

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 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 A Affleck  
Councillor G G Gallagher  
Councillor Geraint Jones  
Councillor M Moriarty  
Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams  
Councillor Stephen Wilson

Mrs Elizabeth Snowden, Clerk / Financial Officer.

**1. 1/11 APOLOGIES**

Councillor James Falshaw.

**Bereavements.**

**Members stood in silence in memory of the following :-**

Mrs June Valerie Jones, Bollingbroke Heights, Flint formerly of Maes y Dre, Caerwys.  
Mr John Edward Pritchard, "Minffordd", Denbigh formerly of Caerwys and Bryn Sion, Afonwen. Mr Herbert Hughes, "Tegfan", Pen y Cefn, Caerwys.

Councillor R Phillip Parry extended a warm welcome to Mr N Pierce Jenkins to the meeting after his illness and wished everyone a Happy New Year

**2. 2/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010.**

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

**3.3/11 MATTERS ARISING.**

62/10 Land at Pen y Chwarel, Pen y Cefn. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Mrs Nesta Davies, Llewellyn Jones Solicitors and received the following information :- Mrs Davies had spoken to Angela Massey, Legal Department, Flintshire County Council regarding the Highways Department making any claim on the land, unfortunately correspondence between the two Departments had been mislaid. The Town Council was advised to contact Mr Alan Sass regarding the payments due on the easement of the land, and that Mr Sass be again requested to remove any equipment off the land.

Councillors A Affleck and S Wilson agreed to visit the site.

82/10 Display Signs on the walls of the Nisa Store, Compton House. As no further information had been received in respect of this issue Councillor Moriarty circulated a letter which he had prepared to the members for their approval. Members unanimously agreed to send the letter to Mr Colin Everett, Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council and a copy to Councillor Arnold Woolley the Leader of the Council for his attention.

105/10 Reported that the holes in Mostyn Square had been repaired, footpath sign at the bottom of St Michael's Drive had been attended to. Seat at Afonwen separate Agenda item.

132/10 "Preparations for the coming winter scheme", Reported that the Councillor Moriarty and the Town Clerk were receiving daily weather reports. The new salt bin plus salt had been purchased and is located between Stone Cottages and the Royal Oak Inn, Water Street.

One Voice Training Programme "The Law". Reported that Councillor M Moriarty and the Clerk attended the course at County Hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

#### **4.4/11 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.**

As Councillor Falshaw was absent from the meeting he submitted a report covering the following issues:-

1. Bryn Aur street name plat faded and needs replacing. 2. Street Lighting. 3. Councillor Falshaw is arranging a litter pick with Barry Griffiths within the next month. 4. Local Boundary Commission for Wales are unable to complete the reviews by June 2011. 5. No law preventing members of the public from clearing snow and ice on their properties and on the pavements outside providing that care is taken. 6. Park View Garage Crossways Planning Application Number 045933 applicant has appealed against Flintshire County Council's decision. The applicant has decided to go for a formal hearing which will be held in mid March at a suitable venue within the community, (see item 7/11) further information will be available when a suitable date has been arranged.

#### **5.5/11 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT.**

Councillor Parry reported that he had attended the following :- ABC Drama Group, Mayor's Civic Sunday, Christmas Carols at St Asaph Cathedral, The Town Council's Annual Christmas Dinner. St Michael's Church Yardigans Christmas Function.

#### **6.6/11 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT**

The following was received :- 1. Flintshire County Council's Draft Council Fund Revenue 2011/12. Information received.

2. Flintshire County Council Housing Ballot Scheme - consultation process on the future of Council Housing which will culminate in a ballot of tenants on whether they wish to transfer to a registered social landlord or not. Agreed that Mr Richard Lovelace or one of his staff be invited to address the tenants living in Council owned properties within the town to a meeting. Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams to inform the Clerk on a suitable date/s and venue.

