

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

### **Members Present**

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B L Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, Mrs J Freeman, M Harriman, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, H Sharp, Mrs H Williams and R H Willis

WPC Kay Muldoon also attended.

### **Apology for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors M J Edwards, J L Jones, Mrs S Layhe and M Pritchard and accepted.

### **70 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

### **71 POLICE REPORT**

It was reported that there had been success with Bonfire Night festivities, Bike Awareness Day and Fishing Competition. The Officer referred to the increased burglaries and the extra efforts to improve crime prevention especially for the elderly.

### **72 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public were present and were invited to ask questions or make statements. They referred to the application for renewal of the Taxi Office licence; Groundwork's feasibility study and increased publicity for community matters, respectively. The Chairman thanked the public for their remarks.

### **73 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **Youth Facilities in Gresford/Marfod and funding**

Members spoke about the need for more facilities for young people and referred to the comments at the last meeting. It was also reported that an e-mail had been received from the Senior Youth Officer indicating that the Youth Service was being reviewed. This had serious implications for Community Councils and raised questions over the future for the Club and the present HQ at Allington Hall.

At this point, the Chairman also referred to the letter from Wrexham CBC regarding Consultation of Fixed Play Strategy and Partnership with Community Councils.

***The Council noted both matters and it was agreed to request that the two items should be raised at the next meeting of the Wrexham Town and Community Councils Forum on 9<sup>th</sup> December***

#### **Street Lighting,**

The Community Council received advice from SLCC and OVW regarding the provision of lights on Sunnyridge Avenue.

***In view of that advice, it was resolved to write to the Highways Department following the approval of the terms of the letter by the SLCC's legal Officer.***

## **Other items detailed in the report of the Clerk of the Council**

The present position with all items was noted

### **74 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Councillors Sharp and Blackmore reported on actions they had taken on this matter. ***It was resolved to support Image's efforts to provide light in consultation with Officers from Streetscene and to check the Community Council's public liability policy in this regard.***

### **75 REPORTS**

#### **Councillor A C Bailey**

Matters reported on included next meeting of IMAGE and the awards for the Garden Competition

#### **Councillor J Dutton**

Matters reported on included the next meeting of Gresford Trust on 13<sup>th</sup> November and the efforts of the working party on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Councillor M J Edwards**

The Clerk read the written report of Councillor Edwards relating to Wrexham Fair-trade Coalition, no road works in the town centre until 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 and small grants for setting up new lunch clubs for the elderly.

### **76 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:

Rec'd 17.10.08 - P/2008/1092 – Lift Crown by 4m, Crown thin by 10-15% and Reduce Crown by 2m (TPO No WMBC No. 7), Kingsley Pant Lane, Gresford, Wrexham– ***No representations***

P/2008/1108 – First Floor extension to form bathroom/sitting room, Hillock Farm, Hillock Lane, Gresford – ***The Community Council considered that the development must be sympathetic to the original building in view of its character and the likelihood that parts may be listed.***

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. Garden areas Beech Cottage and Sycamore Cottage, Pant Lane, Gresford – ***The Community Council considered that the development must be restricted to two storeys as the development must be in keeping with the area. Furthermore the approval should contain conditions to preserve the appearance of the area in order to prevent future attempts to increase the height of any buildings.***

P/2008/1137 – Erection of Garden Shed (in retrospect) 36 Hollyfield, Gresford– ***No representations***

P/2008/1141 – Change of Use of land to provide turning area in association with adjoining site (in retrospect) Fairfield, Barkers Lane, Borrass, – ***No representations***

P/2008/1148 – Demolition of No 48/48A and rebuilding 2 No. shops with flat above and car parking to rear, 48/48A Chester Road, Gresford – **The Community Council considered that no access should be granted onto the adjoining private road.**

## 77 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Achnashean Fencing Ltd, Repair to gate and new litter bins	£2,939.85
Ellison Marketing, Hosting for Web site for 12 months	£235.00
Mr S A Pugh, Grave Making	£410.00
Wrexham CBC, quarterly maintenance of lights	£1,650.78
Scottishpower, unmetered supplies	£840.15
Gresford Trust, Use of photocopier	£16.00
Mr Mark Howell, Repairs at Allington Park and Marford Play Areas	£460.00
Mr C A Route, Grass Cutting and maintenance of cemetery	£935.00
Clerk of the Council, Salary November and overtime Sept/Oct	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, Income Tax and Employers NI Sept/Nov/Oct	PAYE Rates

**Arising from the comments of members the Council resolved to review the contracts for Allington Park and the Cemetery next year; and to increase the Clerk's pay by 2.45% with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 pending determination of the national arbitration award in line with recommendation of NALC,OVW and SLCC.**

## 78 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Amendments to Street Scene Coordinators

Motor Car Tracks on Football Field – Gresford Trust had a number of bollards that might be placed at suitable locations to prevent motor vehicle entering on the football fields

Hope House children's Hospices – Autumn Newsletter

AVOW Autumn Newsletter

Precept Payment Schedule & Tax Base 2009/2010 – **On being put to the vote it was unanimously resolved to note the letter from Wrexham CBC's Chief Finance and Performance Officer**

Dog Control Orders – **The Council agreed to ask the Senior Environmental Enforcement Officer to give maximum publicity to the Orders**

Wrexham Civic Trust – **The Council agreed that officers of the Trust should be invited to address a future meeting**

**79 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** It was confirmed that the next Meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR J DUTTON  
CHAIRMAN**

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