

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 7th MARCH 2013

Members Present

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

Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J MacDonald, G Peake and M Pritchard

In Attendance

PCSO 2118 Wendy Harris.

Declarations of Interest

No member proposed to make a Declaration at this time.

113 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2013 were amended by deletion of the words `The Trust should be advised that the Community Council expects them to be self sufficient` and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

114 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

115 POLICE REPORT

Crime Report for February 2013 was received and discussed.

116 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Village Improvements

The Steering Group had met since the last meeting and they proposed to meet again during the week commencing 17th March 2013.

Community Council Website

Any member of the Council wishing to have access to the website's Dashboard should inform Councillor Cleaver. It was agreed that the approved budget, Council Tax charges and accounts for 2011/12 would be added to the website.

Welsh Language

The complaint from Mr M Strong about the failure of the Community Council to provide a Welsh Language Policy was received and discussed. ***It was unanimously resolved not to uphold the complaint. It was also decided to inform Mr Strong at his address in Aberystwyth that the Council would consider a Welsh Language Policy when instructed by the Welsh Language Commissioner, in accordance with the last advice received from the Welsh Language Board.***

Carving of Oak Tree The Clerk reported that he had written to Gresford PCC to try and establish the ownership of the land at The Green. ***It was also resolved to approve the design for the Oak, subject to the word `Croeso` appearing on one side and `Welcome` on the other.***

Determinations, 2013 of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

The Determinations 7, 10, 11 and 13 were noted and Determinations 8, 9, and 12 were adopted, subject to a review of the Chairman's Allowance for the year at the Annual Meeting.

Play Areas Sub Committee 20th February 2013

The report was approved. The Sub-committee was instructed to meet as soon as possible to further consider the financial support for the 2013 `Get up and Play` Scheme. The Community Council was disappointed to hear that the Youth Club may close at the end of this month. It was also decided to review the type of goal posts at Marford in light of the fatal accident in Powys prior to re-erection.

The Council noted that work to the footpath across Allington Park would be starting shortly following the agreement between the Council, the Contractor and the Local Planning Authority regarding treatment of the root to the tree on the High Street frontage.

Application for Financial Assistance from Kerbcraft

The correspondence received from Lesley Griffiths, AM, Aled Roberts, AM and the Leader of Wrexham County Borough Council was received and noted.

117 MATTER INCLUDED AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLORS

Cleaning of Notice Boards

Councillor Watson had raised this matter and undertook to clean the notice board at Marford with the cleaning materials ordered from the manufacturers of the board.

118 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards reported on his recent trip to Monmouth County Council to view their practices in relation to `Agile Working`.

Councillor A Bailey reported that the Council Tax for the County Borough Council would be increased by 2.7%; and that ESTYN were now happy with the arrangements¹ at Rossett High School.

Councillor Mrs J Dutton reported on the work of Gresford Trust to obtain funding for repairs to the Constitutional Club and as they may require third-party funding the Community Council decided to include an item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs S Cleaver reported that benches and notice boards had been provided at Maes-y-Pant.

Councillor Mrs B Watson reported that the next meeting of IMAGE would take place on 11th March 2013.

119 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

¹ The words "at Rossett High School" were deleted and substituted with the words "of the local authority" at the Meeting held on 4th April 2013

P/2013/0082 – Two-Storey Side Extension, Single Storey rear extension and Single Storey to front 16 Woodridge Avenue, Marford - **No objections**

P/2013/0084 – Erection of Extension to rear and front porch, 13 Pant Olwen, Gresford – **No objections**

P/2013/0118 – Demolition of Existing Garage and erection of New Garage, 22 Sunnyridge Avenue, Marford – **No objections**

P/2013/0121 –Extension to existing Porch, 11 Pant Olwen, Gresford – **No objections**

P/2013/0128 – Erection of Single-Storey Kitchen Extension and Conservatory to rear (amendment to previously granted under Code Number P/2012/0237) Tura, 44 Wynnstay Lane, Marford – **No objections**

P/2013/0144 – Outline Application for the Erection of Five Detached Dwellings and Two Detached Bungalows, land to the rear of Kathen Court, Gresford – **The Community Council expressed deep concerns that this proposal was for development of land presently outside the approved Settlement Area and also had concerns regarding the access which would be onto Hillock Lane, Gresford; the loss of valuable Agricultural Land; and the location of the site meant that the height of dwellings would be in a prominent location on the edge of the countryside.**

120 FINANCE

The Clerk reported on the circumstances leading to the repurchase of Plot 105 Gresford Cemetery, and the following items were approved for payment:

Cruse Bereavement Care	£25.00
Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Saltney and Gresford	£60.00
Shelter Cymru	£50.00
Wales Dyslexia	£50.00
Home Start County Borough of Wrexham	£150.00
Shine Wales (formerly known as NWASBH)	£50.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£100.00
Marie Curie Nurses	£150.00
Family and Friends from 5`s to 11`s	£60.00
Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod	£150.00
North Wales Deaf Association	£50.00
Children`s Cancer Support Group (Rossett)	£100.00
Macmillan Cancer Support	£150.00
Gresford Trust (part funding of Caretaking and clean Services)	£3,545.00
All Saints Gresford Handbell Ringers	£500.00
Mr & Mrs B Smith, Repurchase of Grave Plot 105	£258.00
Mr C A Route, Grounds Maintenance and Cemetery work	£545.00
P & W Maintenance Ltd, Quarterly Grounds Maintenance	£59.53
Mr S A Pugh, Grave making	£300.00
One Voice Wales, Training Course	£30.00
Mrs M Jones, Salary and Postage	NJC rates
Scottish Power, Unmetered Supplies	£624.56
Wrexham CBC, Repairs to Floodlight	£662.16

Maurice Paddock, Salary
HM Revenue & Customs, NI and Tax

NJC rates
PAYE rates

121 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Wrexham CBC`s Draft Local Housing Strategy 2013-2018
- Housing Hotline from Wrexham CBC
- Invitation to AVOW`s AGM on Tuesday, 12th March 2013 at 2.00 pm
- Invitation to TCC`s Public Assembly at St Margaret`s Church Hall on Friday, 19th April 2013 from 7.00 – 8.30 pm.
- Proposed Speed Limits Order – 40 mph on Gresford Road from point 132 South East of its junction with Nant-y-Gaer Road in a southerly direction to a point 73 meters North East of it`s junction with Church Green, Gresford.
- Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – information booklets

122 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday 4th April 2013 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR MRS P M LIGHTWOOD
CHAIRMAN**

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