

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 3rd JUNE 2010**

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, C Hollway, M Hughes, and R H Willis.

Apology for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, M Harriman, J L Jones, Mrs S Layhe Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs H Williams and accepted. Apologies were also received from CBM WPC 2566 Nicola Gaskell PCSO Wendy Harris and PCSO 2850 Scott Noble

269 PRESIDING CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman presided over the meeting.

(Councillor M Hughes in the Chair)

270 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

271 POLICE REPORT

A written report was received, circulated and discussed together with other matters of concern. It was also noted that Wrexham County Borough Council was reviewing their contribution to the provision of police community support Officers.

272 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

273 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Allington Park and Marford Play Areas

Councillor J Dutton reported on the consultations with the two schools, that a questionnaire had been prepared to elicit responses to the proposals received from the two companies for both playgrounds. Ms Lis Thompson was carrying out analysis of the different schemes. The Clerk of the Council reported that the Welsh Assembly Government was prepared to accept applications for loan consent a time when the Community Council was confident that the proposals would proceed and a business plan would be required.

The Council noted the present position.

Tidy Towns Grant Requests 2010 – 2011

A letter was received from the Chief Environment Officer indicated that the Community Council's request would receive £3,000 direct funding from the grant, however additional resources both Council and voluntary sector could be used to enhance the schemes.

It was reported that a quotation for watering the tubs and beds the year had been obtained at an estimated cost of £450.00 and the plants had been ordered.

The local Manager for Wales and the West Utilities had indicated that they were prepared to consider and invoice for the recently planted oak tree at The Cross which had failed as a result of the numerous gas leaks in the area in which it had been planted.

The Council resolved to proceed with the Tidy Towns proposals for 2010 – 2011 with the help of the local voluntary supporters of IMAGE, Gresford & Marford Scouts and guides and the two local schools.

274 NOTICE OF AUDIT – FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2010

It was noted that UHY Hacker Young had fixed 31st July 2010 for the annual external audit of the Council's accounts. A Summary of the Accounts for the year was received.

The Council resolved

To approve the Summary of the Accounts

To authorise the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to approve and sign the Annual Return for submission to the External Auditor as soon as possible, in view of the tight time-table fixed by WAG, subject to the completed Annual Return being submitted to the Community Council in due course.

275 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards reported on the work of Wrexham CBC and mentioned School Transport, Staff pay negotiations and the financial situation facing the public sector.

Councillor A C Bailey reported that meetings of IMAGE would be held on 14th June and 12th July and that he had issued an open invitation to the local planning authority staff to address a forthcoming meeting of IMAGE on the deposited Local Development Plan which would shortly be the subject of formal public consultation.

Councillor Mrs. J Dutton reported that there was a vacancy for a Trustee at Gresford Trust.

276 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2010/0422 – Front extension, Tinged, Vicarage Lane, Gresford (Councillor R Willis declared a personal non-pecuniary interests in this application withdrew from the Meeting and took no further part) – **No representations**

P/2010/0423 – Single storey extension to rear with first floor extension to side over garage, 8 Hawthorn Road, Marford – **No representations**

P/2010/0424 – Fell eight trees (within a Conservation Area), Orchard House, 8 The Spinney, Springfield Lane, Marford – **No representations provided that the Council's Arboricultural Officer had no adverse comments to make**

P/2010/0447 – First floor bedroom extension over existing garage; enlarge existing first floor bathroom, 8 Thornleigh Drive, Gresford – **No representations**

277 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Wrexham County Borough Council, Trade Refuse Charges to 31/03/2011	£813.10
P & W Maintenance, Grounds maintenance March to May 2010	£58.29
Mr S A Pugh, Grave making	£225.00
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work, April 2010	£545.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates

278 CORRESPONDENCE

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

The Code of Conduct for Members of Local Authorities in Wales: Guidance – Letter from the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales

One Voice Wales 2010 Conference and AGM to be held at Pontrhydfendigaid on Saturday 9th October 2010 - ***The Council resolved that Councillor M Harriman be appointed to attend.***

The Voice – Newsletter from One Voice Wales

Complaints Wales – Proposal for a common complaints system for public service providers in Wales – Letter from the Ombudsman & Chair, Complaints Wales Group

Mayor’s Civic Visit to Church – Sunday, 20th June – ***The Council resolved that the Chairman be appointed to attend.***

Wrexham Deposit Local Development Plan – the formal public consultation would commence on 4th June 2010 for a statutory period of 6 weeks ending on 16th July 2010

279 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING It was confirmed that next meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 1st July 2010 at 7.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR M HUGHES,
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN**

.....**Presiding Chairman**

.....**Date**