.00

The applications from the undermentioned were noted

- Hafan Cymru
- NSPCC's childline Services
- Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
- Friends of Chirk Community Hospital
- Children's' therapy Centre Wales
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru 2011 Swansea
- Victim support Cymru
- St Christopher's School Dreams and Teams
- The royal British Legion 90th birthday Celebrations
- Kidney foundation Wales

The applications from the undermentioned were Deferred until after a meeting was held with
Gresford Trust

- Gresford village Bowling club
- Gresford Constitutional Club-Snooker Club
- Gresford Cricket Club
- Gresford Athletic Football Club

249 REPORTS

Councillors A Bailey and M Harriman

Reports were given regarding the meeting on 17th January 2011 of Wrexham Community and Town Councils Forum/

250 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2011/0039 – Erection of single storey dwelling, single garage and utility room and construction of new access, land adjoining 5 Lakeside Close, Gresford – ***The Community Council had the following observations to make on this application***

- ***There appeared to be insufficient land for the proposal and its approval would lead to overcrowding in this area***
- ***The development would be serviced by an unadopted road which was presently heavily used and as there were no pavements this would increase the potential danger to children who play in the area and pedestrians visiting the lake and other nearby leisure facilities***
- ***The Proposed “Safe Route to Schools” was recently dropped by Wrexham County Borough Council owing to the lack of pavements.***

251 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Gresford Trust, Supply of rock salt	£240.70
Wrexham Council, Quarterly maintenance and repair of lights	£1,604.59
Scottishpower, Quarterly Unmetered supplies	£842.30
Ellison Marketing, Web Site Domain name for two years	£58.75
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work	£545.00
Mr S A Pugh, Grave making	£75.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary and sundries	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates

252 CORRESPONDENCE

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

MBNA Chester Marathon, Sunday, 9th October 2011

The Voice – Latest edition from One Voice Wales

Play for Wales – Winter edition from Playwales

AVOW Newsletter

Buckingham Palace Garden Party, Tuesday, 12th July 2011 - ***The Council resolved to nominate Councillor and Mrs M Hughes***

Wrexham Area Civic Society Newsletter No 12 January 2011

Chairman of Gresford Trust – ***The Council resolved to representatives of the Trust to make a short presentation at the earliest convenient meeting.***

Funding of Footway Lighting – Letter from Wrexham Council’s Chief Environment Officer

Wrexham Town and Community Councils forum – Next meeting on 29th March and items of business required by 28th February.

Notice of Penalty Determination – The Clerk of the Council reported that the Community Council had been served with this notice for the alleged failure of the Clerk to submit the Employers Annual Return electronically by 19th May 2010 and gave a full explanation of the circumstances. Members gave advice on what to do next. It was noted that an appeal had been lodged and the outcome was awaited.

Wales Regional Conference of the Clwyd and Gwynedd Branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks, Venue Cymru, Llandudno, 18th March 2011 - ***The Council resolved that the Clerk of the Council be authorized to attend.***

253 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Marford Community Centre on Tuesday 1st March 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR J L JONES,
CHAIRMAN**

Presiding Chairman.....

Date.....