

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD TRUST MEMORIAL HALL ON 2nd June 2016.

Members Present

Councillors A. Bailey, B. Blackmore, J. Dutton, J. Hughes, M. J. Edwards, M Harriman, J. MacDonald, J Holmes, F Lloyd-Roberts, G. Frank-Keyes

Chair: Councillor S. Cleaver

Apologies: Councillors B. Watson, M. Lightwood

Clerk: Serena Baxter

Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and or prejudicial interest on the form provided for this purpose.

538. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Corrections: Minute 527 Councillor B. Blackmore is to be added to the Cemetery Committee. Minute 532.Planning Applications; P/2016/0330-the word 'Agreed' is to be removed. Minute 534, item v) the wording is to be made clearer. (**Action:** Clerk)

The Minutes of the meetings held on 12th May 2016 were otherwise agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

539. POLICE REPORT

PCSO 3464 Lisa Davies attended and gave a report for the crime statistics for both Gresford East and West and Marford and Hoseley during the months of April and May 2016.

PC Davies reported on incidents of Shoplifting, Criminal damage, Theft, Arson and Anti-social Behavior that had occurred in Gresford, and Criminal damage, Theft, Anti-social behavior and an Incident of making off without payment that had occurred in Marford.

540. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the Public present at the meeting.

541. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR- This item had been deferred from the previous meeting. A discussion took place about the traditional rotation of the Chair and Vice-Chair between the different wards. It would be usual at this time to appoint a Vice-Chair from Marford. Councillor Harriman proposed Councillor Edwards and this was seconded by Councillor Dutton. Resolved: Councillor M. Edwards to be Vice-Chair, and his comments were noted and will be considered next May 2017.

542. DATES, VENUES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

This item was deferred from the previous meeting when it was proposed that the Council agree to meet in one place only and that place to be the Gresford Memorial Trust Hall. A further discussion took place. Proposed (A. Bailey) that the alternate venue arrangement stay the same . (seconded by Councillor J. Macdonald).

Resolved that the alternate meeting arrangements shall remain, and the venues shall be Gresford Trust Memorial Hall and the Gresford Methodist Church Hall, as this is in the community of Marford.

A further discussion took place about the times of the meetings and whether these could change.

AGREED: The current meeting arrangements to remain, with the alternate venues as Gresford Trust Memorial Hall and the Gresford Methodist Church Hall, and the start time of the meetings shall be 7.15.p.m.

543. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No 7 Chester Road. - Councillor A. Bailey advised on his discussion with the Planning department, and the Clerk read a response she had received to a letter sent expressing the views of the Council. A discussion took place.

AGREED: There needs to be regular action to remind Wrexham Council of this issue and to monitor the situation. (Clerk and Councillor A. Bailey)

Village Car Parking- following on from the previous meeting, Councillor Bailey has spoken to the Director of Place WCBC who also wants to be involved in a site meeting. A date will be arranged shortly.

ACTIONS: Councillor Bailey to continue to pursue a site meeting involving the Council.

Legacy funding for the Lake: Reported that further discussion with the contractor needed to prepare balance figure.

ACTION: Clerk to look into further and prepare a balance figure for the General Amenities Committee.

Lighting Column at 9 The Green. – Reported that discussion had taken place with Insurance company over the claim, and costings received from Wrexham Council who have sourced a supplier for the Russell column and Victorian lantern. The cost will be approximately £2000. The inclusion of an LED light was stated as preferred.

ACTION: Clerk to pursue LED light with Wrexham Council.

544. REPORTS

Wrexham County Borough Council

- Accounts have been completed and will be audited and this is in advance of the usual timetable.
- Mayormaking activities indicate that the role appears to have been curtailed in terms of costs of the service.
- Concerns expressed over cuts to the fire service.

- The resolution on the future of the Groves school site is to go to a full enquiry.
- All future signs should have the Welsh Language first.
- A discussion took place about the trial changes to recycling and waste collection and advised there is now a 70% target for the borough.

