

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 2nd DECEMBER 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 was in attendance

Apology for Absence

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

322 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

323 POLICE REPORT

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

324 NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES 2011- FUNDING

Mrs Mary Griffiths, Secretary of the Gresford, Marford, Hoseley, Rossett and Burton Local Appeal Fund Committee for the National Eisteddfod accompanied by Mr. M Edwards addressed the Council on raising funds for the Eisteddfod. The local committee had been set a target of £19,000. She also distributed a Programme of Events and other literature.

After answering the questions from members Mrs Griffiths and Mr Edwards were thanked by the Chairman for their address.

The Council noted that this matter would be dealt with at the meeting in February when all applications for financial assistances were usually considered.

325 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

326 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Allington Park and Marford Play Areas

Three tenders were received and opened for the refurbishment of the play areas at Allington Park and Marford and recorded in the Register of Tenders.

The tenders were referred to the Play Areas Sub-Committee for further examination and they were asked to report to special meeting of the Community Council on Thursday, 20th January 2011 at Gresford Memorial Hall at 5.30 p.m.

Youth Councils

This matter was deferred for the time being.

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

This matter was deferred until the meeting in February to enable the results of the investigations into the recent gas leak to be evaluated.

BT Red Kiosk Adoption Scheme

The Council decided to obtain more information regarding future liability for the kiosk and to ask One Voice Wales whether they had advice for Community Councils on this Scheme.

327 REPORTS

Councillor Mrs Beryl Blackmore circulated invitations to the opening of the new Santander office at 19 Chester Road, Gresford on 3rd December.

Councillor M J Edwards reported on Telecare, information for Carers at Wrexham Library, on the forthcoming consultation on the review of the Police Service in North Wales, on the position regarding the new link road to Wrexham Industrial Estate and on the draft proposal of the Local government Boundary Commission for Wales.

Councillor A Bailey reported that Gresford had been chosen as the lead authority for Carbon Reduction & Energy Savings and on the sale of IMAGE's 2011 calendars.

Councillor Harriman reported that the next meeting of the Area Committee for OVV was on 13th December and on the last meeting of the Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholder Reference Group.

Councillor Mrs J Dutton reported that representatives of Gresford Trust would be visiting the new community centre in Coedpoeth shortly.

328 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2010/0910 – Two storey extensions to side of dwelling, Sunnycroft, Borrass Road Borrass – ***No representations***

P/2010/0922 – Variation of Conditions 3 and 4 of P/2008/1141 to allow storage of goods, plant and machinery and parking of vehicles, Fairfield Farm, Barkers Lane, Borrass – ***The Community Council was concerned that the surrounding rural roads were not suitable to take the increased volume of such vehicles and equipment proposed to be stored at this site.***

P/2010/0927 – prune 1 Beech (T1) to achieve 3 meters clearance from building and crown raise to 5 metres, remove lateral branch touching roof from 1 beech (t2), reduce conifer hedge from 10metres to 5 metres, reduce conifer hedge (H2) from 9 metres and remove one elm (T3), Trevor arms Hotel, Marford Hill, Marford – ***The Community Council considered that only the absolutely necessary pruning to safeguard the trees should be permitted.***

P/2010/0933 – Erection of conservatory at rear of property, 22 Hollyfield, Gresford - – ***No representations***

P/2010/0946 – Replacement dormer windows, 22 Stancliffe Avenue, Marford – **No representations**

P/2010/0972 – Erection of 1 no part illuminated Totem Sign, ATS Euromaster, Marford Hill, Marford – **The Community Council considered that this type of sign was inappropriate in the Conservation area.**

P/2010/0978 – Dining room extension and replacement of existing flat roofs with pitched roofs, 33 Woodridge Avenue, Marford – **No representations**

329 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Mr S A Pugh, Grave making	£700.00
P & W Maintenance, Quarterly grounds maintenance	£58.29
Mr C A Route, Grass cutting and cemetery work	£545.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates

330 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Wrexham Empty Property Strategy – Community Council – Gresford

Precept Payment Schedule & Tax Base 2011/2012

Proposed reduction in the number of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales from 40 to around 30 - **The Council was of the opinion that all Town and Community Councils in Wales and One Voice Wales should be consulted by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission on their proposals.**

Gresford Open Award Centre, Presentation Evening on Friday 17th December

“Our Place Too” – A campaign by WCBC Play Development Team to raise the profile of play by encouraging adults to share their play stories.

Application by Gresford Trust for financial assistance towards the purchase rock salt for use at Gresford Memorial Hall – **It was resolved to make a contribution in the first instance of £220.03 equivalent to half the cost of a pallet, but if the bad weather continued and the Trust required more help this would be favourably considered.**

Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – 17th January – Councillors A Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore and M Harriman proposed to attend. **It was also agreed that the following items were worthy of consideration by the Forum, namely establishment of Youth Council, draft proposals of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales and the proposal to reduce the number of parliamentary constituencies in Wales from 40 to 30 during this Parliament.**

Invitation to AVOW’s Christmas Reception 17th December

Health, Social Care & Well-being Issues, AVOW Newsletter

Affordable Housing – It was agreed to hear from Catherine Kirkham, Rural Housing Enabler, Wrexham and Flintshire for 15 minutes at the meeting in March 2011.

NALC/SLCC’s publication “Being a Good Employer” – *The Clerk of the Council was asked to give detailed consideration to this publication and to report back on any items requiring attention.*

Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales, Review of Electoral Arrangements, Draft Proposals, County Borough of Wrexham – *It was agreed to object to their proposal for an Electoral Division combining Rossett with the existing Marford and Hoseley Division to provide a two member Division and to seek a meeting with the Commission to further discuss the draft proposal.*

331 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Marford Community Centre on Thursday, 6th January 2011 at 7.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR J L JONES,
CHAIRMAN**

Presiding Chairman.....

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