

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 5TH JANUARY 2012

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, A B Edginton, M J Edwards, M Harriman, M Hughes, J L Jones, Mrs S Layhe and Mrs J MacDonald,

Absences

Apologies received from Councillors P M Lightwood, M Pritchard and R H Willis were accepted.

Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. Councillors A Bailey, M J Edwards and J L Jones proposed to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests.

355 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

356 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

357 POLICE REPORT

The Crime Report for December 2011 from the police was circulated.

358 BUDGET 2011 – 12

Details of the Budgets for previous years and up to 31st December 2012 were received. The Clerk submitted the draft Budget for the 2012 – 13. This was scrutinised by the Council. The list of ear-marked reserves was taken into consideration when examining the Budget.

The Council resolved:

1 To approve a Budget for 2012 -13 and the surpluses ear-marked for the future development of the cemetery, early repayment of the Public Works Loans Board's loan, improved lighting, Play Equipment and Repairs, tree at the junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane, Christmas Tree and lights;

2 To levy a precept of £71,872 for the financial year ending 31st March 2013;

3 The request for financial assistance from Wrexham CAB (Councillor J L Jones declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this letter and left the room whilst it was discussed) – ***The letter was deferred until the next meeting***

359 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:

P2011/0875 – Erection of single storey dwelling, land adjoining to the south of Baldrumma, 87 Wynnstay Lane, Marford - ***The Community Council had concerns that this proposal may result in the loss of mature trees which should be resisted; also regarding additional vehicular accesses in this area access to the site should not be onto Hudsons Hill as this Hill was deemed unsuitable for vehicular traffic by the Highway Authority many years ago.***

P/2011/0889 – Change of use of former closed quarry and woodland to public amenity area, Former Quarry and Woodland, Off Pant Lane, Gresford (Councillors A Bailey, M J Edwards and J L Jones declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application and left the room whilst it was discussed) – ***No representations***

P/2011/0898 – Conservatory to rear/side of dwelling, Stoneleigh, Pant Lane, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2011/0915 – Erection of Garden Shed, 7 Cedar Close, Marford – ***No representations***

360 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Greens'N Things, Christmas Tree	£120.00
Mr S A Pugh, Grave making	£700.00
Scottishpower, Unmetered Supplies	£649.90
Encore Office Systems, Quarterly Photocopy Charges	£46.80
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work	£545.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC Rates
Gresford Methodist Church, Financial Assistance	£500.00
Gresford Trust, Financial Assistance	£85.00
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC Rates
Postage to 31.12.11	£147.28
Sundries to 31.12.11	£152.66
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates
Society of Local Council Clerks, Membership 2012	£123.00
Mr S A Pugh, Grave making	£150.00
Digital Surveillance Wrexham, Camera with video recorder and laptop	£3,751.00

361 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Marford Community Centre on Thursday, 2nd February 2012 at 7.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR M HUGHES,
CHAIRMAN**

Presiding Chairman.....

Date.....