

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7-30 P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

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

Mrs Elizabeth Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

1. 19/11

APOLOGIES

Councillor J A Affleck

Bereavements.

Members stood in silence in memory of the following :- Mr Charles Beech, Llys yr Pentre, Afonwen.

2. 20/11

A WORD OF WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL BY COUNCILLOR PHILLIP PARRY, TOWN MAYOR, AND THE SIGNING OF THE "DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE"

Councillor Phillip Parry congratulated Councillor David Knights on been elected a member of this Council and extended a warm welcome to him to his first meeting. Councillor Knights was then invited by the Clerk to sign the Declaration in the presence of the Town Mayor the Clerk and members.

3. 21/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2011.

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Jonathan Webb and seconded by Councillor M Moriarty as correct.

4. 22/11 MATTERS ARISING.

Land at Pen y Chwarel.

The Clerk reported that she had written to Mr Alan Sass having received instructions from Mrs Nesta Davies, The Town Council's Solicitor requesting that the annual easement payment be sent to the Council and that the equipment on the land be removed. No reply to date had been received.

The Clerk read out a letter which Mrs Davies had received from the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council informing members that Flintshire County Council confirmed that they had no interest in the land comprising the former quarry. The Highways Department confirmed that there is no prospect of the quarry being used again. Copy extract of the Enclosure Award Act of 1852 identifies the quarry as plot 26

and appears to refer to the "Parish of Caerwys". Mrs Davies had spoken to the Clerk to ascertain if the members agreed for her to proceed with registering the land in the ownership of the Town Council. Members unanimously agreed. Councillor Wilson reported that he and Councillor Affleck had not visited the site to date.

82/10 Display Signs on the walls of the Nisa Store, Compton House. Letter received from Mrs L Fensome, Flintshire County Council informing members that she had spoken to Claire Leaney, Enforcement Officer and was informed that three of the signs had been removed as a result of action from the enforcement team who are in negotiations with the specialist sign company, who have been employed to deal with the issues surrounding the signage. Flintshire County Council agreed that the current signage can remain while a more appropriate scheme of advertisements for the store can be discussed. Application for advertisement consent submitted to Flintshire County Council by Nisa Stores and validated in the meantime.

6/11 (2) Housing Ballot Scheme - The Clerk reported that she had written to Mr Richard Lovelace at Flintshire County Council regarding arranging a meeting for Council House Tenants and was informed that the County were in the process of arranging meetings for tenants at various venues throughout the area. Mr Lovelace requested that he attend a Council meeting to inform members on the Ballot Scheme. Agreed that Mr Lovelace attend the April 2011 meeting.

10/11 Replacement of the public seat at Afonwen. Councillor Wilson reported that there were some seats available from about £349-00 plus £10-00 delivery. Councillor Gallagher reported that he had made enquires locally and that it would be possible to repair the seat by replacing the ends. The Clerk to make enquiries with the staff at Halkyn Depot to ascertain if they will carry out the repairs.

12/11 Binding Town Council Minutes. Reported that Mr Paul Broadbent had collected the Minutes for binding and they will be ready by mid March.

15/11 Vacant Seat Clerk reported that the Vacant Seat on the Town Council will be advertised on the three Notice Boards when the posters will be displayed on Thursday 17th February 2011. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer at County Hall, Mold on any day after the date of the notice, but not later than **NOON on Friday 25th February 2011.** If the election is contested, the poll will take place on **Thursday 24th March 2011 between the hours of 7a.m. and 10p.m.**

16/11 Enforcement Issues. Reported that no reply to date had been received from Flintshire County Council.

5. 23/11 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw reported that the water trough/milestone at Afonwen has been repaired. A huge pot hole had appeared opposite the Victorian Lamp on Mostyn Square. Both the light and the pothole had been attended to. Mr Duggan-Keen requested that the members consider purchasing two Dog Fouling Bins on the Marian. Agreed to include on the Agenda for consideration at the April meeting .. Mr Barry Griffiths and his team had done a very good job of work on the litter pick throughout the town. Agreed that the Clerk send a thank you letter to Mr Griffiths. The Historical Book Launch will take place at the Town Hall on Friday 18th March 2011. The Town Council's "Bier" will be located in a building in Shotton during March! April. Further information can be obtained from Debbie Sedburgh, Flintshire County Council's, Heritage Officer.

6. 24/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that he had attended St Kentigern's Fund Raising Day, and a Help the Heroes concert at St Asaph Cathedral. Councillor Parry reminded members that the Annual Open Meeting will be held prior to the Town Council's Monthly Meeting on Tuesday 15th March 2011 at 7-

00pm, at the Memorial Institute.

7. 25/11 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT.

Letter received from County Councillor Matt Wright regarding that consideration be given by the members to consider discussing extending the operating season for caravans/lodges/chalet sites from ten and a half months to twelve months. The members unanimously agreed not to support extending the period as this would effectively turn the sites into little more than residential estates presenting problems as to

payment of Council Tax. Pressure would also be placed on local services by sudden increase of population in areas where such sites exist. At the present time, standards which apply to holiday accommodation do not conform with permanent housing building regulations, therefore, there will be issues with current legislation. Many such sites are located in sensitive rural/coastal areas where normal residential development would not be permitted. Such a proposal is little more than development via the back door due to the comparative ease holiday sites are granted planning consent compared with residential development.

Flintshire County Council Unitary Development Plan - Further Statement of Decisions and Further Proposed Modifications. This relates to land allocation for residential development at Abermorddu, Mancot and Broughton. Recommend no objections to matters covered.

