

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 3rd DECEMBER 2009

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B L Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, C Hollway, J L Jones, Mrs S Layhe, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs H Williams and R H Willis

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

Apology for Absence

Apologies received from Councillors, M Harriman M Hughes, Mrs J MacDonald, M Pritchard, were accepted.

209 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Arising from comments regarding the Community Council's web site it was agreed to leave matters solely with Councillor Sue Layhe.

210 POLICE REPORT

Matters of concern were discussed including crime statistics and Shopwatch.

211 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present

212 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Allington Park and Marford Children's Play Areas

It was noted that the Play Areas Sub-Committee had met on 25th and 26th November and further meetings were planned.

Following the report of the Clerk of the Council regarding powers to co-opt it was resolved that Ms Liz Thompson and others be invited to attend meetings of the Play Areas Sub-Committee and fully participate in the Discussions.

Tidy Towns 2009 – 2010

Nothing further had been heard from the Environment Department of Wrexham CBC since the meeting in July 2009.

Christmas Tree and Decorations

It was reported that the Christmas tree and decorations would be installed by Wrexham CBC's Streetscene Staff on Monday, 7th December.

TEMPS Out Of School Club, Marford

(Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, M J Edwards and J L Jones declared personal non pecuniary interests in this matter and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon).

Details of the proposals for improvements to out-of-school care provision at the Rofft School were circulated to members of the Community Council.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the application for a loan to the meeting of the Community Council on 4th February 2010 to enable members to consider the details. It was also decided to invite representatives of TEMPS to attend the meeting to discuss the proposals.

Repairs to Cemetery Building

It was reported that the improvements to the building were complete and Members expressed their complete satisfaction with the works. ***The Council authorised the additional works in the sum of £206.50.***

Gresford Skatepark Floodlighting

The Clerk of the Council reported that Officers of Wrexham CBC were continuing with their investigations into who was responsible for the lights. In view of the difficulties and the length of time involved, the Clerk was instructed to raise the issue with their Chief Executive Officer.

Play Schemes during 2010

An e-mail was received from the Youth Service indicating that a 3-hour session would work out at £107.75 per day for 3 staff and over a week for three days it would amount to £317.25. (Councillors Mrs B Blackmore declared a personal non pecuniary interest in this matter and took no further part in the discussion or voting thereon).

It was decided to invite Mr Paul Crewe of the Youth Service to attend the meeting on 4th February to discuss the arrangements.

213 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards reported on community cohesion and integration, Boundary commission's review of Ward boundaries and 3 and 4 member wards which could result in larger wards represented by fewer councillors per electorate and the proposed prison.

Councillor Mrs B Blackmore reported on the proposed Lunch Club, the newly established Theatre Visits Group and community centre networking.

Councillor A C Bailey reported that the next meeting of IMAGE was on 14th December and gave a report on the last meeting of the Youth Club Management Committee.

Councillor J Dutton reported that the Christmas lunch would be held at the Trust on 18th December, that grants were being obtained for improvements to the Trust's Web Site, and that she and Councillor Blackmore had attend the One Voice Wales Training Course.

214 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:

P/2009/0906 – Single storey rear extension, 20 Lark Rise, Wynnstay Lane, Marford – ***No representations***

P/2009/0950 – Retrospective permission for 3 no. fascia signs, 19 Chester Road, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2009/0942 – Two storey rear extension, 9 Church Green, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2009/0965 – Two storey extension, 19 Poplar Drive, Gresford – ***No representations***

AMENDED PLANS - P/2009/0799 – Existing flat and shop to be converted and extended to provide 2 one bedroom flats and shop, Former Cottage Antiques, High Street, Gresford – ***No representations***

215 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

1 st Marford Guides, Financial assistance	£100.00
P & W Maintenance, Grass cutting	£57.05
Universal Builders, Repairs to Cemetery Building	£4,521.31
UHY Hacker Young, Audit of the 2009 Annual Return	£488.75
Society of Local Council Clerks, Membership Fee for 2010	£118.00
Darland High School, Financial Assistance	£50.00
Mr C A Route, Grass Cutting and maintenance of cemetery	£545.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary and expenses, November 2009	NJC Rates
Clerk of the Council, Salary November & postages & Sundry reimbursement	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, Income Tax and Employers NI	PAYE Rates

216 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Audited Annual Return for the year to 31st March 2009 from UHY Hacker Young

Revised Wrexham County Borough Council Local development Plan Delivery Agreement

Precept Payment Schedule & Tax Base 2010/2011

Application for Inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List by Adrian Edwards & Martin Oldfield in the Gwersyllt/Bradley area of Wrexham – Responses to Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board by 9th December 2009.

In Focus – Wrexham Area Civic Society newsletter, Winter 2009

Community and Town Councils - Letter from Lesley Griffiths, AM and Dr Brian Gibbons, AM

217 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 7th January 2010 at 7.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR R H WILLIS
CHAIRMAN**

.....**Presiding Chairman**

.....**Date**