

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

### Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, M J Edwards, J L Jones, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs H Whittaker and R H Willis.

WPC 2566 Nicola Gaskell and PCSO 2850 Scott Noble were in attendance

### Apology for Absence

Apologies received from Councillors, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M Harriman, C Hollway, M Hughes, Mrs S Layhe and M Pritchard and were accepted.

### 311 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### 312 POLICE REPORT

A written report was received, circulated and discussed. Matters of concern were also discussed.

### 313 NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE:

It was noted that the County Partnership Manager was unable to keep the appointment with the Community Council this evening.

### 314 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

### 315 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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

Pursuant to Paragraph 304 of the last Minutes the Clerk of the Council confirmed that the Briefs approved at that meeting had been sent to the three specialist contractors.

#### ***The Council resolved***

***That in view of the specialised nature of the works no notice in given in the local press***

***That the Briefs agreed at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October be accepted as the specifications for the improvements to Allington Park and Marford Children's Play Areas***

***That the three specialist Contractors be confirmed as Playdale Playgrounds Ltd, Ulverston, Proludic Playgrounds, Nottingham and Ray Parry Playground services Ltd, Shrewsbury***

***That tenders be invited by 12 noon on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November in sealed marked envelopes and opened at the meeting of the Council on 2nd December 2010.***

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

It was noted that information had been received regarding underground services in the land, from the Highways Department, Tree Planting Guidelines from Wales and the West Utilities and the estimated costs for carving (not moving or installing) from

Simon O'Rourke. The Manager of Wales and the West had also suggested a site meeting.

***The Council authorised Councillors A Bailey and Mrs J Dutton together with the Clerk to meet the Manager.***

#### **Boundary of Residential Property and Footpath At Woodlands Road, Marford**

A reply was received from the Chief Executive Officer but this made no reference to the enforcement of the covenant regarding maintenance of boundary fences which would have formed part of the terms of the sale of this former Council house.

***The Clerk of the Council was instructed seek the further observations of the Chief Executive Officer on this aspect of the difficulties.***

#### **Christmas Tree & Carols in the Village**

It was noted that the North Wales Wildlife Trust would provide the tree and Streetscene would arrange for it to be erected near the Post office in time for the Community Carol Service on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Youth Councils**

Information from One Voice Wales was received. ***The item was deferred to the next meeting.***

#### **Watering of Tubs & hanging basket in 2011**

***It was agreed that in conjunction with IMAGE, Sparkle Services should continue to water the tubs and hanging baskets from April to October 2011 at the rate of 3 times per week for £39.00 each and the extra session would include suitable feed for the plants. It was noted that these arrangements could be varied during the year in light of prevailing climatic conditions.***

#### **Report of the Cemetery Sub-Committee**

Consequent upon the Community Council's instructions the sub-committee inspected the cemetery on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

After hearing the observations of the members the report was adopted.

#### **Report of the Lighting Sub-Committee**

Consequent upon the Community Council's instructions the sub-committee had toured the community lights on 26<sup>th</sup> October. The various faults had been reported to Streetscene and subsequently the Clerk had met with the Engineer from Prysmian to arrange the follow up action.

#### **316 REPORTS**

**Councillor M J Edwards** reported on the new Equality Act, Tertiary Education, proposed changes to Shopmobility arrangements and empty shops in Wrexham Town Centre.

**Councillor A Bailey** reported that the next meeting of IMAGE was on 8<sup>th</sup> November and would be addressed by Officers of Wrexham Council regarding Carbon Reduction & Energy Saving.

### 317 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2010/0861 – Single storey extension to ground floor and first floor extension over existing living room, 5 quarry Brow, Pant Lane, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2010/0838 – Erection of single storey extension, Elsinore, Chester Road, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2010/0873 – Erection of single storey dwelling and construction of new access, land adjoining 5 Lakeside Close, Gresford (Councillor J L Jones declared a personal non-pecuniary interests in this application, withdrew from the Meeting and took no further part) **The Community Council had the following observations to make on this application**

- ***There appeared to be insufficient land for the proposal and its approval would lead to overcrowding in this area***
- ***The development would be serviced by an unadopted road which was presently heavily used and as there were no pavements this would increase the potential danger to children who play in the area and pedestrians visiting the lake and other nearby leisure facilities***
- ***The Proposed “Safe Route to Schools” was recently dropped by Wrexham County Borough Council owing to the lack of pavements.***

P/2010/0878 – Extension to dwelling, 17 Burton Rise, Gresford– **No representations**

P/2010/0897 – Remove one Lombardy poplar and replace with one conifer, Oak House, Old Carriage Yard, Marford– **No representations**

P/2010/0899 – Display of Replacement Signage, 19 Chester Road, Gresford **The Community Council considered that this application should not be approved as the signs were too large, increased the proliferation of advertising signs and were too garish. Furthermore, they are unnecessary.**

### 318 FINANCE

**The following items were approved for payment**

Wrexham CBC,

Quarterly Lighting maintenance	£1,135.19
Young People provision SLA	£2,216.50
Street Lighting repairs	£208.07
Ellison Marketing, Website hosting for 12 months	£235.00
Sparkle Services, Watering tubs & baskets	£60.00
Scottishpower, Unmetered Supplies	£842.30
Encore Office Systems, Photocopying charges	£45.84
Councillor M Harriman, Travelling Expenses	£70.80
Gresford royal British Legion, Wreath	£50.00
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work	£545.00

Mrs M Jones, Salary  
Maurice Paddock, Salary  
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax

NJC Rates  
NJC Rates  
PAYE Rates

### **319 ANNUAL RETURN FOR 2009 – 2010**

The Draft Annual Return and letter were received from UHY Hacker Young, the Appointed Auditor indicating that they had substantially completed their audit work and reporting to the Community Council the most significant issues arising which they believed the Council should consider prior to approval of its Annual Return.

The Council was very concerned to note that the auditors proposed to qualify the Annual Return on the grounds that the dates on the advert of audit were not in accordance with Regulations. The Council also considered the comments made by the Internal Auditor regarding the budgetary process and that the Asset Register should be reviewed by the Council and action taken.

***The Council considered UHY Hacker Young's letter and resolved to ask them to elucidate why they felt it necessary to qualify the Annual Return, as the dates on the advert were in accordance with their instructions.***

***The Council noted the comments made by the Internal Auditor regarding the budgetary process, and that the earmarked categories had now been given financial values and the Asset Register was reviewed and updated.***

***The Council approved Sections 1 and 2 of the Return***

### **320 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

National Eisteddfod – That the Secretary and/or the Chairman the Gresford Local Appeal Committee be invited to address the Community Council at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010.

BT Red Kiosk Adoption Scheme – Matter deferred until the next meeting

One Voice Wales – Planning Training Workshop to be run by Planning Aid Wales at The Guildhall, Wrexham on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Insurance Notices around the lake – ***It was agreed that they should remain in situ.***

**321 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING** It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 2nd December 2010 at 7.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR J L JONES,  
CHAIRMAN**

.....Presiding Chairman

.....Date