

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**

### **Members Present**

Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, M J Edwards, M Harriman, C Hollway, M Hughes, J L Jones, M Pritchard and R H Willis.

PCSO Wendy Harris was in attendance

### **Apology for Absence**

Apologies received from Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs J Dutton, Mrs S Layhe Mrs M Lightwood and Mrs H Williams were accepted.

### **290 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **291 POLICE REPORT**

A written report was received, circulated and discussed. Matters of concern were also discussed including speeding on Marford Hill and the concerns of the residents of Village Walks. In this connection it was agreed to ask Officers of the Highway Department to attend either a special meeting of the Community Council or a site meeting on Marford Hill to explain what could be done to alleviate the concerns of residents of the dangers from traffic at this junction.

### **292 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

### **293 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

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

Details and costings were received from Ray Parry Playgrounds Ltd. Members commented how difficult it would be to choose between the three schemes.

***The Council resolved therefore to ask the Sub-committee to compare the three schemes and come forward with options.***

#### **Mileage and Subsistence Allowances for Community Councillors**

In accordance with the request of the Council the Clerk submitted details he had obtained of various rates for mileage and subsistence allowances paid in the public sector.

***It was resolved to reimburse members for travelling on official duties outside the community at the rate of 40p per mile.***

#### **Oak Tree at the junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane, Gresford**

The Clerk of the Council reported that he had now received £1,500.00 from Wales and West Utilities as recompense for the young oak tree which had died at the junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane due to gas leaks. Also, that Councillor Dutton was in touch with the Tree carver from Rossett regarding a carved tree for this location.

***The report was noted***

## **Play Schemes 2010**

The Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail from the Play Leadership Team giving details of the numbers of young people who had participated in the scheme at Gresford. The Team were pleased with the results.

## **Youth Services**

The Team had booked a joint trip to nantyr Outdoor Education Centre for young people from Gresford and Llay towards the end of September. Llay Community Council had given £150 towards the running costs and Gresford community Council was asked to consider make a financial contribution

***The Council resolved to make a grant of £150.00 towards the cost of this trip.***

## **294 TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME REDUCTION – CLAPPER LANE, GRESFORD**

A letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> August had been received inviting the Community Council to comment on Wrexham Council's proposal to remove speed cushions from Clapper Lane by 27<sup>th</sup> August. In view of the recess the Council had subsequently been given until 27<sup>th</sup> September to comment.

The matter was discussed and members were of the opinion that there were many differing points of view. ***It was resolved to display notices in and around the Clapper Lane informing the residents of the extension and urging them to make their views on the Scheme Reduction known to Wrexham Highways Department by the new date. Also, to note the proposed reduction of traffic-calming features from six to two but request that an additional feature be provided between the junction of Pont-y-Capel Lane and the first retained traffic-calming feature.***

## **295 BOUNDARY OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND FOOTPATH AT WOODLANDS ROAD, MARFORD**

This item was included on the agenda at the request of Councillor M Harriman who reminded the Council of the circumstances surrounding the failure to reinstate the footpath, boundary fence and gate. More recently there had become a problem of straying dogs fouling roads and footpaths

The Planning Enforcement Officers had been approached as the reinstatement arose from a planning condition attached to permission for development of adjoining property. The Clerk had been informed that they could not take enforcement action as the condition attached to the relevant planning permission was badly worded. The Legal Department confirmed this point of view.

However, one of the Council's Engineers reached an agreement with the owner regarding the correct boundary and re-instate the boundary fence and gate but no one in Wrexham Council seemed prepared to ensure the reinstatement was carried out. This may help to resolve the problems of stray dogs.

***In view of the fact that the problems seemed to fall between various it was resolved to bring the matter to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer.***

## **296 GRESFORD CEMETERY – Fees and Charges (Details attached)**

The Clerk of the Council submitted details of the new fees and charges payable with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010. ***The council resolved that the new charges be applied to Non Residents.***

## **297 REPORTS**

**Councillor M J Edwards** reported on the loss of manhole covers, Springfield Lane drainage, blocked drains on Marford Hill should be reported as soon as possible and on the lighting request for Turnpike Lane which was referred to the Lighting Sub-Committee.

**Councillor Mrs B Blackmore** reported on Darland School – results and new uniforms, £90K savings in the Youth Services, electricity sub-station in Winchester Way and the replacement of Halifax Building Society Offices in Chester Road by offices of Santander.

## **298 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

P/2010/0611 – Single storey side extension and re-roofing of existing garage, 19 Hawthorn Road, Marford (Councillor Edwards left the room whilst this application was considered) – ***No representations***

P/2010/0679 – Single storey extension to rear, Parklands, Pont y Capel Lane, Gresford – ***No representations***

## **299 FINANCE**

***The following items were approved for payment***

Mrs M Jones, Salary for two months	NJC Rates
Scottishpower plc, Unmetered Supplies	£842.30
Dee Valley Water Services, Water Charges	£22.44
M Steve Pugh, Grave Making	£625.00
JDH Business Services Ltd, Internal Audit	£429.26
Encore Office Systems, Photocopy charges	£45.84
Sparkle Services, Watering tubs & baskets	£270.00
P & W Maintenance Ltd, Quarterly Grounds Maintenance	£58.29
Wrexham County Borough Council, Street Lighting repairs	£388.18
Wrexham County Borough Council, Contribution to Marford Comm Centre	£970.00
Maurice Paddock, Salary for two months	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work for two months	£1,090.00.00

***It was agreed to obtain information on Staff Appraisals as soon as possible.***

***It was also noted that the following office equipment which was surplus and obsolete had been disposed of , 1 Mesh ATX MIDI tower and associated cables and software, 1 Mitsubishi DPLUS 73 monitor and 1 Lexmark Z23E printer***

**300 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Consultation on proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure

Application for Financial Assistance from Gresford Retirement Club – ***The Council resolved to make a financial contribution of £300.00 to the Gresford Retirement Club***

Gresford Conservation Area Character Assessment and Management Plan

North Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Invitation to give a presentation at a future meeting – ***The Council resolved to accept the invitation***

North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority’s consultation

Invitation to the Mayor’s Dinner Dance – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Wrexham Town and Community Councils Forum – Councillors A bailey and Mrs B Blackmore would attend the next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 p.m.

Local Government Partnership Scheme: Annual report 2009 – 2010

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report 2009 – 2010

Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd - Annual Report 2009 – 2010

One voice Wales Quarterly Newsletter

Supporting Community Enterprise Newsletter

**301 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING** It was confirmed that next meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR J L JONES,  
CHAIRMAN**

.....**Presiding Chairman**

.....**Date**