

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 1st APRIL 2010

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, C Hollway, M Hughes, J L Jones, Mrs S Layhe, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs H Williams and R H Willis.

Two police representatives were in attendance.

Apology for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Harriman and Mrs J MacDonald and accepted.

246 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

247 POLICE REPORT

The Council extend a welcome to WPS 1495 Dawn Samuels and PCSO 2881 Poppy Hadfield-Jones. Crime statistics and other matters of concern were discussed.

248 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

249 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Gresford Skatepark Floodlighting

Full details of the annual costs for floodlighting the Skatepark and MUGA in the estimated sum of £461.20 received from Wrexham CBC were circulated.

The Council accepted responsibility for the costs, subject to the further investigations as to where the power was metered. (Presently the power was metered from inside Gresford Scouts Hut).

250 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards reported on the work of Wrexham CBC including consultations on the LDP and Traveller Sites, staff pay negotiations in the current economic climate and access to Wrexham Industrial Estate

Councillor Mrs Beryl Blackmore reported on her duties including Youth Justice, Council housing improvements and the launch of the Luncheon Club.

Councillor A C Bailey reported that the next meeting of IMAGE was on 12th April and on this year's Garden Competition.

Councillor Mrs. J Dutton reported that the Trust had a new Office Assistant and that dog fouling was once again becoming an issue

251 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2010/0148 – Demolition of existing house and garage and erection of new replacement house and garage (substitution of House type previously granted under Code No P/2009/0033), The Croft House, Old Wrexham Road, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2010/0154 – Conservatory extension and pitched roof to dining room, 26 Meadows View, Marford – **No representations**

P/2010/0203 – Construction of horse ménage for private use, the Oaks, Park Lane, Rossett – **the Community council was concerned that this proposal should not lead to increased traffic on the narrow country lanes**

P/2010/0233 – Extension to existing groundsmans store, re-positioning of cricket nets and cage for cricket practice, Gresford Memorial Hall, Off High Street, Gresford (Councillors A Bailey and Mrs J Dutton declared personal non pecuniary interests although they had been granted dispensation by the Standards Committee) – **No representations**

P/2010/0251 – Erection of 2 dwellings, Plot 8 Quarry Brow, Gresford – **The Community Council considered that now was the time to bring the unadopted road up to adoptable standards.**

252 Finance

The following items were approved for payment

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| Family & Friends, Financial Assistance | £60.00 |
| One Voice Wales, Membership 2010 – 2011 | £533.00 |
| 1 st Gresford Scouts, Electricity to the MUGA 2007 – 2009 | £360.58 |
| Encore Office Systems, Photocopying Services February, March & April | £1360.30 |
| Wrexham County Borough Council | |
| Non domestic Business rate for cemetery | £966.26 |
| Youth work SLA 2009 – 2010 | £2,195.00 |
| Work on Skatepark Lighting | £54.25 |
| Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work, March 2010 | £545.00 |
| Ellison Marketing, 12 months Website maintenance | £705.00 |
| Mrs M Jones, Salary | NJC Rates |
| Maurice Paddock, Salary | NJC Rates |
| HM Revenue and customs, NI and Tax | PAYE Rates |

The Council also resolved that the unrepresented cheque Number 1154 in the sum of £60.00 authorized on 6th March 2008 should be written off.

253 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Review of Councillors' Allowances Regulations – ***The Council resolved that Members should e-mail their views to the Clerk of the Council who was hereby empowered to forward them to the Welsh Assembly Government***

Electronic consultation on Planning Applications - ***The Council resolved that they did not wish to be consulted on planning applications electronically. They preferred continue to receive details by post in the usual way, in accordance with their statutory rights. To move to electronic consultation would disenfranchise those Elected Representatives of the people who do not have access to the internet, either by choice or for economic reasons. Furthermore, Community Councils were corporate bodies and should make corporate decisions and not express individual views on planning applications which maybe the case if they did not meet together to come to a corporate view on applications.***

Invitation to membership of Clwyd Community Chest – ***The Council resolved to take no action***

Supporting Community Enterprise Newsletter

Invitation to Visit Wrexham Recycling Park, Bryn Lane, Saturday, 17th April 2010

254 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Having regard to the date for the forthcoming General Election ***the Council agreed that the next meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 13th May 2010 at 7.15 pm***

**COUNCILLOR R H WILLIS
CHAIRMAN**

.....Presiding Chairman

.....Date