

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 6th OCTOBER 2011

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, A B Edginton, M J Edwards, M Hughes, J L Jones, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs S Layhe, Mrs J MacDonald, M Pritchard, Mrs. B Watson and R H Willis.

Apology for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Dutton, M Harriman, PCSO Wendy Harris and PCSO Jason Knowles and accepted.

Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. Councillor Bailey proposed to declare a personal and/or prejudicial interest in planning application P/2011/0669 as he was a Trustee of the applicant.

328 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

329 POLICE REPORT

Matters of concern were discussed, including an incident in High Street when a vehicle came into contact with a pedestrian, overturning of flower tubs and the unauthorised removal of benches from the bowling green onto Allington Park.

330 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms Denise Nicholls was present and spoke about a proposal to add waste to the anaerobic digester used to process farmyard muck and slurry in Holt. Ms Nicholls considered that the Community Council should learn more about this process and its contribution to the environment and food supply chain.

The Council thanked Ms Nicholls for coming to the meeting and her comments.

331 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Provision of CCTV Equipment

In accordance with the instructions of the Play Areas Sub-Committee two quotations were circulated to the Council for the provision of CCTV equipment at Allington Park. The quotations were examined in detail along with the implications of providing CCTV equipment in a recreation area and its use for crime prevention/detection and to deter anti-social behavior.

The Council resolved under the provisions Section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, to install CCTC cameras and recording equipment for the purpose of crime prevention/detection at Allington park and the equipment be purchased from Digital Surveillance Wrexham Quote No 10622, including the "Crown of thorns" anti vandal post spikes but excluding the dummy "metal mickey" box with adjustable post clamps in the sum now mentioned.

The Lake in High Street

It was noted that Councillors and residents had been given useful advice by Wrexham CBC's Biodiversity Officer, Emma Broad on the management of the lake and surrounding areas.

TEMPS Out of School Club,

A letter was received from the Chair of TEMPS stating that the Club had taken up an offer to buy a redundant mobile building at the school at less cost than that of a new building. TEMPS would therefore no longer need the loan offered by the Community Council.

The Council noted the decision of TEMPS

Street Lighting Column 3 outside 6 Sandrock Road, Marford

Details of the cost were still awaited.

Christmas Tree

It was reported that there were difficulties in obtaining a Christmas tree this year from the Council's usual supplier, due to staff changes.

In these circumstances Councillor Blackmore and the Clerk of the Council were authorised to obtain one from another local supplier.

Wrexham County Borough Council Local Development Plan 2006-2021 – Focussed Changes Consultation

The Council noted that comments were required by 5 p.m. on Friday, 21st October 2011

332 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, 10th October.

Councillor Mrs B Blackmore reported on the NatWest Community Fund and urged everyone to vote for the local projects.

Councillor M Pritchard asked that an item be included on the agenda for the next meeting regarding the removal of the panels on the youth shelter at the MUGA.

333 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2011/0607 - One and a half storey extension to rear including family room w c and utility on ground floor, master bedroom, single bedroom and shower room to upper floor in loft space with dormer, new porch entrance to front elevation, 27 Stancliffe Avenue, Marford – **No representations**

P/2011/0637 – Conversion of barn to 2 No. Dwellings, Fields Farm, Old Wrexham Road, Gresford
The Community Council has no representations to make on this application other than to point out that the proposed development was outside the settlement limits.

P/2011/0668 - Variation of condition No 5 under Planning Consent P/2007/1260 (Amendment to external appearance of Plots 1 and 2) Min y Dyffryn, the Green, Gresford Road, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2011/0669 - Installation of roof mounted photovoltaic solar panels, Memorial Hall, High Street, Gresford(Councillor Bailey declared personal and/or prejudicial interest in this application and left the room whilst it was discussed) – **The Community Council fully supports this eco-friendly proposal.**

P/2011/0712 – Crown reduce one yew by one to one half metres (within a Conservation Area), Green Farm, The Green, Gresford – **No representations**

P/2011/0724 – Variation of condition 1 of Planning Permission P/2006/0709 to allow time period of planning permission to be extended, Ski Slope Site, Wilderness Tip, Gresford – **No representations**

334 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment:-

Wrexham CBC, Contribution towards expenditure at Marford Community Centre	£1431.72
UHY Hacker Young, Audit of the 2010/11 Annual Return	£480.00
Scottishpower plc, unmetered Supplies	£671.46
Specialist Tree Care Ltd, Tree work at Allington Park	£168.00
Mr A Thomas, Sand and Cement for the Lake	£27.06
Mr A Price, Sand and Cement for the Lake	£27.06
Mr P Edgar, Oil for seats at the Lake	£9.98
Ms M Williams, Grass seed for the Lake	£3.56
Sparkle Services, Summer Watering	£501.00
Mr S A Pugh, Grave Making and new steel shuttering	£2,500.00
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

The Financial Management Report for the period up to 9th September 2011 was received and noted. The Council also resolved that henceforth these Reports should be submitted quarterly.

335 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Application for Financial Assistance – Gresford Retirement Club - **The Council resolved to make a grant of financial assistance to Gresford Retirement Club in the sum of £300.00**

The Voice (One Voice Wales' newsletter)

Gresford Shopping Centre – Personal views and Complaint - The Chairman had received a letter from Mrs F Massey putting forward her views on, and concerns about, the present shopping centre in Gresford. She wished to complain about the way the Community Council had dealt with this issue.

The Community Council fully considered this letter and was of the opinion that as the land in question was not owned by the Community Council and in view of the estimated costs nothing had changed since June 2009 to justify more progress.

The Clerk of the Council was instructed to inform Mrs Massey of the recent history surrounding the points she made regarding parking outside the shops in Chester Road, Gresford and of the Council's views this evening.

The Council also resolved to adopt the Complaints Procedure for Town and Community Councils received from One Voice Wales.

336 VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Community Council would be at Gresford Memorial Hall Thursday, 3rd November 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR M HUGHES,
CHAIRMAN**

.....**Presiding Chairman**

.....**Date**