

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2011 AT 7-30P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

Councillor R Phillip Parry, Town Mayor
Councillor Jonathan Webb, Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor J A Affleck
Councillor James Falshaw
Councillor G G Gallagher
Councillor David Knights
Councillor M Moriarty
Councillor Stephen Wilson
Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

1. 46/11 APOLOGIES

Councillor Geraint H Jones

Bereavements

Members stood in silence in memory of the following :-

Mrs Sarah Ellen (Nell) Roberts, Preswylfa Care Home, Rhyl, formerly of the Old Court House, High Street, Caerwys. Mr Richard Griffith, Ffordd Meillion, Connah's Quay formerly of "Isfryn" Pen y Cefn Road, Caerwys.

2. 47/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2011.

The Minutes were approved by Councillor M Moriarty and seconded by Councillor George Gallagher as correct.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Councillor Phillip Parry extended a warm welcome to CBM WPC Susan Carrington, North Wales Police to the meeting. WPC Carrington reported on the following:- that there were no issues of concern apart from the odd fuel theft. Considerable changes are taking place within the force when Community Beat Officers from Deeside, North and South Flintshire will be working from Mold. Community Beat Officers will now be known as 'Teams'.

The inspector in charge will be Iwan Jones who will be based in Mold and has a power point presentation available for information in respect of the changes which can be shown at meetings of Community and Town Councils. After a discussion it was agreed to invite Inspector Iwan Jones to attend the September meeting of the Town Council.

Councillor Parry wished CBM WPC Carrington all the best for the future at her new base in Mold.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

3. 48/11 MATTERS ARISING

37/11 Land at Pen y Chwarel. Reported that Mrs Nesta Davies, Solicitor had not received a reply from Land Registry even though a reminder had been sent. Mrs Davies is going ahead to register the land in the name of the Town Council the fee being in the region of £50-00 and will be within the estimate quoted for her legal fees.

82/10 Fascia Signs Nisa Store

As the Planning Application has been refused, a Notice has been served on the Management of the Store and the company supplying the signs that, unless the signs are removed by Friday 22 April 2011, legal action will be taken by Flintshire County Council.

6/11 Flintshire County Council Housing Ballot Scheme. Confirmation received from Mr R Lovelace, Housing Department that he will be attending the June Meeting of the Town Council.

10/11 Replacement of a Public Seat at Afonwen. Acknowledgement received from Flintshire County Council.

21/11 Binding Town Council Minutes. Reported that Mr Broadbent had not completed the work to date.

15/11 Vacant Seat - Information received from the Returning Officer, Flintshire County Council, that Mrs Helen Priestly, The Bungalow, Afonwen, was the only name received for the vacancy and she will not commence as a Councillor until after the 28th April 2011 and when she has signed the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" at the May meeting.

39/11 Litter Picking - Litter picking by the Mental Health Care Team. Letter received from Mr Barry Griffiths, Community Involvement Officer that he is available at his office between 0900 hours and 1700 hours after the 16th April regarding contacting him to make arrangements in respect of litter picking. Agreed that Councillor Falshaw liaise with Mr Griffiths.

4. 49/11 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Falshaw had no issues for discussion or to report. The Town Mayor Phillip Parry asked Cllr Falshaw to look into a complaint received from a resident of St Michael's Drive re the Sewage System.

5. 50/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor Parry reported that he had visited the following:- (a) Caerwys Youth Club (b) St Kentigern's Presentation in Caerwys when a cheque for the sum of £925-00 was donated as a result of various fund raising events. (c) Attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Caerwys in Bloom when the Mayor presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Gaynor Griffiths, Chairperson, for her dedication and hard work to the town, and achieving the first prize in the Flintshire County Council Environmental Competitions Best Kept Community with a population of over 1000 and under 5000.(d) participating in the Annual Spring Clean on Saturday 16th of April 2011.

6. 51/11 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT The following correspondence was received :-

E-mail received from Dr Jean Rosenfeld, Chairman of Flintshire Local Access Forum, informing members that Local Access Forums are statutory bodies under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act

2000 which imposes a duty on each Local Authority to set up a Local Access Forum, and requesting that the Town Council consider arranging an evening between 15th of May and 15th of September between 1830 and 2030 hours at the Memorial Institute, and if possible to pay for the hire of the hall.

Representatives from the following Community Councils will be invited to attend - Cilcain, Llanasa, Nannerch, Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor, Ysceifiog. Members agreed for the meeting to be held in Caerwys at the Memorial Institute during June and to pay for the hire of the room. Clerk to arrange a convenient date, and the members to provide the refreshments.

Cadwyn Clwyd - Newly Launched Cadwyn Clwyd Flintshire Rural Key Fund. Grants available to fund projects up to a maximum value of £24,999-00. The grant will fund 75% of the total cost of a project which is aimed to improve village facilities. Further information available by contacting Andrew Redfern on 018241705802. A copy of the letter to be sent to the Secretary of Caerwys Town Hall.

