

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD  
MEMORIAL HALL ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2011**

**Members Present**

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, M J Edwards, M Hughes, Mrs J MacDonald, and M Pritchard.

was also in attendance

**Apology for Absence**

Apologies received from Councillors Mrs J Dutton, M Harriman, J L Jones, Mrs M Lightwood and PCSO Wendy Harris were accepted.

**Declarations of Interest**

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. None were declared.

**297 POLICE REPORT**

Crime statistics and other matters of concern were discussed, including behaviour of young people at the Skatepark. It was noted that efforts were being made to meet the older students at Darland School to discuss the reasons for the behaviour. It would also be raised at the next PACT meeting.

**298 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public were present and spoke about the issues of the lake.

**299 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), Councillor Hughes signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**200 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

**The Lake in High Street**

Arising from the minutes of the last meeting it was noted that the Bangor office of the CCW had no guidance but if the Council put together a management plan they would give their observations. The Clerk had also met Wrexham CBC's Biodiversity Officer, Emma Broad who had dealt with a similar situation at Acton Park and who was prepared to come to a meeting, if invited. From her cursory examination of the area she did not think that there was too much to worry about except she considered that the lake was too small to support such a large number of male ducks. The RSPB at Bangor only advised not to cut or disturb hedges during the nesting season, March to September.

A local resident, Mrs Denise Nicholls was prepared to become involved and IMAGE was also taking up the matter to see what they could do to help.

The Community Council was delighted with the efforts of the local residents to tidy up the area and plant bushes to encourage wildlife and expressed the hope that this would continue.

**Gresford Village Bowling Club**

It was noted that the work totalling £6,240 to which the Community Council had made a financial contribution was due to be completed this week.

**Gresford Cricket Club**

A letter of thanks for the financial contribution had also been received from the Club.

### **Allington Park and Marford Play Areas**

Following a review of the progress with the two play areas **it was resolved**

***To authorise part payment in the sum of £36,000, including VAT in respect of work carried out to date at Marford***

***To authorize the Clerk of the Council to use the services of Sparkle Services to water the freshly laid turf at Marford, as required by the prevailing weather conditions; and***

***To involve the press and members in the arrangements for the Official Opening.***

### **TEMPS Out of School Club,**

The matter was ongoing

### **Youth Councils**

The matter was ongoing

### **Oak Tree at the Junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane**

The matter was ongoing

### **Vacancy for Community Councillor for the Gresford East Ward**

Three letters had been received from local residents wishing to be considered for co-option onto the Community Council. The letters were circulated to the members for consideration.

***It was resolved to co-opt Mr A B Edginton, Carthagena Farm, Vicarage Lane, Gresford onto the Community Council.***

### **Vacancy for Community Councillor Marford/Hoseley Ward of the Community of Gresford**

Statutory notices giving the electors of the community/community ward 14 days to write to the Returning Officer requesting an election to fill the vacancy had expired on 27th May 2011. No such request had been received and therefore the Community Council may fill the vacancy by co-option. It was noted that as Councillor Mrs Layhe's letter of resignation had not been received by the Chairman of the Council in accordance with Section 84 it was not valid.

***It was agreed that notices be displayed inviting local residents who were interested in becoming Community Councillors to submit CVs to the Clerk by 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011.***

### **HM Revenue & Customs - Amended Penalty Determination**

The Council noted that the appeal against the Penalty Notice dated 25<sup>th</sup> March had now resulted in the penalty being adjusted. The amount of penalty was £0.00

### **201 REPORTS**

**Councillor M J Edwards** reported on charges for the use of outdoor facilities, the new museum and sports grants.

**Councillor Mrs Beryl Blackmore** reported on comments in the press regarding the condition of Winchester Way and the proposed parking charges in Wrexham Town Centre.

**Councillor A Bailey** reported on Trust matters, the next meeting of IMAGE on 20<sup>th</sup> June and solar heating.

## 202 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2011/0338 – Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of new single storey extension, 38 Meadows View, Marford – **No representations**

P/2011/0359 - Side extensions to dwelling, 21 Hillock Lane, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2011/0361 – Two storey side extension above garage, single storey rear extension and widen garage, 12 Sandrock Road, Marford – **No representations**

## 203 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment:-

Ray Parry Playground Services, Part payment for new play area at Marford	£36,000.00
Specialist Tree Care Ltd, Crown raise trees at Marford Play Area	£144.00
Scottishpower plc, Unmetered Supplies	£1,134.38
P & W Maintenance Ltd., Grounds Maintenance	£59.53
Wrexham County Borough Council	
Trade Refuse Charges at the cemetery**	£742.00
Contribution to Gresford Play Project	£1,000.00
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management, Replacement cheque	£90.00
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work, April 2010	£545.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary and refund of keys	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates
Mr Steve Pugh, Grave Making	£250.00
AVOW, Membership 2011-2012	£15.00

\*\*The question of Trade Refuse Charges was referred to the Cemetery Sub-Committee

## 204 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Mayor's Civic Visit to St Giles Parish Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011– The Chairman proposed to attend

Best Kept Village/Urban Community Award 2011/2012: Letter from Wrexham Council's Divisional Manager, Environment and Project Development

Notice and Advertisement of the Annual Audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 – Letter from UHY Hacker Young requiring the return by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 and the Internal Audit will take place during the period 20<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The Statement of Accounts was approved for onward transmission to the Internal Auditor.

## 205, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Council confirmed the date for the next meeting at Marford Community Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.15 p.m. and that there would be a meeting to consider planning issues during the August recess on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August (The venue to be notified later)

## COUNCILLOR M HUGHES, CHAIRMAN

.....Presiding Chairman

.....Date