Gresford Trust

Councillor Dutton reported that Gresford Trust has been awarded the Queen's Award for voluntary service. This is a prestigious award. There is only one other group in Wales which has received this Award. The application was made in 2013. The Trust will now be able to use the Award logo. Other groups were advised to think about putting in for this award. Chair congratulated Councillor Dutton and all members of the Trust on behalf of the Community Council for the award, stating that the Village was very lucky to have the facility and such dedicated volunteers. This was echoed by other Councillors. The point was made of the need to attract younger people into volunteering and working with the Trust. A Press release will be published in due course.

ACTION: A card of 'Congratulations' is to be sent to the Trust- Clerk to action.

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The scarecrow walk has been planned to coincide with the Village Festival in September. A route has been planned through Marford and Gresford. Local businesses will be invited to be involved. A discussion took place about watering facilities for the planters. Councillor A. Bailey will look at possibility of placing a water vat in the car park in Newtown.

MAES Y PANT- Councillor A. Bailey reported on a successful coffee morning which raised £400. Some further wood sculpting is being looked at, and conifers and any diseased trees are being removed gradually.

WEBSITE- It was reported that there had been 1119 unique visitors to the website. The most popular areas were the Minutes, the Forum and the Business Directory. Items recently added included the Fashion Show, the Minutes and the Council vacancy.

COMMITTEES

Finance Committee- A meeting took place on the 26th May. Councillor Macdonald was elected Chair. The Terms of Reference were looked at and 3 further meeting dates agreed throughout the year. The Committee will include tendering issues and will recommend to Council on Financial matters.

Cemetery Committee- The Committee met on the 26th May and were joined by the Cemetery Assistant. Draft Terms of Reference were looked at and the Assistant was asked to look at them and see if anything is to be added. A site visit took place and a number of items for ongoing and forward planned works were looked at, for which quotations are to be obtained. A discussion had taken place about the number of grass cuts taking place and that a number of people had complained. Future meetings were agreed.

General Amenities Committee- The Committee had met on the 1st June. Councillor Macdonald had been elected Chair. Terms of Reference had been looked at and agreed. The Committee had considered all reports from Wrexham Council concerning play Area

inspection. A site visit had taken place at Allington Park. The same issues had been identified with grass cutting although it had been cut recently. Through discussion it was determined that the specification for grass cutting needs to be reviewed. It was agreed this will also be looked at within the Finance Committee Agenda. An inspection of Allington Play Area was carried out, following the consideration of the reports received from Wrexham Council.

The issue of the role of the Lighting committee was raised in terms of whether this role can be undertaken by the General Amenities Committee.

AGREED: The Lighting Committee to be co-opted into the General Amenities Committee. Councillors Hughes and Frank-Keyes to be co-opted to the General Amenities Committee.

Dates for the following Committees were agreed:

General Amenities Committee: -14th September 2016 at 6pm

Finance Committee: - 21st September 2016 at 6pm.

Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting with the contractor, the Cemetery Assistant and Councillor Macdonald. Clerk to determine what previous recommendations had been made to Wrexham Council regarding lighting following the last annual inspection

Draft Terms of Reference for each Committee to come to a future meeting of the Council to be signed off.

545. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

P/2016/0488: Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings, erection of new two storey 4 bedroom detached dwelling including elderly relative accommodation within main property and erection of detached garage- Sion Cottage, Pistyll Hill, Marford, Wrexham- **No Comments**

P/2016/0481: Variation of Condition of Nos 2 and 12 Planning permission P/2014/0831 to allow amendment to replace the bat access element to Schwegler 1FR bat Boxes- Edge Hill, Hoseley Lane, Marford, Wrexham. - **No Comments**

P/2016/0459: proposed first floor side extension over existing utility room, Ground Floor rear kitchen extension and rear dining room extension- Foxwood, Quarry Brow, Marford, Wrexham- **No Comments**

P/2016/0441: Two Storey side extension and demolition of garage at 22 Bodwyn Crescent, Gresford, Wrexham. - **No Comments**

P/2016/0492: Fell 1 No Elm Tree (Protected by TPO WMBC No 36) 7 Bryn Y Groes Gresford- Objection on aesthetic grounds but refer to Arboricultural Officer

P/2016/0493: Display of Advertisements, The Co-Operative Retail Services Ltd, Marford Hill, Marford. - Could the information on two signs be accommodated on one sign to reduce the number of advertisements.

