

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 7TH OCTOBER 2010

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman, M Hughes, J L Jones, Mrs J MacDonald and R H Willis.

PCSO Wendy Harris and Mrs Lis Thompson were in attendance

Apology for Absence

Apologies received from Councillors Mrs S Layhe Mrs M Lightwood, M Pritchard and Mrs H Whittaker were accepted.

302 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

303 POLICE REPORT

A written report was received, circulated and discussed. Matters of concern were also discussed. ***Arising from a recent incident near the pedestrian crossing Chester Road, Marford the Council agreed to ask the Highways Department to provide flashing School warning lights on the approaches to this crossing to further alert motorists.***

303 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

304 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Allington Park and Marford Play Areas

The Sub-Committee had concluded that it was difficult to compare the different schemes provided by the three contractors. Therefore, a separate brief had been prepared which was circulated by Lis Thompson and fully discussed.

The Council agreed that the brief should be sent to the contractors and they should be asked to quote for the work within an absolute maximum cost of £60,000 fixed and inclusive for each play area.

It was also agreed to obtain quotations for providing bow top fencing along the High Street frontage from the existing fence near to the lake up to the existing gate.

Traffic Calming Scheme Reduction – Clapper Lane, Gresford

It was noted that following meetings with the Highways Department a report was being prepared by them which would be submitted to that Council's Executive Board in due course.

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

Further information was being obtained regarding the direction and depth of public utility services in this land to avoid any damage when the replacement tree was planted.

Boundary of Residential Property and Footpath At Woodlands Road, Marford
A reply was awaited from the Chief Executive Officer. The Clerk of the Council was instructed to follow this up as quickly as possible.

TEMPS Out of School Club, Marford

(Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, M J Edwards and J L Jones declared personal non-pecuniary interests in this item and withdrew from the meeting whilst the matter was discussed).

The Council noted that the Clerk had met the Secretary of TEMPS and they were making good progress with the proposals in consultation with Officers from Wrexham Council and the Charity Commission.

305 ITEMS INCLUDED AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR MRS B BLACKMORE

Christmas Tree and Carols in the Village

The Council agreed to provide a Christmas tree once again this year in consultation with IMAGE but to be 2 feet higher than last year. It was hoped to have a Carol Service under the tree on 12th December.

Provision of Cycle racks in the Village

There appeared to be a demand for cycle racks in the community and one possible location was by the notice board outside the Post Office.

The Council agreed to pursue this with the Highways Department.

There had been several incidents in recent weeks and it was noted that PCSO Wendy Harris and her colleagues were following up these matters

Training members of the community to use laser speed guns

The Council decided to ask PCSO Wendy Harris if she would be prepared to carry out the training of members of the community.

Young people should be encouraged to attend Community Council meetings

Councillor Blackmore reported that Officers of the Children and Young People Service were pursuing the establishment of a Young Persons Senedd and more would be heard about this in the coming months.

The Council decided to discuss the establishment of Youth Councils at the next meeting and in the meantime to obtain further information from One Voice Wales.

306 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards reported on Credit Unions, Transformation of Services, Hightown Flats and stocks of gritting salt for the coming winter.

Councillor Mrs B Blackmore reported on progress with the Olympics 2012, Community Councils Forum and development of the Clwydian Area of Natural Beauty.

Councillor A Bailey reported that the next meeting of IMAGE would be held on 11th October and that the 2011 Calendars were now available for sale.

Councillor Mrs J Dutton reported on work in progress at the Trust, Constitutional Club and Cricket Club.

Councillor M Harriman reported on the Wrexham/Flint Area Committee of One Voice Wales and Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group.

307 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2010/0758 – Crown raise to 2.5 metres from ground level and crown reduce one silver birch tree, Smithy Cottage, Marford Hill, Marford – ***No objection provided that the Council's Arboricultural Officer is satisfied with the proposal.***

P/2010/0770 – Two Storey side extension and single storey garage extension, Herons Reach, 1 Park View, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2010/0801 – Automated Teller Machine (in retrospect), Spar, 58 Chester Road, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2010/0802 – 1 No, Illuminated Fascia Sign (in retrospect), Spar, 58 Chester Road, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2010/0806 – Single Storey extension to rear, Stoneleigh, Pant Lane, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2010/0825 – Erection of replacement garage, 19 Pant Olwen, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2010/0835 - Construction of 3 No. garages for approved conversion scheme, Code No P/2006/1471, Parkleigh Farm Barns, Park Lane, Rossett – ***the Council resolved that they had no objections to single storey garages but had strong concerns over the proposed two storey garage. The Council considers that as the building is outside the Settlement Area it would be out of keeping in this rural area and could at some future date be used for other purposes.***

308 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Gresford Retirement Club, financial assistance	£300.00
Wrexham CBC, Youth Club trip to Nantyr Recreation Centre	£150.00
Wrexham CBC, Quarterly Lighting maintenance	£1,135.19
Mr Steve Pugh, Grave Making	£150.00
Sparkle Services, Watering tubs & baskets	£120.00
Mr Mark Howell, Repairs to Benches	£280.00
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work for two months	£545.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary & stationery	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC Rates

It was agreed to discuss the future watering the tubes and baskets at the next meeting.

309 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Discounted Senior Railcards available to County Borough Residents

Wrexham Year of Culture 2011

Membership of Disability Wales

Wrexham CBC – Strategic Housing Services Newsletter

Health, Social Care and Well-being Issues Newsletter from AVOW

North Wales Police Authority, Wrexham PACF – Meeting on 21st October - Councillor M Harriman proposed to attend.

Cemetery Sub-Committee to meet on 21st October at 3.00 p.m

Lighting Sub-Committee to meet on 26th October at 7.00 p.m.

310 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING It was confirmed that next meeting would be held at Marford Community Centre on Thursday, 4th November 2010 at 7.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR J L JONES,
CHAIRMAN**

.....**Presiding Chairman**

.....**Date**