

DRAFT IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2012

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

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman, G Peake, M Perry and Mrs B Watson.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors M J Edwards and M Perry gave notice of their intention to make declarations of interest if necessary at the appropriate time.

In Attendance

PCSO 3037 Daniel George.

Apologies

Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs J MacDonald Mrs M Lightwood and M Pritchard and PCSO 2118 Wendy Harris.

28 PRESIDING CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Dutton was appointed to preside over the meeting.

29 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

30 POLICE REPORT

The Crime Report for June 2012 was circulated and discussed together with other matters of concern.

31 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

32 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Filling of vacancies – Co-option of Members

Details of Mrs S Cleaver who had indicated her interest in being co-opted onto the Community Council were received.

The Council resolved to co-opt Mrs Susan K Cleaver onto the Community Council for the Gresford West Ward. One vacancy for the Marford & Hoseley Ward remained to be filled.

Speeding on Marford Hill and near Colliers Park, Chester Road

A reply was received from Wrexham Council indicating that Wrexham Council was undertaking a review of speed limits and should changes be needed they would be implement. The B5445 Chester Road was currently in year two of the 5 year programme.

In view of the number of accidents, visibility issues and poor quality of the road surface near Ashgrove and Ashleigh Court Nursing Homes the Council resolved to press for the review to be brought forward and for the road signs to be reviewed.

Appointment of Sub-Committees

Sub-Committees were appointed and filled as follows:

Cemetery Sub-Committee Councillors A C Bailey, B Blackmore, M Harriman, M Perry and M Pritchard

Play Areas Sub-Committee Councillors A C Bailey, J Dutton, M J Edwards, J Macdonald M Pritchard and B Watson.

Lighting Sub-Committee Councillors J Dutton, M J Edwards, M Lightwood, and G Peake

Risk Assessment Sub-Committee Councillors A Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, J Dutton, M Perry and M Pritchard

Marford Community Centre Sub-Committee

Councillors A Bailey, J MacDonald and B Watson (With power to co-opt)

In view of the difficulties of finding a date convenient to most members the Clerk was instructed to consult further with the Cemetery Assistant on a suitable date for the meeting.

Heating System, All Saints Church (Application for financial assistance outstanding) (Councillor M J Edwards declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application and left the room whilst it was discussed). The Council agreed that this item should be removed from the agenda.

101 Telephone Service

The Clerk of the Council reported that One Voice Wales were aware that there had been some problems in South West Wales with this Service. Also that the visit to the Call Centre in St Asaph could take place on 18th or 20th July or during the week 23rd to 27th July during the day time.

The Council decided to defer further consideration of the visit until the meeting in September.

Village Improvements

It was noted that the presentation could not be made at this meeting and therefore it was deferred until the meeting in September.

Oak Tree at the Junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane

An alternative sketch showing a bell at an angle with a sweeping curve behind it was received from Mr Simon O'Rourke. The idea was that the bell was ringing in or heralding the future, a combination of the Gresford heritage and looking to the future.

The Council approved the design subject to the addition of the words "Croeso/Welcome" and the approval of the Highways and or Planning Departments.

Swings for children with Special Needs

Councillor M Perry declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application and left the room whilst it was discussed). An e-mail was received from the Chief Parks Officer of Wrexham Council indicating that a suitable swing could be put into the play area at Newtown at an estimated cost in the region of £3,000.00.

The Council decided to defer further consideration until the meeting in September.

Application for Financial Assistance

An application was received from Marford & Gresford Albion towards the cost of undertaking earthquake de-compacting, weed & feed and seeding the goal mouth areas of the High Street pitches.

The Council resolved to make a grant in the sum of £500.00, subject to scrutiny of the Club's audited Accounts for the most recent accounting period.

33 REPORTS

Councillor A C Bailey reported that road works were programmed for Winchester Way and Anfield Park; that the improved Industrial Estate Road would be opened soon and that the in-take figures for Darland School were encouraging.

Councillor M J Edwards reported on that those eligible to vote should be encouraged to register in time for the forthcoming election of Police & Crime Commissioner; and that e-books were available to borrow from the libraries free of charge.

Councillor Mrs J Dutton reported that allotments were available for hire in Holt.

34 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of a planning application received from the Head of Community Well-being and Development was available for Members and dealt with as follows:

P/2012/046 – Single-storey Extension to Rear of Property (Alterations to scheme previously granted under Code No P/2012/0127) (In retrospect), 14 Orchard View, Gresford. - **No representations.**

35 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Mrs J Dutton, Retirement Cards & postage	£11.00
Scottish Power plc, Unmetered supplies	£622.91
Mr C A Route, Grounds Maintenance and Cemetery Work	£1,090.00
Mr Steve Pugh, Grave Making	£675.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates
One Voice Wales, Conference Delegate Fees	£65.00

36 CORRESPONDENCE

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

One Voice Wales 2012 Conference & AGM – Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion – 13th October 2012 - ***Councillor M Harriman was appointed to attend.***

AGM Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham, Brymbo Sports Complex, Tanyfron, 20th July 2012 – ***Councillor Mrs B Watson was appointed to attend.***

37 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Marford Community Centre on Thursday 6th September 2012 at 7.15 p.m. It was also agreed provisionally that there would be a meeting on 2nd August at Marford Community Centre to consider planning application which may be received.

**COUNCILLOR MRS J DUTTON
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN**

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Date.....