P/2016/0486: Erection of Dwelling and construction of access Land Adjacent to Quarry Rigg Pant Lane Gresford, Wrexham. - concerns were raised as to whether the space available is large enough for the proposed dwelling, and is it in keeping with the other neighbouring properties? Also The roof line should be at a height that is in keeping with the other neighbouring properties and those in the vicinity along this part of Pant lane.

546. FINANCE

The Following items were approved for Payment:

HMRC	£140.64
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Reimbursement to Councillor S Cleaver	£13.49
Wrexham County Borough Council- Payment for Trade Refuse Charges	£325.00
Mrs Michelle Jones- Wages and Reimbursement	NJC Rates
Miss Serena Baxter- Wages	NJC Rates

The Clerk highlighted the Annual Return Statement for the year ended 31st March 2016, for submission to Wales Audit Office, along with further items and statements in support to be submitted to the External Auditor Grant Thornton. The Council were advised that this had already been presented to the Finance Committee. The Council approved the Return to be sent to the External Auditor.

547. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence received were considered.

1. Wrexham County Borough Council Licensing Team Leader: - advising the Council that the application for a Grant of a premises license had been withdrawn.
2. One Voice Wales: - Invitation from Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, to attend a seminar on 14th June.
3. Estelle Nock, Dementia Friends Information Worker, Alzheimer's Society: - Requesting Council to consider having a Dementia awareness session which she could provide free of charge. **AGREED: - to feed back (Clerk) and give her the contact number of the Trust Officer so that she can arrange sessions for community groups, which Councillors would then endeavour to attend.**
4. The National Library of Wales: - asking if Councils would wish to have their website archived by the UK Web Archive

5. Came and Company: - Notification that Insurance Policy is now in place for further twelve months.
6. One Voice Wales: - Circular from the SLCC advising of the 2016-18 National Salary award. It was noted that this had already been discussed at Finance Committee, and was therefore **Agreed**.
7. One Voice Wales: - Advising Councils of the requirement to publish and report annually to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales on allowances and expenses payable to Community and Town Councillors by the 30th September each year.
8. PAW Planning Training: - A Guide to Planning Training.
9. One Voice Wales: - a list of Training sessions circulated via email.
10. Wrexham County Borough Council Service Manager Environment: - concerning Environmental Crime Enforcement update.
11. The Pension Regulator: - New proposed powers to regulate Master Trusts.
12. Wrexham County Borough Council Licensing Team Leader: - advising of application received under the Licensing Act in regard to the Co-Operative Store Marford. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Licensing and it simply relates to a re-organisation of part of the internal storage arrangements within the store that differ to the original application. It is not a substantial change.
13. North Wales Miner's Association Trust: - requesting a letter of support in their bid for a Heritage lottery Grant. **AGREED**: letter to be sent.
14. One Voice Wales: - Invitation to Larger Council's Conference on 6th July 2016.
15. One Voice Wales: - Invitation from Future Generation Growers Conference 8-9 July.
16. Wrexham Area Civic Society Awards 2016: - Request for nominations of projects by 30th September 2016.
17. North East Wales Trustees Network: - Invitation to Summer Solstice event at Erddig Hall on 21st June.
18. Nightingale House Hospice: - Invitation to summer events during June.

548. An item was raised concerning monitoring of the parking and traffic arrangements at the new Co-operative store in Marford, as residents had raised concerns. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting.

549. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

AGREED: The next meeting to be held on the 7th July at 7.15 pm at the Gresford Methodist Church Hall.

**COUNCILLOR S CLEAVER
CHAIR**

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