

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 6th FEBRUARY 2014**

Members Present

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J D Dutton, M J Edwards, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, G Peake, M Perry, M L Roberts and Mrs B Watson.

Apologies

Councillor M Harriman

In Attendance

PCSO 2118 Wendy Harris

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. Councillors A Bailey, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, Mrs J Holmes, M Perry, and Mrs J MacDonald indicated their intention to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests at the appropriate time and would rely on the terms of the dispensation granted by the Standards Committee and the Code of Practice to remain in the meeting to discuss the issues.

226 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2014 were received and amended by the addition of Mrs B Watson to the members present and the financial assistance for Gresford Recreation/Snooker Club was amended to £500. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

227 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

228 DRILLING OF EXPLORATION BORE HOLES AT COMMONWOOD FARM, HOLT (P/2013/0660)

The Planning Assistant, Martha Savage was present and after outlining the situation with this application, answered questions from members.

The Officer was thanked for her attendance and the position was noted.

229 POLICE REPORT

Crime statistics for January 2014 were circulated and discussed.

The Community Council's priorities and those of the Police were agreed for the next quarter. The Community Council was also reminded that every month a Satisfaction Questionnaire should be completed in respect of each PCSO representing Wards and submitted to the Police. The completion of the Questionnaire was delegated to the Chairman and Clerk of the Council unless there were any adverse comments.

230 MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Marford Community Centre

No report had been received since the last meeting.

Youth Provision

The Environmental Impact Assessment had been received and circulated by Councillor Mrs B Watson, as Secretary of IMAGE and she would follow up various issues that she had with the EIA. Other members who may have concerns should refer them to Councillor Watson.

It was noted that the Annual Report from the Detached Youth Workers had not yet been received.

Village Improvements

IMAGE was now arranging with the Contractor for the work to be started and completed by the required dates.

Community Council Website

Councillor Cleaver reported that 1,990 unique visits were made to the site since our last meeting.

It was resolved that the Welsh Government Grant of £500 be used for Welsh translation of the static pages, renewal of the domain name for nine years and Weebly costs to 2017.

Stones at the Lakeside

Discussions were ongoing.

Report of the Play Area Sub-Committee

The replacement of a suitable tree and pruning of trees at Allington Park had been investigated by the Sub-Committee. ***The Council resolved that Councillor Mrs J Dutton and the Clerk of the Community Council should pursue the purchase of a Jack Monte Silver Birch together with stakes and protection for the young tree from Dingle Nurseries and Gardens of Welshpool. The lowest quote for pruning the trees, already agreed, was accepted from treesrus of Wrexham.***

231 NOTICE BOARDS

This item had been included on the Agenda by Councillor Mrs B Watson, who reported that condensation and damp were present inside the notice boards.

It was noted that the Manufacturers had investigated the matter and renewed the silicone gel bags in each of the boards and the bags should not be removed. The three remaining replacement panels had also been installed earlier today.

232 REPORTS

Councillor Bailey reported on the Public Meeting regarding the closure of Gresford Library, which had been well attended. It was agreed this would be considered at the next meeting and to seek an extension for the Library Service in Gresford to give the Working Party an opportunity to agree a case for the future of the Service. Councillor Bailey also reported on the publication of the Williams Report.

Councillor M J Edwards reported on the Welsh Government's Partnership Council and that their guidance was to be given statutory authority. It was also reported that Friends of Maes y Pant were holding a Coffee Morning and Book Sale on 15th February 2014.

Councillor Mrs J Holmes reported that Gresford Trust was arranging a Festival to be held in August 2014 to commemorate the establishment of the Memorial Hall and the outbreak of the First World War, and helpers for this festival were urgently required.

233 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/2013/0871 (Councillors A Bailey, M J Edwards and Mrs J MacDonald declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application, as School Governors or spouse of Governor) – Retention and continued use of Mobile Classrooms (previously granted under Code No P/2010/1022) at All Saints School, School Lane, Gresford – **No comments.**

P/2014/0006 (Councillor Mrs J Dutton declared a person interest in this application) – Alterations to existing garage with an attached Utility and Garage, 19 Yew Tree Court, Gresford – **No comments.**

P/2014/0009 – Erection of building to the rear of existing Barn Conversion for joint use as part residential and part storage of tools and equipment for the Fisheries (in retrospect) Walnut Tree Farm, Borrás Road, Borrás – **No comments.**

P/2014/0044 – (Councillors A Bailey and M J Edwards declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application, as Directors of MYPAG) - Removal of Six Silver Birch Trees protected by Marford Conservation Area, The Dormers, Springfield lane, Marford. – ***The Council was content with the proposal provided that Wrexham Council's Arboricultural Officer raised no objections.***

