

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON 7th July 2016.

Members Present

Councillors A. Bailey, B. Blackmore, J. Dutton, J. Hughes, M. J. Edwards, M Harriman, J Holmes, M Lloyd-Roberts, B. Watson, M. Lightwood

Chair: Councillor S. Cleaver

In Attendance

PCSO 3464 Lisa Davies

Apologies given and accepted: Councillors J. MacDonald, G. Frank-Keyes

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.

550. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd June 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

551. POLICE REPORT

PCSO 3464 Lisa Davies attended and gave a report for the crime statistics for Gresford East and West and Marford and Hoseley during the month of June 2016

PC Davies reported on incidents of Burglary, Arson near the Texaco garage, youths causing a disturbance. thefts from a shed in Marford and of diesel from the Water board facility on Springfield Lane. The issue of an incident of a wagon parked on the hill in Marford was raised.

552. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

553. MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Car Parking

- i) Rofft School – A discussion took place about the various incidents and communications that have occurred in recent months concerning the difficulties residents are experiencing with the

volume and nature of car parking for lengthy periods near to the Rofft school .Suggestions of yellow no parking lines and introduction of H bar were considered and it was acknowledged that enforcement of these could be an issue.

Resolved: Community Council to write to Wrexham County Borough Council and request yellow lines and a No Parking restriction. ME and BW will also write. BB will champion the issue and will seek to progress other solutions with the school. Registration numbers to be passed to ME. PC Davies will continue to monitor and progress any specific reported incidents.

Action: Clerk to write letter.

ii) Village (Gresford)

It was reported that a meeting had taken place with Lee Robinson, Head of Place and Economy, WCBC. The situation will be monitored but in the meantime, new markings outside the SPAR will act as an example.

iii) Co-op Store Marford. It was reported that there have been a few problems and some of the signage put up may be misleading people. Councillor Edwards is in touch with the Co-op Manager. Any incidents to be reported to him. (ME)

7 Chester Road, Gresford

There had been no further communication from Planning, however Lee Robinson of WCBC had been advised of the issue on his recent site visit and had indicated that he would look into the matter.

Action: AB will continue to pursue with WCBC

Legacy of the Late Mrs Gwyneth Evans

Clerk circulated to the Council a revised figure of the balance remaining after apportioning charges for the installation of the benches appropriately. This was considered and agreed.

Street Lighting Column 9 The Green:

Clerk advised on revised quotation received after requesting LED lighting to go with the column. The revised costing had been reported to the Insurance company, who had confirmed settlement.

Resolved: to order the column as outlined. Action: Clerk to liaise with WCBC

Various other Lighting matters in the village were raised.

To seek approval for plaque for bench

JD advised on a quotation received from Brunel Engineering, for an inscription which would read: 'Mrs Gwyneth Evans loved this place'. The cost would be £36. This was agreed .

554. REPORTS

Chair's Report

SC reported that she had attended:

- An event at Glyndwr University on the 14th June concerning the 'Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015'. This asked for views on big issues and the need for change in approach. This Act does not include Community Councils with precepts of less than £200k.
- The Mayor's Civic Service on behalf of the Council.
- A useful training course on the 28th June entitled 'The Council as an Employer'. A meeting of the Finance Committee will finalise the terms of the Clerk's Contract. There is a need for several employment policies to be put in place.

Wrexham County Borough Council

- It was reported that as the Co-op store has now opened, the approval for signage and fencing has gone through Planning Committee. However, the footpath is narrow and the drop for drainage will be corrected.
- A report had been to Scrutiny Committee concerning the Customer Service Centre and reports being received marked as completed when in fact they had not been.
- It was stated that Marford Hill drains are to be cleared this summer. The earlier flooding had been due to exceptional rains.
- Watering Tub provision would be followed up with Groundwork, Heritage and Library Services.
- 'Brexit'- It was noted that a lot of services are subject to grant funding and will be brought into future budget planning considerations.
- A meeting had taken place with Lee Robinson of WCBC and he had asked for concerns to be put in writing to him concerning the frontage of shops. The overgrown hedge by the SPAR was raised.
- Information will be given to Community Councils concerning the new refuse collection rounds.

Gresford Trust

It was reported that Raffle Books are being circulated to raise money for the Festival. Plans for the Festival are underway and two meetings will be held in July and September. The Planning Application form received from the Gresford Athletic Football Club has been allowed to be submitted, but the Trust were not in agreement with the Application details.

IMAGE

A Tidy Up Sunday is planned. An AGM had taken place and A Bailey is now the Chair.

MAES Y PANT-

The Green Flag Community Award for Well Managed Parks and Spaces has been awarded to Maes y Pant. MYPAG are bidding for projects for trees, footpaths and steps. Carving will be installed on July 14th. A Woodland Trail aims to attract younger people. An Exercise on Referral scheme starts on July 15th.

WEBSITE- There had been 1062 unique visits this month The most popular areas had been the Business Directory, the Council Minutes and the Cemetery.

