

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT
MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 5th MARCH 2009**

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B L Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M Harriman, Mrs S Layhe, Mrs J MacDonald H Sharp and Mrs H Williams.

PCSO 2850 Scott Noble was in attendance.

Apology for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M J Edwards, J L Jones, Mrs M Lightwood, R H Willis and accepted.

114 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

After noting that Councillor J L Jones had apologised for not attending the last meeting but this was not noted in the minutes, the minutes of that meeting held on 5th February 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

115 POLICE REPORT

PS 565 Marsden was present and introduce the new Community Beat Manager for Gresford PC 2566 Nicola Gaskell to the meeting. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman welcomed PC Gaskell and wished well in her new role.

Matters of concern were discussed.

116 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Member of the public was present and referred to the dangerous conditions of the road and pavements in Winchester Way. The residents had made numerous complaints to the Highway Department over many, many months.

It was resolved that these complaints be brought to the attention of the Chief Transportation Officer and that he be asked to carry out urgent remedial repairs.

**117 PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PHASE 1 –
GRESFORD SHOPS**

Christine Bowyer, Environmental Projects Manager and Jeannie Sherwood, Environment Projects Assistant of Groundwork Wrexham & Flintshire presented the report to the Council. The recommendations were discussed. PCSO Noble offered to see if information was available on a risk assessment of road accidents in the area. The Clerk of the Council was instructed to include the report as part of the Community Council's application under the Tidy Towns Grant-aided Projects 2009/10.

It was resolved to defer consideration of the report to the next meeting and invite Officers of Wrexham County Borough Council, namely the Manager of Streetscene and the Chief Transportation and Asset Management Officer to attend the meeting to discuss the report.

118 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Dangerous Car parking at the junction of Newtown (Orchard View) and Chester Road, Gresford

The reply from the Principal Engineer Traffic in response to the Community Councils concerns was far from satisfactory.

In these circumstances, the Council resolved to obtain independent advice about this and other traffic/parking concerns in this part of Gresford.

Former Re-cycling Centre at the Plough Inn

Councillor Jan MacDonald reported that she was continuing her discussions with the Landlady of the Plough. The Landlady was not unsympathetic to the re-introduction of the Centre. However, there were some matters that required detailed discussion, e.g. the cost and precise location.

The Council resolved

- 1 In principle, to investigate the reinstatement of the recycling centre as part of the Environmental Improvement Scheme and to include it in the Tidy Towns application.***

- 2 To investigate with the Landlady and the Brewery the introduction of a residents or community parking scheme.***

Christmas Tree & Decorations – Budget for 2009 – 2010

It was decided to apply for grant aid under the Tidy Towns Projects 2009 -2010 and explore the possibility of obtaining a mains electricity supply for these lights.

Tidy Towns Initiative 2009

Councillor Bailey reported on his discussions with Streetscene and that an order had been placed for planters. Wrexham Council's Streetscene must receive invoices before 31st March 2009 to qualify for grant aid.

Sheaves – Funding

No progress had been made, as concept sketches were required.

Risk Assessment Sub-Committee – Risk Assessment/General Inspection 2009

The Sub-Committee's detailed report was approved.

Street Lighting

It was noted that the Lighting Sub-Committee had met with the Senior Lighting Engineer on 10th February. The order for new lights for 2008 – 2009 had now been placed.

Investment Strategy

The item was deferred.

Applications for Financial Assistance

The Council resolved that the applications deferred at the last meeting be dealt with as follows

All Saints School – Craft Club – a grant of £50.00

All Saints School – Gardening Club - a grant of £50.00

(Councillor A C Bailey declared a personal non pecuniary interest in the applications and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon. Councillor Williams had left the meeting by this time)

Proposed extraction of fish

No progress had been made.

119 REPORTS

Councillor Mrs B Blackmore reported that Arriva Buses were looking into re-routing services along Pant Lane, and on Wrexham Council's review of affordable housing.

Councillor A C Bailey reported that the next meeting of IMAGE was meeting on 9th March and would include discussion regarding Railtrack's new fence; Gresford Trust celebrated its 60th Anniversary in August 2009.

Councillor M J Edwards reported via e-mail to the Clerk on Council Tax 2009 – 2010, Street Lighting for Sunnyridge Avenue and discussion on the Youth Service at Wrexham Forum.