Invitation from Home Start for a representative from the Town Council to join the group for lunch on Tuesday 1st July 2011 at 12 noon Unit 3, Corlan, Mold Business Park. Councillor David Knights will be attending.

Invitation received to attend the Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales to be held on Saturday 8th October 2011 at Canolfan y Bont, Pontrhydfendigaid. Information received.

Letter received from Flintshire County Council re Fields in Trust Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. Information received.

Flintshire County Council- Information received detailing changes to the Mobile Library Service. In future the service will be provided on a three weekly rota, locations will remain the same.

The Clerk reported that she had displayed a Notice to this effect on the Town Notice Board but resulted in her being contacted by the Acting Head Librarian who had received a complaint from a member of the community about the Notice only being in the Welsh Language.

The Clerk reported that from the 6th of April 2011 all Community and Town Councils are required by HMRC to introduce a PAYE system. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Sharon Henry, Internal Auditor who agreed to set up the system for the Council at a cost of approximately £100-00. Agreed to accept the quotation.

Clerk reported that she had attended a Meeting of Flintshire County Council's Standard Committee at Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 11th April 2011. In future the Standards Committee will produce an Annual Report. Members of the Standard Committee are available to attend meetings of Community/Town Councils. Representatives of Town / Community Councils present requested that consideration be given to arranging a Training Course. Request was also made for a Booklet to be published containing information about the role and function of the Standards Committee.

Reported that the VAT for the Financial year 2010 / 2011 had been completed. The Amount of £711-16 had been paid into the Council's Account. The Clerk reported that she had over claimed the sum of £51 and that the Auditor had been informed who advised the Clerk to adjust the sum from the 2011/2012 claim.

7. 52/11 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

Councillor Moriarty reported that he had attended a meeting of the Flintshire County Forum on Wednesday 16th March 2011 when the following was discussed:- 1. Consultation to take place in June regarding proposals to close public toilets. 2 Leisure Strategy closure of Leisure Centres. 3. Aspiration for 100% broadband coverage of the county by 2012. 4 Housing Ballot to take place in November. 5 North

Wales Residual Waste Treatment facility update- 8 tenders for the contract short listed to three. 6. Review to be undertaken of parliamentary constituencies for 2015 election. 7. Enforcement Department now fully staffed with resulting improvement in service. 8. Flintshire County Council responsible for clearing away dog excreta on footpaths where there are issues of health and safety.

Councillor Moriarty attended a meeting of Flintshire County Council's Planning User Group on Tuesday 29th March 2011 when the following matters were discussed:- 1. Number of Planning Applications are down since 2008. 2. An appointment of a full time Conservation and Design Officer- Mr Jerry Spencer.. 3. Section 106 agreements and control of advertisements covered. 4. Joint County Councillor and Officer training programme to be organized. 5. Aspiration for Flintshire UDP to be adopted by July 2011. But issues in respect of land allocation at three areas in the County could result in the UDP being delayed by up to a further 18 months depending on action decided by Flintshire County Council. On adoption of the UDP, work will commence on the LDP that will entail community involvement. 6. Change made to third party representation in that Community Councils are now permitted to speak at Planning Meetings. 7. Request made that as a matter of courtesy Town and Community Councils are notified when site visits take place in their respective areas by members of the Planning Committee. 8. Localism Bill going through Westminster discussed with potential implications for Wales in respect of planning reform.

Councillor Gallagher reported that he had attended a meeting of the Governors of Ysgol yr Esgob and informed members that the 'Estyn' Inspection will take place between the 23rd to 25th May 2011.

Councillor Affleck reported on the Inspection in the Caerwys Youth Club which went well. The Town Mayor and Council members attended.

8. 53/11 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

The Clerk reported that she had informed NWP that the light opposite the Piccadilly Inn was faulty.

Councillor Affleck reported on the enquiries that he had made with companies and Flintshire County Council as a result of the letter received from Scottish Power regarding the increase in the cost of supply. It would appear that other companies costs of supplying electricity would be similar to the price quoted by Scottish Power. Councillor Affleck reported that he had spoken to Darrell Jones, Street Lighting Manager, Flintshire County Council, and reported on the discussion which took place in respect of maintenance etc. It was agreed to invite Mr Jones to the Town Council's September meeting.

Councillor Affleck was thanked for all his hard work .

9. 54/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS.

The following applications were discussed :-

Planning Application Number 048400 Erection of a single storey pitched roof extension at 6 St Michael's Drive, Caerwys Councillor Moriarty declared an interest in respect of this application, signed the members Code of Conduct and left the Council Chamber. There were no concerns or issues raised.

Planning Application Number 048462 Alterations and extensions Nant Cottage, Pen y Cefn, Caerwys for Coed Maes Mynan Estates Ltd:-

No objection to a replacement extension, but object to submitted proposals on the grounds that proposed elevations indicate, that roof of the new extension will be higher than that of the existing original dwelling, which is stone constructed building, probably the late 19th century or earlier.