Thank you letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government for completing the Town and Community Council Survey for 2010.

Welsh Assembly Government "Section 137 Expenditure" Limit for 2011-12 Informing members that that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for community and town councils in Wales for 2011/12 is £6-44 and not £6-43 as previously stated.

E Mail received from M Harriman, Flintshire C C regarding items discussed at the Stakeholders Reference Group Meeting held on the 17th January 2011 which were Five Year Plan, Asbestos at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, Winter Pressures, Voluntary Organisations.

Information in respect of the Licensing Act 2010 to 2013. Received Flintshire County Council's Revenue Budget 2011/12. Received

8. 26/11 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

Councillor Jonathan Webb reported that he had attended a meeting of the North Wales Association of Town and Larger Council's when the following items were discussed. North /South Wales road route to be improved. The Welsh Language Bill was supported. General Development Board.

Councillor Geraint Jones reported that he had attended a meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee. It is intended that a major improvement / refurbishment of the building will be carried out. And applications are to be made for grants and other financial support towards the cost of the work.

9. 27/11 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

No reports were received.

10. 28/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS.

Planning Application Number 045933 Outline - Provision of an overnight lorry park, Park View Garage, Crossways Road, Caerwys. Councillor Moriarty reported that the applicant had appealed against refusal

of planning consent. The Planning Inspectorate is arranging that an appeal to be dealt with by way of hearing which will be held on Tuesday 13th April 2011. Venue to be arranged. Appeal reference number APP/A6835/A/12143895fWF .

Planning Application Number 048198 Increase in height of pole sign from 5m to 8m at McDonalds Restaurant, Holywell Road, Lloc. Application withdrawn.

Planning Application 048282 Advertising Consent, Nisa Stores, Compton House, High Street, Caerwys. Details of application awaited from Flintshire County Council.

11. 29/11 TO ITERATE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE CURRENT LOCAL STANDING ORDERS (namely (a) Rules of debate, (b) Closure (c) Suspension of Standing Orders.(d) Quotations ,(c) Contacting Flintshire County Council together with Minute Number 13 72/09.

Councillor Phillip Parry explained that all Councils adopt the National Standing Orders as Guidelines, and referred to Rules of debate, Closure, Suspension of Standing Orders, Quotations, Contacting Flintshire County Council. Councillor Parry explained to the members that any issues appertaining to Flintshire County Council must be made through the Clerk as instances have occurred when members of this Council have been contacting the County Council direct. Minute Number 13 72/09 Representative's Report - Members were asked to clarify Representative's Report as there had been some confusion when members had attended a meeting on behalf of the Town Council they were not sure at what stage of the meeting they should give their report. It was agreed that all meetings that members had attended on behalf of the Town Council, that had previously agreed and minuted, that the nominated Councillor attending a meeting be included under the Agenda item "Representative's Report".

12. 30/11 TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESSMENT, FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT, TOGETHER WITH REVIEWING THE STANDING ORDERS.

In compliance with the External Auditors Regulations the members updated the regulations as in Agenda Item No 11.

13.31/11 TREE SURGERY, CHAPEL STREET, CAERWYS.

Reported as a result of SP Energy Networks contacting the Clerk regarding necessary remedial work to trees surrounding the electricity transformer located at the old lorry park at the bottom of Chapel Street, a site meeting was held in December between the company's representative, Mr Darryl Spittle, Mr Trevor Roberts, from Flintshire County Council and Councillors Gallagher and Moriarty. At the meeting it was drawn to the attention of the Councillors the potential hazard presented by the overgrown leylandii trees growing at this location. An offer was made by Mr Spittle that when the work by the transformer was carried out, the leylandii trees could either be trimmed or cut down. There was also the offer that should a decision be made to remove the trees, saplings of native species could be planted as replacement. An article regarding this issue was published in the February Edition of the Caerwys Chronicle inviting comments by residents prior to the February meeting of the Town Council. One person responded being in favour of the removal of the trees. Members agreed to remove the trees and to accept Mr Spittle's offer. Mrs Gaynor Griffiths, Secretary of Caerwys in Bloom to be informed when the planting will take place.

14. 32/11 TO DISCUSS PROVIDING A DOG FOULING BIN IN THE VICINITY OF MOSTYN SQUARE.

Councillor Moriarty reported that he had been approached by a member of the public for the town Council to consider providing a bin. It was pointed out as the Square is in a conservation area and surrounded by properties it may not be feasible to provide a bin. Agreed that the Clerk contact the Conservation Officer at Flintshire County Council for advice.

15. 33/11. CONDITION OF THE WATER TROUGH/FOUNTAIN AT AFONWEN.

This item was withdrawn as the issue was no longer relevant.

16. 43/11 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

1. Flintshire County Council (Election costs 10 th February 2011 -unopposed)	£172-95
2. Caerwys Women's Institute (Annual Grant)	£100-00
3. Caerwys Memorial Institute (Annual Grant £500 +cost of meetings up to 31/03111.	£560-00
4. E E Snowden (Travelling Expenses for the period 24/09/10 to 8102111	£110-40.

Cheque for Councillor Phillip Parry for £80-00 made payable at the January 2011 was shredded in error. Agreed to issue new cheque.

Cheque made payable to Councillor G Gallagher payable on the 18th October 2010 for the sum of £32-90 had been mislaid. As a result the Clerk was advised to stop the cheque. The cheque was later found and the members agreed to pay Councillor Gallagher the sum of £22-90 less the £ 10 fee for stopping the cheque.

No applications received from voluntary groups.