P/2014/0048 – Single Storey Rear Extension to form Bedroom/Ensuite, 3 Hollyfield, Pant Lane, Gresford – **No comments were made.**

P2014/0057 – Erection of Replacement Dwelling (For the Coach House) The Coach House Glasfryn, The Green, Gresford (Councillor M J Edwards declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application) - **No comments.**

P/2014/0059 (Councillors A Bailey and M J Edwards declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application, as Directors of MYPAG) – Prune Back upper branch growing over greenhouse by 2 meters and lower branch over greenhouse by 3 meters from 1 Corsican Pine protected by TPO WCBC No 1 1996, rear of 6 Whiteway Drive, Gresford – **No comments were made.**

Demolition of existing Retail and Residential Dwelling and Erection of Two-Storey Bar and Restaurant Unit with Two-Bedroom Flats on Third Floor, 7 Chester Road, Gresford (P/2012/0350) (Councillors A Bailey and M J Edwards declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application) – ***The issues would be pursued with the Enforcement Officers.***

234 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applications for financial assistance were dealt with as follows:

(Members declared interests during consideration of the following applications)

The Council resolved to make grants to the following organisations in the amounts shown respectively, namely:

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| <i>Home Start County Borough of Wrexham</i> (Councillor A Bailey declared personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application) | <i>£100.00</i> |
| <i>Wales Air Ambulance</i> | <i>£100.00</i> |
| <i>Marie Curie Nurses</i> | <i>£150.00</i> |
| <i>Family and Friends from 5`s to 11`s</i> (Councillor A Bailey declared personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application) | <i>£60.00</i> |
| <i>Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod</i> | <i>£100.00</i> |
| <i>North Wales Deaf Association</i> | <i>£50.00</i> |
| <i>Macmillan Cancer Support</i> | <i>£150.00</i> |
| <i>Nightingale House Hospice</i> | <i>£300.00</i> |
| <i>Gresford Retirement Club</i> | <i>£100.00</i> |
| <i>Gresford Cricket Club</i> (Councillor M Perry declared personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application) | <i>£500.00</i> |

Gresford Trust - (Councillors Mrs J Dutton and Mrs J Holmes declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application) ***to act as an independent third party contributor in support of their application to carry out refurbishment work at the Memorial Hall up to a maximum of 11% (£2,200.00) of the estimated total cost of the work of £20,000.***

Marford Community Centre - (Councillor M J Edwards declared personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application) - ***A loan of £6,000 in respect of the installation of new windows, insulation and lighting provided that the Management Committee enter into an agreement with the Community Council under the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.***

235 RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

The Council approved the Risk Assessment and Management Strategy for 2014-2015.

236 INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The Council approved the Internal Financial Controls for 2014-2015.

237 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Strategy prepared on the advice of the Welsh Government was approved for the 2014-2015 Financial Year.

238 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment:

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| Mr C A Route, Grounds Maintenance and Cemetery work | £545.00 |
| Mr Steve Pugh – Grave Making | £75.00 |

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| IMAGE – Financial Assistance | £2,810.52 |
| Dee Valley – Water Services | £13.26 |
| Wrexham CBC – Quarterly Maintenance | £1,150.36 |
| Wrexham CBC – Repairs to Street Lights | £2,322.66 |
| Mrs M Jones, Salary | NJC rates |
| Maurice Paddock, Salary | NJC rates |
| HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax | PAYE rates |
| Gresford Snooker Club – Financial Assistance | £500.00 |

239 CORRESPONDENCE

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

One Voice Wales – Newsletter

Mayor`s Charity Dinner – 28th February 2014

Training Courses for Councillors and Clerk of the Council

One Voice Wales – Mold 4th June and Bangor Isycoed 9th June 2014 – Councillor Mrs S Cleaver

SLCC – Health, Safety and Wellbeing – Ewloe 26th March 2014 – Clerk of the Council

Installation of 6m Column with Lantern/Lamp and Cabling - £511.71: New mains service to column (Schneider Electric) - £1,485 plus VAT at Pistyll Hill, Marford.

An email was received from the Street Lighting Department reporting that this lighting column had been damaged by a tree falling onto it in the storm before Christmas. The email set out the cost associated with the provision of the new column – ***The Community Council resolved that every effort be made to recover these costs from the owner of the tree.***

Griffin Hill and Bottom Lane/Springfield Lane

A reply was received from the Network and Infrastructure Manager and Councillors Dutton and Roberts agreed to monitor the activity of HGVs using Clapper Lane and Griffin Hill.

240 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 6th March 2014 at 7.15 p.m. at Gresford Memorial Hall.

**COUNCILLOR MRS J MACDONALD
CHAIRMAN**

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