

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

### **Members Present**

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J D Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs J MacDonald, M Perry, M Pritchard and Mrs B Watson.

### **Apologies for absence**

Councillors Mrs P M Lightwood, G Peake and PCSO 2118 Wendy Harris.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs S Cleaver, M J Edwards and M Perry gave notice of their intention to make declarations of interest if necessary at the appropriate time.

### **Presiding Chairman**

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice chairman presided over the meeting. Councillor Mrs J MacDonald in the Chair.

### **52 VARIATION OF AGENDA**

***In accordance with Standing Orders it was resolved that the order of business be varied on the grounds of urgency.***

### **53 GRESFORD HOUSING NEED AND SUPPLY**

Councillor Bailey had asked for this item to be included on the agenda and introduced Mr Mike Jenkins, Wrexham CBC, Mr Phil Danson and Ms Wendy Deaden of North Wales Housing.

The Officers outlined the purpose of their visit this evening which arose from the need for new affordable homes in Gresford as identified by Wrexham Council. The members questioned the Officers and discussed the situation at length. Following which it was agreed that further meetings would be required as soon as they had concluded the consultations.

### **54 POLICE REPORT**

The Crime Report for September 2012 was circulated and matters of concern were discussed.

### **55 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

### **56 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

### **57 MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

#### **Village Improvements,**

(Councillor M Perry declared a personal and/or prejudicial interest in this matter as Secretary of IMAGE and left the meeting whilst it was discussed) Further to the discussions at the last meeting a request for financial assistance was received from IMAGE.

IMAGE proposed to commission a professional urban designer to investigate, consult and come up with an initial outline proposal. IMAGE was therefore asking the Community Council for financial assistance in the sum of £6,965.00 plus VAT. A copy of the methodology and the fee structure was circulated to members.

After taking the vote, ***it was resolved to defer the application and ask Mrs Margaret Heaton to arrange for a representative of BCA Landscape to attend a meeting of the Community Council regarding the Gresford Village Feasibility Study.***

#### **Filling of vacancies – Co-option of Member**

Two expressions of interest had been received for this vacancy and were circulated to the Council.

***Consequent upon the result of the vote it was unanimously resolved to co-opt Mr M Lloyd-Roberts of Gresford to fill the vacancy for the Marford/Hoseley Ward.***

#### **101 Telephone Service**

It was noted that the Clerk was making arrangements for members to visit the 101 Telephone Service Centre at St Asaph.

#### **Health Services in North Wales – Consultation by BCUHB**

The Public Consultation Document asking for views on proposals for changes to Health Care Services in North Wales had been circulated to Councillors.

After discussion ***it was resolved to inform the local health board that the effects of any change on A & E departments should be kept to a minimum but they should be made more efficient and that additional funds should be found for mental health services.***

#### **Power to promote or Improve Economic, Social or Environmental Wellbeing**

The Welsh Government Consultation Document on Statutory Guidance to Welsh Local Authorities on the Power to Promote or Improve Economic, Social or Environmental Wellbeing had been circulated to Councillors.

***It was resolved to inform the Welsh Government that the Community Council positively welcomed its proposals.***

#### **58 MARFORD PLAY AREA/SWINGS**

Councillor Mrs Blackmore had received complaints from a local resident of anti-social behavior and bad language by youths on the Play Area. One of the member`s also reported that changes to rules governing the siting of goal posts had been changed consequent upon a fatal incident in Powys. ***It was resolved that these issues be referred to a meeting of the Play Areas Sub Committee.***

#### **59 CHRISTMAS TREE AND LIGHTS**

Councillor Bailey reported that there as to be a meeting at Gresford Methodist Church on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October to discuss ideas for the Christmas Tree and Carol Service this year.

## **60 FOOTPATHS ON ALLINGTON PARK**

Councillor Pritchard reported that youths were lifting stones from the footpath which runs from High Street to near the Scout Hut on Allington Park and throwing them at windows and passers-by.

