

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD MEMORIAL HALL ON 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012

## Members Present

Councillors A C Bailey, Mrs J Dutton, M J Edwards, M Harriman, Mrs M Lightwood, Mrs J MacDonald, M Pritchard and Mrs B Watson.

## In Attendance

PCSO 2118 Wendy Harris and PCSO 2828 Kelly Ellis were in attendance.

## Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Mrs B Blackmore, and accepted.

## Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to observe Gresford Community Council's Code of Conduct

Following the recent Local Elections all the elected members had signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and an undertaking to observe the Community Council's Code of Conduct. ***It was resolved to give Mrs B Blackmore until the next meeting of the Community Council on 7<sup>th</sup> June to sign a Declaration under the provisions of Section 83 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).***

## 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by councillor A Bailey, seconded by Councillor M Harriman and ***unanimously resolved that Councillor Mrs Mary Lightwood be elected Chairman of the Community Council for the ensuing year. In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended),*** Councillor Lightwood signed a Declaration of Office.

## 2 Declarations of Interest

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs J Dutton and Mrs J MacDonald gave notice of their intention to declare personal and/or prejudicial interests at the appropriate time during the meeting.

## 3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

***It was resolved that Councillor Mrs Jan MacDonald be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Community Council for the ensuing year. In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), Councillor MacDonald signed a Declaration of Office.***

## 4 POLICE REPORT

The Crime Report for April 2012 was circulated and discussed at length. Members commented upon various issues of concern including underage drinking around Marford Community Centre and it was noted that Councillor Mrs Watson had spoken to the Landlord of the Red Lion Public House. ***The Council also resolved***

***To ask the Head Teacher of the Rofft School to remind parents of the need to park responsibly near the school minimise the effect on nearby residents especially during the public utilities works being carried out at the present time;***

***In view of the continued speeding of traffic on Marford Hill and outside Colliers Park Football Training Ground to ask the Traffic Department for the criteria used to establish flashing warning signals to motorists;***

***To thank PCSO Wendy Harris for her efforts during recent staff changes at the police.***

## **5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to speak to the Council.

## **6 INSUFFICIENT CANDIDATES**

Following the recent elections vacancies existed in all three Wards and the Returning Officer had authorised the Community Council to fill the vacancies by co-option. It was noted that three expressions of interest had been received to date.

***The Council resolved to fill the vacancies by cooption and to put up notices inviting suitably qualified persons to submit a short CV to the Clerk of the Council for consideration at the next meeting.***

## **7 APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

The item was deferred until the next meeting.

## **8 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

*It was resolved that the following members be nominate to represent the Council on the undermentioned organisations, namely*

**Gresford and District War Memorial Trust** Councillors Mrs J Macdonald (and two vacancies)

**Gresford United Charities** Councillors J Dutton, M Pritchard (and one vacancy)

**Gresford Youth Club Management Committee** Councillors A Bailey and B Blackmore

**Marford Community Centre Management Committee** Councillors B Blackmore and M Harriman or substitute when required

**One Voice Wales** Councillor M Harriman and Councillor A Bailey second member

**Tarmac Liaison Committee** Councillors Mrs M Lightwood, J MacDonald, M Pritchard (and two vacancies)

## **9 DATES, VENUES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS**

***On being put to the vote the Council resolved that for the ensuing year meetings be held alternately at Gresford Memorial Hall and Marford Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month at 7.15 p.m., except August (no meeting) and January (the second Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup>) and otherwise as required.***

## **10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **11 DETACHED YOUTH WORK**

Mr Les Williams gave a presentation on the progress report prepared by Paul Griffiths & Robert La Polla on the detached youth work up to April 2012 and answered the questions of Members.

## **12 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **101 Telephone Service (Letter from North Wales Police attached)**

After consideration of the reply from the Call Centre Manager of North Wales Police the Clerk was instructed to make the arrangements for a visit to the Centre and to record the Council's dissatisfaction at the level of policing during the past 12 months or so which was due in part to the inadequate service provided by the Telephone 101 system.