120 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of planning applications received from the Chief Planning Officer that were available for Members prior to the meeting, were dealt with as follows:

P/2009/0072 – Garage conversion to form Granny annex, Brindlewood, Beech Lane, Marford – **No representations**

P/2009/0078 – Single storey extension to form rear sun room Jesmond, Pant Lane, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2009/0094 – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 – Crown reduce copper beech tree back from Holly Cottage to achieve up to 4 metres clearance and reduce back branches growing out of crown (within a Conservation Area), Holly Cottage, Marford Hill, Marford - ***It was agreed to raise no objection to this proposal provided that the Arboricultural Officer was satisfied with the application.***

P/2009/0115 – Single storey extension to provide utility room and extension to existing family room, The Warren, Pant Lane, Gresford - ***It was agreed to raise no objection to this proposal if the approved extension was in keeping with the adjacent buildings.***

P/2009/0126 - Listed Building Consent to demolish return wall and construct new pier and gate, Church House, the Green, Gresford - ***The Community Council considered that action should be taken to protect the mixed/holly boundary hedge.***

AMENDED PLANS - P/2008/1127 - Demolition of Beech Cottage and Sycamore Cottage and erection of 2 No residential dwellings, garages, drives, foul and surface water drainage systems and landscaping at Garden Areas of Beech Cottage and Sycamore Cottage, Pant Lane, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2009/0132 – Conversion of loft including insertion of new windows and dormer extension, new porch to front of property amendment to previously granted under Code No P/2008/0684, 39 Annefield Park, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2009/0134 – Single storey rear extension, 8 Redland Close, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2009/0141 – Erection of medical Centre, land adjacent to Ashgrove Nursing Home, Chester Road, Gresford - **The Community Council considered that both foul and surface water must be dealt with on site and not permitted to drain onto adjoining property.**

121 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Childline Cymru/Wales, financial assistance	£50
Rossett Platoon, Clwyd Army, financial assistance	£25
Shelter Cymru, financial assistance	£50
St Christopher's School, financial assistance	£50
Wales Air Ambulance, financial assistance	£50
Marie Curie Cancer Care, financial assistance	£50
Home Start County Borough of Wrexham, financial assistance	£100
North Wales Association for Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus, financial assistance	£50
North Wales Deaf Association, financial assistance	£50
Wales Epilepsy Service in Wrexham, financial assistance	£50
Ysgol Morgan Llwyd Environmental Projects, financial assistance	£50
Macmillan Cancer Support North Wales & North Powys, financial assistance	£50
Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, financial assistance	£100
Victim Support Wrexham Branch, financial assistance	£25
Wrexham Youth Music Festival, financial assistance	£50
Gresford Church House Appeal, financial assistance	£200
Nightingale House Hospice, financial assistance	£250
Multiple Sclerosis Cymru, financial assistance	£120
Kidney Wales Foundation, financial assistance	£50
1 st Gresford Scouts, financial assistance	£300
Waste Recycling Group Ltd, Bowls Pavilion	£4,400.00
Penn Groundworks, Erection of timber posts	£431.25
Allianz Insurance plc, Machinery insurance premium	£692.71
P & W Maintenance Ltd, Grounds Maintenance	£57.05
One Voice Wales, Membership Fee 2009 -2010	£522.00
Mr S A Pugh, Grave Making	£225.00
Scottishpower plc, Unmetered Supplies	£822.27
Mr C A Route, Grass Cutting and maintenance of cemetery	£545.00
Clerk of the Council, Salary March	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, Income Tax and Employers NI March	PAYE Rates

122 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Application for Financial Assistance 2008 -09 – Alzheimer's Society, Wrexham - a grant of £50.00

Application for Financial Assistance 2008 -09 – British Red Cross, Wales Area - a grant of £50.00

Local Government Partnership Scheme Report 2007 – 2008

AVOW Newsletter winter 2008 Edition

Best Kept Village/Community – 2009/10 - Letter from the Chief Environment Officer

Tidy Towns Grant-aided Projects 2009/10 - Letter from the Chief Environment Officer – ***The Clerk of the Council was instructed to complete the form by the closing date***

Trading for Community and Town Councils - Letter from One Voice Wales

123 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: To confirm the date of the next meeting at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 2nd April 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR MRS JEN DUTTON
CHAIRMAN**

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