*It was agreed to seek quotations for the laying of a tarmac surface to this path.*

## **61 REMEMBRANCE DAY 2012**

*It was agreed to donate £50 to Gresford Royal British Legion for the purchase of a wreath and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would attend the Service.*

## **62 REPORTS**

**Councillor M J Edwards** reported on Fraud Prevention by Wrexham Council, that the road under Stansty Railway Bridge was to be made one way and on the possible reduction of Youth Provision within Wrexham.

**Councillor A C Bailey** reported on the Freedom of the Borough for the Olympic Athletes; changes to the Telecare Services; and the proposed merger of Wrexham Sixth Form Colleges and Deeside College.

**Councillor Mrs J D Dutton** reported on the burglary and theft of ground keeping equipment from the Store Room of the Memorial Hall. It was suggested that members should be alert to this equipment being offered on the various social networking sights such as EBAY and Gumtree.

**Councillor Mrs B Watson** circulated a written report relating to the last meeting of the Wrexham Town & Community Council's Forum.

**Councillor Mrs B Blackmore** reported on the deteriorating condition of Marford Community Centre.

## **63 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/2012/0620 – Sun room extension, 7 Thornleigh Drive, Gresford - **No representations.**

P/2012/0645 – Erection of 2 No Bedroom Dwelling, Land adjoining Gresford TV and Video Services, High Street, Gresford- **No representations.**

P/2012/0648 – Demolition of existing dwelling and barns, erection of detached dwelling and detached triple garage with annex above, Fields Farm, Old Wrexham Road, Gresford- **No representations.**

P/2012/0650 – New master Bedroom with Dress Room and en-suite, 2 The Conifers, Gresford - **No representations.**

P/2012/0656 – Prune back branches to the boundary from 3 conifers and 9 deciduous trees annually for a period of five years Marford Quarry adj 2 The Conifers, Gresford(Councillors A Bailey and M J Edwards declared personal and/or prejudicial interests in this application

and took no part in the discussion of this item) - ***The Community Council has no objection to this proposal provided that the Council's Arboricultural Officer is satisfied that the work is necessary and will not affect the health of the trees or destroy the appearance of the area.***

P/2012/0668 – First Floor Office extension and porch with internal alterations, Elms Meadow, Vicarage Lane, Gresford - ***No representations.***

P/2012/0676 – Side reduce back from property by up to 4 metres linear length 1 Oak Tree (T1), Bellacre, Hoseley Lane, Marford - ***The Community Council has no objection to this proposal provided that the Council's Arboricultural Officer is satisfied that the work is necessary having regard to the present condition of the trees.***

#### **64 FINANCE & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT**

##### ***The following items were approved for payment***

Scottish Power plc, Unmetered supplies	£1,848.62
Mr C A Route, Grounds Maintenance and Cemetery Work	£545.00
Encore Office Systems, Photocopying	£46.80
Mr Steve Pugh, Grave Making	£150.00
Gresford Retirement Club, Financial Assistance	£300.00
Marford & Gresford Albion YFC, Financial Assistance	£500.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary and Stationery	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary, including Travelling Expenses	NJC Rates
Sundries	£72.51
Postages	£95.35
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates

**Financial Management Report** – A report for the Financial Year up to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012 was received and noted.

#### **Payments by Direct Debit and BACS**

An email from One Voice Wales was received and noted instructing the Council not to do anything until Section 150 (5) the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) was repealed and fresh guidance including new financial regulations were available.

#### **65 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

An invitation from Mr Derek Vaughan MEP to attend The Future of EU Structural Funding and Horizon 2020 in North Wales Conference on 12th October 2012.

**66 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING:** It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Marford Community Centre on Thursday 1st November 2012 at 7.15 p.m.

#### **COUNCILLOR MRS J MACDONALD PRESIDING CHAIRMAN**

**Presiding Chairman.....**

**Date.....**