**Resolved- An Agenda Report item needs to appear on future agendas concerning the Library.
Action : Clerk and Library Representative.**

COMMITTEES

- i. Finance Committee: - The record of the Meeting held on the 26th May, and the draft Terms of Reference were considered, accepted and approved. It was noted that relevant submissions had recently been made to external Audit. Details of future meetings and their planned purpose were discussed.
- ii. Cemetery Committee: - The record of the meeting held 26th May 2016 and the draft Terms of Reference were considered, accepted and approved. It was explained that following a walkabout a number of items of future work were identified for which quotes are being sought, and this will necessitate planning expenditure for the future maintenance of the cemetery. It was stated that the natural look of the cemetery needs to be borne in mind when planning any improvement works.
- iii. General Amenities Committee: - The record of the meeting held 1st June 2016 and the draft Terms of Reference were considered, accepted and approved. It was reported that the meeting had considered the Inspection reports on the Play Areas that had been received from Wrexham Council, and a walkabout of Allington had reviewed the items raised by the Inspection, all of which had been placed as low risk. Work was underway to seek quotes to resolve the matter raised by the Scout Master. The next meeting of the committee will consider the designs and quotes received for the lectern by the Lake.

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

- *P/2016/0568*:- Single Storey and Two Storey rear extensions to dwelling and new front porch 92 Chester Road Gresford. Agreed:No Comments to make.

- *P/2016/0553:-* Single Storey Flat Roof Garage Extension (in retrospect) 25 Holly Field Gresford. Agreed: No Comments to make.
- *P/2016/0515:-* Conversion of Loft and insertion of new windows in roof including 2 dormer windows, 42 Annefield Park Gresford. Agreed: No Comments to make.
- *P/2016/0514:-* W1 to be lifted back by 2.0M back to boundary fence only . (Protected by TPO DCC No 20 1953) Land to rear of Little Chetwyn 2 Green Pastures Pont Y Capel Lane Gresford. Agreed: No comments, but advice of Arboricultural officer to be noted.

556. FINANCE

a) The Following items were approved for Payment:

Date	Item	Cheque No	Amount
7.7.16	Steve Pugh Gravedigger	202258	225.00
7.7.16	Mrs J Dutton reimburse	202256	£31.56
7.7.16	Scottish Power Monthly Wrexham County Borough	202259	858.67
7.7.16	Council-	202260	2,855.40
7.7.16	Clerk reimburse.	202261	367.05
7.7.16	Mr CA Route	202262	1,090.00
7.7.16	Mrs Michelle Jones	202263	NJC Salary
7.7.16	Miss Serena Baxter	202264	NJC Salary
7.7.16	HMRC	202265	168.47
7.7.16	Encore Office Systems Gresford Methodist Church	202266	48.00
7.7.16	room hire	202267	112.00

b) A request was made via a previously submitted grant application form for funding of £200 towards the Village Festival. This had previously been deferred pending confirmation that the Festival was to go ahead this year.

Resolved: Payment of £200 to be made to the Village Festival

c) Clerk presented an online Banking Mandate request form, to be set out in such a way as to enable view only access to the Council's bank accounts, to improve awareness of the current situation with bank account balances.

Approved: Clerk to be granted online view only access to the Council's Bank accounts.

d) Clerk submitted a Financial Statement for Budget Monitoring to the Council concerning the Quarterly period to 30/06/2016.

557. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence received were considered.

- a) WCBC Service Manager Environment- Traffic Control Orders Pant Lane
Resolved: Comment to be fed back that this was considered unnecessary.
- b) WCBC Service Manager Environment-Woodlands Road Marford
Resolved: There were no comments to be raised in connection with this item.
- c) WCBC- Principal Licensing Manager- Consultation on Licensing Policy Review
The item was noted.
- d) Homestart- Invitation to AGM Friday 15th July 2016 at 11 am in The Worship Hall at the Salvation Army Building, Garden Road, Rhosddu, Wrexham.
The item was noted.

The following items were noted as correspondence circulated previously for information.

- e) Staff Commission Wales: Public Services Staff Commission has published its first Annual Report.
- f) One Voice Wales- Invitation for funding from Green Growth Wales — Call for projects for 2016-17
- g) Wales Audit Office- Annual Report
- h) One Voice Wales- Seminar Invitation Good Practice Wales re: Digital services (LLanrwst 29.9.16)
- i) One Voice Wales- Future Generations Commissioner- Invitation to seminar North West Wales: 2.00 – 4.00, 13 July, Bangor University

The above items were noted.

- j) One Voice Wales-New Model Financial Regulations June 2016

It was noted that this needs to be on the Agenda for the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Action: Clerk to put on agenda.

558. DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

AGREED: The next meeting to be held on the 4th August 2016 at 7.15 pm at the Gresford Trust Memorial Hall.

**COUNCILLOR S CLEAVER
CHAIR**

Vice Chair.....

Date.....