

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT  
GRESFORD METHODIST CHURCH ON 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

**Members Present**

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, G Frank-Keyes, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, G Peake, M Perry, M L Roberts and Mrs B Watson.

**In Attendance**

PCSO Lisa Davies

**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.

**457 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**458 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present

**459 POLICE REPORT**

The Crime Reports for October 2015 were received, discussed and noted.

**460 ONGOING MATTERS**

**Youth Service**

No observations were received and therefore there was now no further need for this item to appear on the monthly agenda.

**7 Chester Road, Gresford**

It was reported that the application for planning permission for the erection of a fence and wall had been refused by the Planning Committee with a recommendation that immediate steps be taken to implement the Enforcement Notice. Members commented on the visual disgrace of the site and considered what should be the future course of action. However matters should be deferred for the time being to see future progress.

**Community Council's Website**

There had been 118 unique visits during the month.

**Gresford & District Community Library**

The footfall recorded during the past month was 400. Also £215.00 had been raised at the recent Coffee Morning.

**Village (Gresford) Car Parking**

Members commented upon the dangerous condition of the pavements. The local member was meeting officers of the Highway Authority to have the situation improved.

### **Road Traffic Sign – Old Wrexham Road**

Councillor Mrs J Dutton reported on the efforts made to obtain improvements to the sign and she was speaking to another contractor shortly. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman together with Councillor Dutton were given power to act in respect of accepting the lowest tender for the appropriate work.

### **School Crossing Patrol at All Saints School**

This matter was proceeding.

### **Gresford Cemetery – Update on Repairs to Unstable Memorials**

(Councillor M Perry declared his interest in this matter and left the room whilst it was considered)

Councillor Cleaver presided over the meeting for this matter.

Three quotations had been received for repairing unstable memorials and laying flat curbs/heads, crosses and bases.

***The Community Council resolved to accept the lowest quotations from Mossfords Memorials.***

The Cemetery Administrative Assistant had negotiated a final price for removal of spoil from the Cemetery by an approved contractor in the sum of £1,110.00 plus VAT.

***The Community Council resolved to accept this final cost.***

As the Community Council was awaiting a response from Tarmac in respect of a financial contribution to the Notice Board, the Clerk of the Council and Cemetery Sub-Committee were given power to act in respect of the cost of the Notice Board.

### **Deteriorating Road Surfaces at Hilltop Drive and Woodridge Avenue, Marford**

The email reply from Wrexham Council's Street Scene Area Supervisor was received and noted.

### **Remembrance Day 2015**

It was noted that the cost of the Poppies amounted to £100.00

***It was resolved to purchase a wreath for £50 and the Chairman would lay the wreath at the Service on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015.***

### **461 ALL SAINTS CHURCH IN WALES SCHOOL**

***It was resolved to confirm the appointment of Councillor Mrs J Macdonald as the Community Council's representative on the School Governors.***

### **462 GRESFORD LAKE**

With reference to the bequest and after hearing the observations of the Lakeside Residents, it was ***resolved to use the finances for the provision of bird sanctuaries in the lake, prevention of corrosion at the lake edge and a picnic bench. It was also resolved to accept the quotation for the provision of tarmac around each of the new seats, one by the lake and one by the cemetery.***

## **463 COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**

The Chairman outlined his ideas for future meetings of the various committees and groups. ***After hearing the observations of members, it was resolved that meetings be held as follows***

***Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Play Areas Sub-Committee at 3.00 pm followed by Lighting Sub-Committee at 4.30 pm***

***Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Cemetery Sub-Committee at 3.00 pm followed by Finance Task & Finish Group at 4.30 pm***

## **464 REPORTS**

**Wrexham County Borough Council** - Councillors A Bailey and M Edwards reported on the discussions for reshaping local services and more information may be available during December and January. The Budget Consultation had been completed and the results were being analysed; Nant Silyn Home was to be closed, the results of the Leisure Services Review would be announced on Monday and the Spar application had been approved.

**Maes-y-Pant** – It was reported that work was ongoing but more help was needed on Sunday mornings at 10.00 am.

**IMAGE** - It was reported that IMAGE had received an award from Wrexham Area Civic Society for work on the Drinking Fountain; the presentation would take place on 20th November and a Christmas Quiz was being organised to raise funds.

**Gresford Trust** – The Trust had received a grant for improvements to the Kitchenette Flooring; vandalism remained a problem, locks on main doors were being replaced and the CCTV coverage had been reviewed in consultation with the Police. The Chairman had also received a letter of thanks for the Community Council's efforts with the Gresford Festival and provisional dates for next year were either 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**Planning Training Workshop** - Three Councillors had attended the recent Workshop and found it very helpful.

**Christmas Tree** – An order for this year's Christmas Tree had been placed with Vivid By Design, but the meeting was reminded that there was a need for volunteers to decorate the tree when it was erected by Wrexham Council's Staff.

## **465 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Details of a planning application received from the Head of Community Well-being and Development was available for Members and dealt with as follows:

P/2015/0742 – Outline Application for Erection of Dwelling (1 x 3 bed) with all detailed matters reserved for further approval, Land adjoining and North of Carthagen Farm, Carthagen Lane, Gresford - **No comments**

P/2015/0797 – Fell to ground level 1 Atlas Cedar (protected by TPO WCBC No4) and replace with 1 Serviceberry Tree, Briar Patch, Sunnyridge Avenue, Marford

No comments provided the views of the Council's Aboricultural Officer were considered.

#### 466 MONITORING THE BUDGET

Details were received and noted.

#### 467 FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Scottishpower – Electricity Supply	£833.04
Mr C A Route – Grounds Maintenance	£170.00
Cemetery Maintenance	£375.00
Encore Office Systems – Photocopying Services	£39.60
Wrexham County Borough Council – Quarterly Maintenance Street Lighting	£2,170.15
Community Street Lighting Repairs	£52.26
VAT only Maintenance Play Areas	£469.00
Mr S Pugh – Grave Making	£240.00
Dee Valley Water – Water Charges	£13.58
Gresford Methodist Church – Hire of Room for Meeting	£28.00
Councillor M Harriman – Travelling Expenses - One Voice Wales Conference	£118.30
Mrs M Jones - Salary	NJC rates
Maurice Paddock - Salary	NJC rates
Half years Sundry Expenditure	£109.63
Half years Postages	£114.73
HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE rates
Gresford Royal British Legion, Poppies & Wreath	£150.00

#### 468 CORRESPONDENCE

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

**External Audit Arrangements;** Annual Returns 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18

**Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft Annual Report**

**Wrexham Area Civic Society – Annual Awards Evening, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 7.15 for 7.30 pm.**

**Invitation from Gresford Methodist Church – Carol Service on 20<sup>th</sup> December and Peace Service on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**

**Request from Gresford WI to place a plaque near the Carved Oak – In recognition of their efforts in maintaining the flowers near the Carved Oak - Granted.**

**Millennium Map – Investigations were ongoing to establish the best way of repairing and resiting the sign.**

**469 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:** To confirm the next Ordinary Meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 at 7.15 pm. After discussion, it was agreed to hold meetings in January, March and May at Gresford Methodist Church.

**COUNCILLOR M PERRY  
CHAIRMAN**

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