

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 3rd JANUARY 2013

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs S Cleaver, Mrs J D Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman, Mrs J Holmes, Mrs J Macdonald, G Peake, M Perry, M L Roberts, and Mrs B Watson.

Apologies for absence

Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs P M Lightwood, M Pritchard

Presiding Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman presided over the meeting.
(Councillor Mrs J Macdonald in the Chair)

Declarations of Interest

No Councillors gave notice of their intention to make declarations of interest at this meeting.

89 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Members pointed out that at the last Meeting the Council had also agreed to pay the VAT in respect of the Consultants Fees for Village Improvements. It was **resolved to make an additional grant of £1,392.00 to IMAGE in this respect.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2012 were then confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

90 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to address the Council.

91 BUDGET 2013 – 14

Details of the Budgets for previous years and details of expenditure up to 31st December 2012 were received. The Clerk submitted the draft Budget for the 2013 – 14. This was scrutinised by the Council.

The Council resolved:

1 To approve a Budget for 2013 -14

2 To levy a precept of £72,248 for the financial year ending 31st March 2014;

92 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/2012/0823 – Reduce back southern side of crown by up to 3 metres and reduce back north eastern side of crown by up to 1 metre from one beech (T1) protected by the Marford Hill Conservation Area, Motte House, Marford Hill, Marford – **No representations**

P/2012/0838 – Single storey extension to rear, 22 Sunnyridge Avenue, Marford – **No representations**

P/2012/0840 – First Floor extension over garage area to side 14 Sandrock Road, Marford – **No representations**

P/2012/0848 – Outline application for erection of 2 No dwellings, Quarry View, Pant Lane,

Gresford – **No objection provided that the approach road was made up to adoptable standards**

P/2012/0856 – Two Storey rear extension, 28 Woodridge Avenue, Marford – **No representations**

P/2012/0873 – Crown lift to 7 metres over highway 2 ash (T1 and T2), crown lift all around to 7 metres 1 beech (T3) and remove epicormic shots from stem to 6 metres from 1 sycamore (T4), The Beeches, Chester Road, Gresford – **No objection provided the Council's Arboricultural Officer ensured that there was no damage to the trees.**

93 CONSULTATIONS ON LOCAL PLANNING GUIDANCE NOTE 28: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The updated notes which should be read in association with the policies of the Unitary Development Plan and National Planning Policy and Guidance were considered by the Community Council.

It was resolved to request the notes be amended to ensure that where the affordable housing provision resulted in a fraction of a dwelling, this fraction should be rounded up the nearest whole number.

94 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A letter was received from the Tower Captain of All Saints Church, Gresford Bell Ringers reminding the Community Council of the importance of these bells and the need to encourage young people from the village and elsewhere to participate in bell ringing. In an effort to retain young bell ringers they were seeking funding.

It was resolved to give a letter of support for this scheme and in view of the observations of the members to ask One Voice Wales to confirm that they did not foresee any impediment to the Community Council making a financial contribution.

95 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Gresford Sailing Club – Financial Assistance	£500.00
Scottish Power plc, Unmetered supplies	£602.80
Mr C A Route, Grounds Maintenance and Cemetery Work	£545.00
Mrs M Jones – refund - purchase of brass plaque	£50.40
Mrs M Jones, Salary and Stationery	NJC Rates
Maurice Paddock, Salary, including Travelling Expenses	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, NI and Tax	PAYE Rates
IMAGE, Financial Assistance	£1,393.00

96 REPORTS

MyPAG Action Group, Monthly Report

97 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday 7th February 2013 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR MRS J MACDONALD
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN**

Presiding Chairman.....Date.....