

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 3rd JULY 2014**

Members Present

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

Apologies

Councillor M L Roberts

In Attendance

PCSO Lisa Davies and colleague

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 Holmes and Mrs J Dutton indicated their intentions to declare personal and/or prejudicial interest at the appropriate time.

294 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2014 were received, approved and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

295 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was present but did not wish to address the Council.

296 POLICE REPORT

Crime statistics for June 2014 were circulated, discussed and questions answered. Arising from the observations of members regarding parking in Wynnstay Lane and other areas of the Community, it was decided that members should walk around the Community in September and be accompanied by a Traffic Engineer from Wrexham County Borough Council. It was also agreed to write to the Highway Authority and ask them to extend the present length of the 30 mph restriction on Marford Hill to a point beyond the existing pedestrian crossing.

297 MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Youth Services

Members were of the opinion that the new model was not working satisfactorily.

Marford Community Centre

The documents had been received by both sides in preparation for the new management. The AGM was due to be held on Tuesday, 8th July 2014.

Gresford & District Community Library

It was reported that the number of users was increasing. The Community Council also received an invitation to attend the Grand Garden Party at Glasfryn, Gresford on Saturday, 19th July 2014 from 3.00 – 6.00 pm.

Community Council Website

Councillor Cleaver reported that there had been 2,862 unique visits to the site since the last meeting. The position was noted. There was also a link to twitter with 38 followers to date.

7 Chester Road, Gresford

Members discussed the state of this site and it was reported that a domestic settee was stored there. Also, that a lady had fallen in a hole immediately adjoining the site.

Financial Assistance for Gresford Festival Committee

(Councillors M Perry, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs J Dutton and Mrs B Blackmore declared their interests in this application and left the meeting whilst it was discussed) ***The Council resolved to make a contribution of £200 to the committee towards the cost of the banner advertising the event. It was also agreed to share a table with Gresford Trust.***

One Voice Wales Training – Mold 17th July 2014

Councillor A Bailey agreed to attend this course on `Making Effective Grant Applications`.

Play Areas Sub-Committee

The report of the meeting held on 24th June 2014 was received and adopted.

Cemetery Sub-Committee

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on Wednesday, 9th July 2014 at 4.00 p.m.

Street Lighting Column at Pistyll Hill, Marford

It was reported that consequent upon the reply from Wrexham, the Clerk of the Council had written to the owner of the tree requesting a contribution.

After discussion it was resolved to ask Wrexham for a more detailed breakdown of the cost.

Tendering Sub-Committee

It was resolved that the Chairman of the Community Council together with Councillors Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J MacDonald, M Perry and Mrs B Watson be appointed on this sub-committee and that a meeting should be held on 4th September 2014 at 6.00 pm, if a room was available at the Memorial Hall and that the attendance of the Clerk of the Council was not required.

298 REPORTS

Arising from the observations of members regarding the usefulness of written reports, the point was voted upon and it was decided to remain with verbal reports.

Councillor Bailey reported on the document being considered by Wrexham entitled `Together in Wrexham`.

Councillor M J Edwards expressed his disappointment at the Planning Inspectors decision to grant the appeal for the development of the Red Lion Public House site without adding conditions.

Councillor Mrs J Holmes reported that Gresford Trust still required three Village Trustees; that further meetings of the Festival Committee had taken place and arrangements were in hand to advertise the event.

Councillor M Harriman was of the opinion that the Community Council should reconsider issuing a free News Letter throughout the Community. After discussion, it was agreed that more information should be reported upon in `Essentials`. Arising from this, it was decided that a letter should be sent to Mrs Val Shields to recognise the work done to arrange Craft Festivals at the Church.

Councillor S Cleaver reported that Image's grant application in connection with the Village Improvements had been unsuccessful; that a village `tidy up` had been held and more were planned; work had not yet started on the Drinking Fountain but Councillors Cleaver and Watson would follow this up.

299 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/2014/0 P/2014/0371 – Two storey side extension including dormer window to front and rear and minor modifications, 21 Nayland Avenue, Gresford
- No Observations

P/2014/0383 – Single-storey extension with balcony, 68 Wynnstay Lane, Marford
The Planning Officer should be asked to ensure that there was no visual intrusion of neighbouring property

P/2014/0386 – Refurbishment and extension of existing office building to provide 5 No. Offices (Class A2 use), Land adjacent to Ashgrove Nursing Home, Chester Road, Gresford – ***As this appeared to amount to extra office accommodation with additional traffic visiting the site, the Planning Officers should be asked to obtain a traffic impact study***

P/2014/0422 – Conversion of existing garage with extension over and two storey rear extension, 71 Wynnstay Lane Marford - **No Observations**

P/2014/0094 – Appeal against Wrexham's refusal to grant Outline Application to erect single detached dwelling, Fairfield Farm, Barkers Lane, Borrass – Any further representation must be made before 14th July to The Planning Inspectorate – To view the appeal documents go to www.planningportal.gov.uk - **No Observations**

P/2014/0462 – Erection of Two Storey Dwelling, Plot 11 Quarry Brow, Gresford- **No Observations**

P/2014/0475 - Display of Advertisements, Trevor Arms. Marford Hill, Marford - **No Observations**

300 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment:

Mr C A Route, Grounds Maintenance and Cemetery work	£545.00
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