Planning Application 08473 Proposal Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use or operation or activity in breach of a planning condition at Ffrith Farm, Pen y Cefn Road, Caerwys. Confirmation by Members that occupation of the mobile home currently in situ within the curtilage of Ffrith Farm had, to their knowledge been in use by the applicant as a dwelling for at least two years.

Planning Application 048429 Proposal Alteration to existing HGV canopy and pump island, construction of free-standing single storey restaurant drive-thru lane, associated car parking and landscape land west of McDonalds Restaurant, St Asaph Road, Lloc, Holywell. Objections to the application on the following grounds:-

1. Over development of the site.
- 2 Hazardous access to and from the highway where numerous accidents have occurred, of which a number have never been reported to the police and therefore will not be included in any statistics. 3 Proposed site layout dangerous for pedestrians by putting them in potential conflict with vehicle movement.
4. Proliferation for further signage and lighting in the locality.
- 5.Potential for increased obstruction of the highway by parked vehicles despite no waiting instructions in force.
6. Creation of further litter around the surrounding area and country lanes that already emanates from a neighbouring 'take away' facility.

Planning Application Number 048465 relating to the proposed development at the former Wilcox Coach Works site at Afonwen. Due to the amount of paper work in respect of this application it was arranged that members would convene at 7-00p.m, on Tuesday 26th April 2011 at the Memorial Institute to discuss the proposals.

Reported that the Demolition of Pen yr Ardd, High Street, Caerwys was being dealt with by Flintshire County Council with all such further work on the property being stopped at the present time.

Request for Flintshire County Council to be informed of The Erection of Sign on land at Plas Isa, Caerwys Hill, Caerwys.

Councillor Moriarty attended a Planning Course by One Voice Wales on Thursday 31st March 2011.

Councillor Wilson nominated to speak on behalf of Caerwys Town Council under 3rd Party Representation when outline planning application Number 047840 for a secure truck parking facility on land northeast of 'The Tollgate Cottage', Pen y Cefn, Caerwys, is determined by Flintshire County Council's Planning and Development Control Committee. Councillor Wilson agreed to attend.

Flintshire County Council approved the following application 047241- Change of use of existing agricultural land to lodge park for holiday accommodation for a total of 57 lodges/chalets at Plas Isa, Caerwys Hill, Caerwys.

Flintshire County Council refused planning application 048282 the erection of 3no fascia signs to the shop frontage at Nisa Store, Compton House, Caerwys.

10. 55/11 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING TWO LITTER BINS ON THE MARIAN.

The Clerk reported that she had received a quote for the cost of purchasing two bins including fixing which amounted to £1000-00. The bins to be located in a position were Flintshire County Council

workforce have access for emptying the bins. Agreed that the Clerk obtain a picture of the bins in question and the cost of cheaper bins. Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor Falshaw to only provide one bin.

11. 56/11 TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN MARCH.

Councillor Phillip Parry proposed that due to lack off attendance by members of the public at the meeting, future meetings be held at the May meeting, as members of the community can speak under the ten minute rule at the commencement of each Town Council Meeting.

Councillor Moriarty proposed seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the Annual Open Meeting continue to be held in March. Should there not be any members of the community present then it was agreed that the normal monthly meeting would start at 7-0p.m.

12.57/11 THE CONDITION OF THE OLD COURT HOUSE, HIGH STREET, CAERWYS.

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that he was asked at the Annual General Meeting of Caerwys in Bloom to report on the appearance of the building after the members had received adverse comments in respect of the building from the judges of the Flintshire County Council Environmental Competitions. Agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Jerry Spencer, Conservation Officer, Flintshire County Council, regarding arranging a site visit.

13. 58/11 TO APPROVE AND RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 ST APRIL 2010 TO 31ST OF MARCH 2011.

A copy of the accounts were circulated to members at the meeting and were proposed as correct by Councillor Moriarty and seconded by Councillor Webb and signed by the Town Mayor Councillor Phillip Parry and the Clerk.

14.59/11 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT / APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

1. W E Cooke (Bus Shelter Maintenance for 3 months)	£60-00
2. NWP Power Systems (street Lighting Maintenance)	£153-00
3. Flintshire County Council (New Bus Shelter at Afonwen)	£2,000-00
4. AON Local Council Insurance, Leicester (Annual Premium)	£1,537-47.

Applications for Financial Support.

1. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru Wreccsam a'r Fro 2011	£250-00
2. Gwyl y Cadi Ha (Welsh Folk Dancing event on the square)	£50-00
3. Flintshire Diabetes Voluntary Group. No grant as there was no Balance Sheet or a copy of a Bank Statement with the application.	

Standing Orders were suspended.

Councillor Gallagher reported that Mr Darryl Spittle from S P Energy Networks had done an excellent job of work planting trees on the Marian. Agreed to send a thank you letter to Mr Spittle.

As the next meeting of the Town Council will be held on the 17th of May 2011 which is the Annual Mayor Making it was in the Local Standing Order to receive nominations for Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor. Councillor Jonathan Webb was proposed as Town Mayor and Councillor Geraint Jones as the Deputy Town Mayor.