

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 3rd NOVEMBER 2011

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, M J Edwards, M Harriman, M Hughes, J L Jones, Mrs J MacDonald, M Pritchard and Mrs. B Watson

PCSO Wendy Harris was in attendance

Apology for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, A B Edginton, Mrs S Layhe, Mrs M Lightwood, and R H Willis and accepted.

Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. Councillors Bailey, M J Edwards and J L Jones proposed to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests in the letter from MyPAG as they were Directors of the Company.

337 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

338 POLICE REPORT

Matters of concern were discussed, including next PACT meeting burglary of farms, ASBOs, appalling response to 101 calls and speeding on Marford Hill.

339 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present

340 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Youth Shelter at the MUGA – Removal of the weather panels

Members expressed the need to have these panels removed from around the youth shelter as they shielded the view of users/youths who were using and allegedly dealing in drugs in the shelter. This use was causing offence to nearby residents and leading to foul and offensive language and bad behaviour on the part of these youths.

Seemingly, complaints had been telephoned to the police throughout the summer but the responses were so limited and patchy the residents had now given up doing so. The Community Council was reluctant to remove the panels without first exploring other alternatives.

Accordingly the Council resolved to invite the Territorial Police Inspector for Wrexham North to attend the next meeting to discuss these issues and to ask the Detached Youth Workers to visit the shelter and report on their findings and whether similar experiences were being experienced at other youth shelters in the County Borough.

Oak Tree at the Junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane

The matter was ongoing.

Provision CCTV at Gresford

The order had been placed.

Gresford Shopping Centre – Personal Views and Complaint

A further letter was received from Mrs Massey and circulated to members. After consideration it appeared to the Council that the issues in her letters (except the complaint) were matters for the

Highway Authority and therefore they should be forwarded to the Environment Department who currently had responsibility for Highway issues but before doing so the Council should obtain her permission to this course of action.

The Community Council was entitled to charge for all the additional information but agreed on this occasion to waive the charge.

The Council resolved accordingly.

341 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards reported on discussions regarding the provision of specialist local authority services across North Wales.

Councillor A Bailey reported that the next meeting of IMAGE would be on Monday, 14th November, watering of tubs and Gresford Trust.

342 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2011/0741 – Erection of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling, Min y Dyffryn, The Green, Gresford Road, Gresford - ***The Community Council considered that as the site was in the Conservation Area any development must be sympathetic to the requirements of the Conservation Area and the associated Local Planning Guidance Notes. Also, the proposed increase in height would have a considerable loss of amenity to the nearby residential properties.***

In the Community Council's opinion the amended plans did not change the situation.

P/2011/0747 - Single storey conservatory extension to rear of property, 14 Sandrock Road, Marford – ***No representations***

P/2011/0761 – Removal of single storey extensions to rear and replacement with single storey and 2 storey extensions with new front porch, 31 Bodwyn Park, Gresford – ***No representations***

P/2011/0790 – Extensions to Dwelling (Amendment to Planning Permission previously granted under Code No P/2011/0359) 21 Hillock Lane, Gresford – ***No representations***

343 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment:-

Wrexham CBC, Quarterly Lighting and repairs	£1,795.56
Scottishpower plc, unmetered Supplies	£649.90
Mr S A Pugh, Grave Making and new steel shuttering	£75.00
Dee Valley Water plc	£7.22
Mrs Pauline Macadam, Re-purchase of Grave Plot 44	£292.00
Gresford Royal British Legion, Wreath for Remembrance Day	£50.00
Ellison Marketing, Hosting of website for 12 months	£240.00
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
Gresford Retirement Club, Financial Assistance	£300.00

344 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Draft Buildings at Risk Strategy 2012 – 2016

Consultation on Supported Public Transport

Application for Financial Assistance from Maes y Pant Action Group - (Councillors Bailey, M J Edwards and J L Jones declare personal and/or prejudicial interests in this letter and left the room whilst it was discussed) - ***The Council resolved to make a grant of financial assistance to in the sum of £330.00***

Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – Next meeting on Tuesday, 6th December Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B L Blackmore, M J Edwards, M Harriman and B Watson indicated their willingness to attend.

Betsi Cadwaladr Community Health Council - Councillor Mrs Jan MacDonald expressed an interest in joining the Community Health Team in North Wales and the Clerk was asked to forward her name to the community health council.

Play for Wales, Issue 35 Autumn 2011

Wrexham County Borough Council Local Development Plan Examination – Notice of Pre-Hearing Meeting – The Guildhall, Wrexham Tuesday, 6th December at 10.00 am.

Allington Park Play Area - Insurance Claim – Referred to the Council’s Insurers

Repairs to Benches – The Clerk was authorised to arrange for various benches to be repaired by Gresford Joinery.

345 VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Community Council would be at Marford Community Centre Thursday, 1st December 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR M HUGHES,
CHAIRMAN**

.....**Presiding Chairman**

.....**Date**