### **Heating System, All Saints Church**

A reply was awaited.

**The application from Gresford Trust in respect of the proposed purchase of a projector and screen in the region of £650.00**

***The Community Council resolved to grant financial assistance to the Gresford Trust in the sum of £650.00 towards the purchase of the projector. It was also resolved that a cheque be signed on presentation of an invoice from the suppliers.***

### **CCTV Camera and Laptop**

E-mails were received from Digital Surveillance Wrexham and PCSO Wendy Harris regarding the arrangements for the use and location of the laptop in connection with the CCTV cameras. A quotation was also received from D & A Systems Ltd to change the lighting arrangements for the skatepark in the sum of £236.00 + VAT.

***The Council instructed the Clerk to write to the Police Inspector for this area to say that they believed that the skatepark had not been adequately policed during the past twelve months especially having regard to the alleged increase in smoking and smoking of illegal substances and ask that he provides extra monitoring of the skatepark and youth shelter with the aid of the CCTV equipment.***

***The quotation from D & A Systems Ltd was accepted.***

### **Village Improvements**

The Community Council asked the Clerk of the Council to find out whether Mrs M Heaton could make an up to date presentation on Village Improvements to the Community Council on 5th July.

### **Oak Tree at the Junction of Chester Road and Clapper Lane**

Matter was ongoing.

### **Swings for children with Special Needs**

The matter was under consideration by the Clerk and the Contractor

## Insurance Matters

A quotation was received from Came & Co for Local Council Insurance.

**It was resolved that the quotation in the sum of £2490.13 inclusive of 6% insurance premium tax on a 3 year long term agreement with effect from 1st June 2012 be accepted provided that the Clerk of the Council was satisfied that all the Council's equipment was insured against accidental, malicious and wanton damage.**

## 13 REPORTS

### Councillor M J Edwards

Reported that as Wrexham Council had been involved in the Elections and therefore had little to report.

### Councillor A C Bailey

It was reported that he would follow up matters regarding Winchester Way with the Highways Department and that IMAGE was meeting on 14th May.

### Councillor J Dutton

Councillor Dutton reported on Gresford Trust matters.

## 14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of the following planning application which had been available for Members prior to the meeting, was dealt with as follows:

P/2012/0262 – Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garden room/garage, 31 Stancliffe Avenue, Marford – **No representations**

## 15 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Mr C A Route, Grass Cutting and maintenance of cemetery, April & May	£1090.00
Mr S A Pugh, Grave Making	£700.00
Wrexham CAB, financial Assistance	£500.00
SLCC Enterprises Ltd, Cemetery Training Course	£144.00
Dee Valley Water plc, Water Charges	£10.18
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management, Membership Fee	£90.00
Wrexham County Borough Council	
Quarterly Lighting Maintenance	£1154.93
Rechargeable Lighting Repairs	£739.09
Trade Refuse Charges	£765.00
Scottishpower plc, Unmetered supplies	£1246.10
Mrs M Jones, Salary	NJC Rates
Clerk of the Council, Salary	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, Income Tax and Employers NI,	PAYE Rates
Specialist Tree Care Ltd, Tree Work at the Cemetery	£108.00

## 16 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012

The Statement of Accounts was approved for onward transmission to the Internal Auditor.

**17 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence which had been received was available for members was noted or otherwise dealt with as follows:-

Invitations

- Gresford Trust AGM, Gresford Memorial Hall, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm
- Locality Stakeholder Group, Glyndwr University, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2:00pm
- Wrexham County Borough Council, Annual Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 5:30pm – The chairman was appointed to attend
- Appointment of Town/Community Council representative on the Standards Committee
- Olympic Torch relay – Invitation to a Reception Breakfast at the Guildhall, Wrexham on 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7 am – Councillor Mrs Jen Dutton was appointed to attend

**18 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** It was confirmed that the next Meeting would be held at Marford Community Centre on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR MRS MARY LIGHTWOOD  
CHAIRMAN**

.....**Presiding Chairman**

.....**Date**