

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 1ST MARCH 2011

Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs B Blackmore, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman and J L Jones, Mrs S Layhe and R H Willis

Absences

Apologies received from Councillors M Hughes, Mrs M Lightwood and Mrs J MacDonald were received and accepted.

254 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3RD February 2011. Amendments were made to indicate that the grant awarded to Yale College Challenge (Emily Price) was from the Chairman's Fund and that Councillor Bailey had declared personal non prejudicial interests in the grants awarded to Darland High School and Home Start Wrexham subject to these amendments the Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

255 POLICE REPORT

The matter was ongoing

256 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

257 GRESFORD TRUST

Mrs M Heaton, Mr Emlyn Jones and Mr D Pallett gave a presentation on what the Trust was responsible for, its past achievements, keeping "the Show on the road", "future –proofing" the Trust, its future aspirations and finally appealed to the Community Council

- Support and actively lobby on behalf of the Trust
- Meet with the Trust once or, preferably twice a year for regular up-dating
- Include Trust matter as a standing item on the agenda at each Council meeting
- Support the running of the Trust by providing regular revenue funding to appoint a Caretaker for 20 hours per week form the sum of £9,000 p.a.

The Council agreed to include an item on the agenda for the next meeting

258 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Allington Park and Marford Play Areas

In accordance with its earlier stated policy the Council gave further consideration to the proposals to modernize the play areas. ***After due consideration of all matters the Council resolved***

To appointed Ray Parry Playgrounds Ltd of Shrewsbury as the Contractor to carry out the alterations to both play areas

That both schemes be financed from ear marked reserves and balances

To express its preference that Allington Park should be carried out first and Marford immediately afterwards

That publicity and information should be given to all interested parties in order that the children were aware of the works and that the play areas would be closed during the respective periods were work was carried out

That the Play Areas Sub-Committee should supervise and agree the work and any ancillary issues

Temps Out Of School Club, Marford

The matter was ongoing

Oak Tree at the Junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane

A further meeting had been held with the Engineer of Wales and West Utilities. The tree should be removed from the land adjoining the Old Wrexham Road to coincide with the planting season and to this end the Engineer would see if the Company's equipment was sufficient for lifting and transporting the heavy tree.

It was agreed that further enquiries be made with Mr Simon O'Rourke, Woodcarver from Rossett to see if he would undertake the work at its present location or whether the tree should be removed to The Cross. It was also agreed to make enquiries with Glyndwr University to see if their Arts College students could prepare a suitable design. It was necessary to seek the observations of the Highway Authority.

Reinstatement of Footpath, boundary fence and gate at Woodlands Road

An acknowledgement had been received from the Leader of Wrexham Council to say that he was organising a meeting with the responsible officers and would reply when he had more information.

Youth Council

The matter was under consideration by Wrexham Council as part of their efforts to establish a local Youth Senedd.

Zebra Crossing, Chester Road, Marford

The Clerk was awaiting a suitable date for the meeting from the Network Manager.

259 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards reported on the Council tax for 2011 – 2012, Welsh Market, the opening of the new Museum, the Charter with Dignity and Crime and Disorder.

Councillor Mrs Beryl Blackmore reported on Young Peoples Services parking outside Gresford School and the Luncheon Club.

Councillor A Bailey reported that the flower tubs/baskets would be revamped during May and IMAGES' 2012 calendar would be agreed following a photograph competition.

Councillor Mrs J Dutton reported on her efforts regarding parking in Clapper Lane near the school.

260 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2011/0081 – Single storey side extension and rerouting of existing garage, 19 Hawthorn Road, Marford – ***The Community Council was very concerned over the close proximity of the new wall to the nearby willow tree.***

P/2011/0094 – Erection of 1 No. non-illuminated flag sign ATS Euromaster, Marford Hill, Marford – ***The Council considered that this type and size of sign was inappropriate in***

the Conservation Area and that a more standard house sign would be more in keeping with the area.

P/2011/0099 – Erection dwelling (previously granted under Code No P/2005/1380), land adjacent to Quarry Rigg, Pant Lane, Gresford – ***The Community Council considered that the proposed dwelling should not be out of line with the adjoining properties in terms of frontage and height.***

261 RISK ASSESSMENTS AND MANAGEMENT

The Council resolved to approve the Risk Assessment and Management Strategy for 2011 -2012 subject to the addition of the words “Bank reconciliation was checked by one Member”, as required by the Council’s Insurers, to the Financial Controls and Records area of Risk Statement.

262 INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The Council resolved to approve the Internal Financial Controls for 2011 – 2012.

263 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Radio Maelor	£50.00
Nightingale House Hospice	£300.00
Wrexham Reuse Centre	£100.00
Shelter Cymru	£50.00
Darland High School	£100.00
British Red Cross Wales Area	£50.00
North Wales Deaf Association	£50.00
Wales Air Ambulance	£100.00
Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod	£100.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£150.00
Home Start County Borough of Wrexham	£150.00
N W Assoc for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus	£50.00
National Eisteddfod of Wales, Wrexham,	£300.00
Crossroads Care North Wales	£100.00
Yale College Challenge (Emily Price)	£30.00
Ron Bentley & Sons Ltd, Cemetery receipt books	£149.28
SLCC Enterprises Ltd, Conference Fees	£48.00
P & W Maintenance, Quarterly grounds maintenance	£59.53
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

264 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Consultation regarding a proposed Traffic Regulation Order – The County Borough of Wrexham (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) (Various Roads) Order 2011 – Comments required by 18th March 2011 (Details e-mailed to members on 20th February) -

In view of the numerous near-accidents at this location in Chester Road, Gresford and the possible threat to public safety, the Community Council unanimously resolved to totally support the proposed Order to prohibit and restrict waiting on both sides of the B5445 Chester Road, from the junctions of High Street and Vicarage Lane, Gresford.

263 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Gresford Memorial Hall on Thursday 7th April 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR J L JONES,
CHAIRMAN**

Presiding Chairman.....

Date.....