

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT  
GRESFORD METHODIST CHURCH ON 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2016**

**Members Present**

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, G Frank-Keyes, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, M Perry, M L Roberts and Mrs B Watson

**In Attendance**

PCSO Lisa Davies

**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.

**499 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**500 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

**501 POLICE REPORT**

Crime statistics for February were received and members concerns regarding dog walkers, on-street parking in Old Wrexham Road, near the shops in Chester Road and near the Red Lion, Marford were discussed with the Officer.

**502 ONGOING MATTERS**

**Allotments**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jerry O`Keeffe a representative of Gresford Allotments Association to the meeting. Mr O`Keeffe gave a full report on the history of Gresford Allotments and on the present position regarding proposals by the University of Wales to sell off its land holding in Wales which would include Gresford Allotments.

After a thorough discussion with Mr O`Keeffe the Council ***resolved to support the Allotments Association in its bid to save the allotments for future generations of users and in this regard to make representations to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales in advance of the forthcoming meeting with the Director of Estates.***

**Co-option of Members – Vacancy for the Marford/Hoseley Ward**

The County Returning Officer had not received a request to fill the vacancy by election and therefore the Community Council must now arrange to fill the vacancy by co-option in accordance with the provisions of Section 116 – Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

***The Council resolved to give notice of the vacancy and invite persons who wished to be considered to contact the Proper Officer, Clerk of the Community Council by telephone or email by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.***

### **7 Chester Road, Gresford**

It was noted that the proceedings had been adjourned by Magistrates until 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### **Gresford & District Community Library**

The footfall at the Library remained fairly constant. The Trustees and volunteers were giving consideration to improving the Children's` Area in the forthcoming financial year.

### **Community Council's Website**

There had been 1,237 unique visits during the past month.

### **Village (Gresford) Car Parking**

The problems persisted and members continued to monitor the situation.

### **School Crossing Patrol at All Saints School**

This post had not yet been filled.

## **503 REPORTS**

### **Wrexham County Borough Council**

Councillor A Bailey reported that the street lights on the main road were scheduled to be improved; also that more and more meetings were being web cammed. Councillor M J Edwards referred to the adverse report from the Ombudsman regarding Special Education facilities in one school. A number of issues were raised with the Councillors. It was agreed to make representations to the County Borough Council regarding the style of lamp standards to be used and the Community Council should be consulted; also the conditions of the road surface in High Street, particularly at the junction of High Street and Chester Road.

### **Maes-y-Pant**

More trees would be planted on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and volunteers would be warmly welcomed.

### **Gresford Trust**

It was reported that vandalism continued to cause problems resulting in the Memorial Hall losing a number of bookings; the Trust felt that facilities for young people were falling short of modern day requirements and this was contributing to the vandalism; kitchen facilities had been upgraded and CCTV was being updated;

## **IMAGE**

New trees supplied by Keep Wales Tidy were to be planted; the tubs financed by the Community Council would be provided shortly and groups were taking part in the Clean-up for the Queen on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

## **504 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)**

Details of Planning Applications received from the Head of Community Wellbeing and Development were available and dealt with as follows:

P/2016/0095 - T1 Ash – Remove 3 No lowest lateral branches over lawn area back to source; T2 Sycamore – Coppice (protected by TP0 WCBC No 82) Birchwood, Hoseley Lane, Marford - **No comments**

P/2016/0063 – Single storey rear extension, 10 Chestnut Close, Gresford – **No comments**

P/2016/0115 – Display of 1 No Advertisement Board with Aluminium Post, former ATS Tyre Depot, Marford Hill, Marford – **The Community Council requested that this board should be removed as soon as possible after the sales have been completed.**

Section 78 Appeal – P/2015/0742 – Land adjoining and North of Carthagen Farm, Carthagen Lane, Gresford – **No further comments**

## **505 ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Strategy prepared on the advice of the Welsh Government was approved for the 2016-2017 Financial Year.

## **506 RISK ASSESSMENTS AND MANAGEMENT**

The Council approved the Risk Assessments and Management Strategy for 2016-2017.

## **507 INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS**

The Council approved the Internal Financial Controls for 2016-2017.

## **508 FINANCE**

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Scottishpower – Quarterly Electricity Supply	£858.34
Mr C A Route – Grounds Maintenance	£170.00
Cemetery Maintenance	£375.00
Mr S Pugh – Grave Making	£80.00
Williams Groundworks – Repairs to Cemetery Car Park	£4,450.00
Malcolm Lane & Sons Ltd – Notice Board at Cemetery	£2,544.00
C B Lightwood – Seats and Preparation of Area	£1,680.00
Society of Local Council Clerks – Annual Membership	£131.00
Mrs M Jones - Salary	NJC rates
Maurice Paddock - Salary	NJC rates
HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE rates
Temps Out of School Club – Grant	£1,000.00
Gresford Trust – Grant	£2,500.00
Gresford & District Community Library – Grant	£5,500.00
Maes-y-Pant Action Group – Grant	£600.00
Gresford Village Bowling Club – Grant	£1,000.00
Llangollen Eisteddfod – Grant	£100.00
Family Friends from 5-11`s – Grant	£400.00
North Wales Deaf Association – Grant	£100.00
British Red Cross, Wrexham – Grant	£50.00
Wrexham Marie Curie Group – Grant	£200.00

**509 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Wrexham Local Development Plan (2013-2028) – Preferred Strategy – responses by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Reshaping Programme 1b – Education Enrichment & Intervention – a consultation event on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Councillor Mrs B Watson agreed to attend.

**510 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Ordinary Meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.15 pm.

**COUNCILLOR M PERRY  
CHAIRMAN**

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