

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT MARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2009

Members Present

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

Apology for Absence

Apologies received from Councillors M Hughes, Mrs M Lightwood and Mrs J MacDonald, and CBM WPC 2566 Nicola Gaskell and CSO 2850 Scott Noble were accepted.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Chris Hollway who was attending his first meeting following his co-option as a Member of the Community Council representing Marford & Hoseley Ward. The Clerk of the Council confirmed that Councillor Hollway had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and undertaken to observe the Council's Code of Conduct.

178 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July and the meeting held on 6th August 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

179 POLICE REPORT

Members discussed matters of concern.

180 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present

181 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Proposed Re-cycling Centre at the Plough Inn

A reply from the Chief Environmental Officer was received and it was noted that that Council would be unable to replace the re-cycling units within the Plough Inn car park due to the initial cost of re-erection. The main facility on Wrexham Industrial Estate opened in July and that Council would be phasing in, over the next 12 months, the collection of food waste and cardboard in its kerbside collection.

The reply was noted and it was agreed to invite a Recycling Officer to attend a meeting at the appropriate time. The Council decided to place on record their thanks to Councillor Jan MacDonald for her efforts to have the centre reinstalled.

Fish in the Lake, High Street

It was noted that the Fisheries Officer of the Environment Agency Wales had inspected the lake on 29th July at the Council's request and found no evidence of distressed or emaciated fish and there was no evidence of a predator (pike) in the Lake.

It was agreed to monitor the situation.

Tidy Towns 2009 – 2010 It was noted that the Chief Environment Officer's staff had not yet arranged the meeting of interested parties.

Spectators Stand at Colliers Park, Chester Road

The Chairman reported that he, Councillor Blackmore and the Clerk had discussed this planning application with the Chief Planning Officer on 27th August. The application was to be dealt with by the Planning Committee on 7th September.

It was resolved that arrangements be made for the Chairman to speak at that meeting.

Proposed repairs to the Building at Gresford Cemetery

Details of the revised estimate and two options for the layout of the toilets were received.

It was resolved to accept the lower estimate and Option 2 submitted by Universal Builders.

Street Lighting Maintenance Contract

Details of the revised contract were received from Wrexham County Borough Council and ***The Community Council resolved to continue to use Wrexham Council to manage the street lighting stock on the terms set out in the letter.***

Audit of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2009

The Internal Auditor's Report and Annual Return were received. The only matter of concern to the Internal Auditor was that the Fidelity Guarantee did not cover the maximum projected cash balance.

The Community Council resolved

to accept the additional annual premium of £126.91 in respect of an increase in fidelity Guarantee up to £194,775.

That the Annual Return be approved, signed by the Chairman and submitted to the External Auditor.

To consider the list of ear-marked reserves at the meeting in November together with estimates for new computer equipment

To seek the advice of One Voice Wales regarding the number and type of bank accounts which should be used during the current economic climate in order to maximise the Council's reserves

182 REPORTS

Councillor M J Edwards reported on the Credit Union, Swine Flu and other work of Wrexham Council.

Councillor Mrs B Blackmore reported that grant applications were in hand for the provision of a Luncheon Club at the community centre and on the present position of Darland School re-organisation.

Councillor H Williams reported on her dissatisfaction with the Community Council's web site. It was decided to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Councillor A C Bailey reported that the next meeting of IMAGE was on 14th September.

Councillor J Dutton reported on the success of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Gresford Trust. ***The Council resolved to place on record its congratulations to all those who had contributed to the event for their hard work. Councillor Dutton also reported on the pot holes and poor condition of the speed humps in Clapper Lane. The matter would be taken up with Wrexham Council.***

183 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of planning applications received from the Chief Planning Officer that were available for Members prior to the meeting, were dealt with as follows:

P/2009/0657 – Extension to dwelling, Cresttor, 20 Sunnyridge Avenue, Marford – ***No representations***

P/2009/0692 – Erection of Medical Centre, land adjacent to Ashgrove Nursing Home, Chester Road., Gresford. - ***The Community Council had serious concerns that this proposal would generate additional traffic and if so the entrance to the site and the road layout in this area was considered to be unsuitable; also the Chief Planning Officer was asked to ensure that this proposal was not in the open countryside or otherwise contrary to development in the countryside.***

184 FINANCE

The following items were approved for payment

Gresford Retirement Club, financial assistance	£300.00
MS Support Centre, Saltney, financial assistance	£50.00
P & W Maintenance Ltd, Grounds maintenance at Marford Play Area	£57.05
Dee Valley Water plc, Water Charges	£43.29
Scottishpower plc, Unmetered Supplies	£824.36
Encore Office Systems, Toner for copier	£46.00
Mr S A Pugh, Grave Digging	£810.00
Mr P Lane, Replacement Notice Board Keys	£20.00
JDH Business Services Ltd, Internal Audit Fee	£319.50
Wrexham County Borough Council, Young People Provision SLA	£2195.00
Playsafety Limited, Annual Safety Inspection of Allington Park	£82.80
Mr C A Route, Two months Grass Cutting and maintenance of cemetery	£1,090.00
Clerk of the Council, Salary August & September 2009	NJC Rates
HM Revenue and Customs, Income Tax and Employers NI	PAYE Rates

185 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Detached Youth Work A letter from the Team was received seeking financial assistance to improve the facilities in the Youth Club building in Vicarage Lane, Gresford.

The Council resolved to consider giving financial assistance up to £2,000.00 subject to the Team providing satisfactory accounts and estimates as to how it was proposed to spend the financial assistance.

Consultation on Shaping the future of North Wales Fire and Rescue Service

North Wales Play Association

Public Open Space Survey – To be dealt with by Councillors J Dutton, M J Edwards and J L Jones

Mayor's Charity Ball, Ramada Plaza, Friday 16th October 2009

Wrexham Local Bus Strategy

National Assembly for Wales' Consultation on proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to Community Council and Councillor Recruitment, retention and allowances

Gresford Community Council's Website – E-mail from Lesley Griffiths AM - **Deferred**

Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum – Tuesday, 6th October at 6.30 p.m.

Invitation to the AGM of AVOW on Monday, 7th September at 10 a.m. at Canolfan Catrin Finch, Glyndwr University, Wrexham – **The Council resolved to make arrangements for Councillor Helen Williams and Councillor Sue Layhe to attend,**

Invitation to nominate one delegate to attend the annual Standards Conference Wales 2009 which is being hosted by Cardiff City Council on 15th October

One Voice Wales' National Training Programme for Town & Community Councils – **The Council resolved to make arrangements for Councillor Jen Dutton, Councillor Sue Layhe and Mrs Michelle Jones to attend appropriate modules.**

Gresford Cricket Club – End of Season Fund Raiser – **The Council resolved to make a financial contribution of £75.00, payable to the Gresford Cricket Club**

Adjudication Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2008 - 2009

One Voice Wales – The Voice

Housing Standards & Strategy Newsletter

Play for Wales, Summer 2009 Issue

Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd – Annual Report 2008 – 2009

186 DATE, VENUE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held at Marford Community Centre on Thursday, 1st October 2009 at 7.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR R H WILLIS
CHAIRMAN**

.....**Presiding Chairman**

.....**Date**