3. Flintshire County Council-Lifelong Learning Play Area Task Group. Clerk reported that she had completed the questionnaire and returned to County Hall.

4. Royal British Legion "Great Poppy Party Event 10<sup>th</sup> 11th and 12th June 2011. Information received. No Action taken.

5. Flintshire County Council- Summer Holiday Playscheme Programme 2011 commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011- until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at a cost to the Town Council of £872-04. Members unanimously agreed to participate providing the supervision of the scheme is of the same quality as the 2010 scheme.

6. Flintshire County Council Civil Parking Enforcement(CPE). The Council's Executive Committee will be considering reports seeking formal approval to proceed with an application. Initial work on CPE has already commenced with a formal application to WAG. It is intended to apply for the transfer of parking enforcement powers on a date yet to be determined in 2011/12 financial year with enforcement covering

the whole County except the A55 North Wales Expressway and the A494 Trunk Roads, similar to those already introduced in other North Wales Authorities. The County Council are asking for this Council's view on whether the County Council or the Police should have the power. Members agreed that the power be granted to Flintshire County Council. Further information can be obtained by contacting Alan Evans, Project Manager on 013521704623.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2011 . Request received from Flintshire County Council to display posters Advertising the event which will take place on the 27th January – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011 on the Town Council's Notice Boards. Members agreed to the request.

## **7. 7/11 STREET LIGHTING -FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER**

The following were reported :- 1. Victorian Lamp located on Mostyn Square, Caerwys, 2, opposite 28 Park View, Afonwen.

## **8. 8/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS.**

Planning Application Number 045933 Outline -Provision of an overnight lorry park, Park View Garage, Crossways Road, Pen y Chef. This item has been reported under the County Councillor's Report.

Planning Application 048198 Increase in height of pole sign from 5m to 8m, McDonald's Restaurant, Holywell Road, Lloc. Sign in question located at the entrance to Me Donald's Restaurant by the side of the A5026 Holywell Road, and on the border with the Caerwys Town Council Area. By increasing the existing pole height and together with the sign on top, the actual height involved will be 9.951m. This equates to a height of over 32.5 feet. Councillor Moriarty recommended to members that a letter of objection to this planning application be submitted by Caerwys Town Council on the grounds that by increasing the height of the sign it would be far more intrusive on the landscape than at present and would detrimentally contribute towards even further loss of the visual amenity of the locality. Members unanimously agreed that the Clerk send a Letter of objection.

Flintshire County Council approved the following application 047942 :- Conversion of existing building to provide 4 holiday cottages and relocation of existing cafeteria with conservatory extension to provide cafeteria dining area and external soft and hard landscaping including bunds to fishing lakes at Seven Springs Trout Farm, Caerwys.

### **Flintshire County Council refused the following applications :-**

1. Application Number 045935 Outline Planning application for an overnight lorry park including access for a maximum of twenty vehicles together with toilet and washing facilities at Park View Garage, Crossways Road, Caerwys.
2. Planning Application Number 044857 Retrospective application for a replacement mobile home to be occupied by an agricultural worker at Frith Farm, Pen y Cefn Road, Caerwys.

## **9. 9/11 (A) TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2010 CASH BOOK BALANCE**

**(B) TO APPROVE AND RECEIVE THE ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.**

**(A)** A copy of the Cash Book Balance together with a copy of the Receipts and Payments to date were circulated to members at the meeting and were received and approved as correct and signed by the Town Mayor and the Financial Officer.

(B) Councillor Parry reported that a letter had been received from Flintshire County Council that the Tax Band 'D' base for the Financial year is to be £606.88 A copy of the Estimates to the end of the Financial year 2010 / 11 and the Estimated Precept for Financial Year 2011 / 2012 was circulated to members.

Councillors agreed not to increase the Band 'D' amount for the next financial year, Councillor Phillip Parry advised that the Precept would decrease from £22,677-00 to £22,250.00 with Band 'D' properties at £36.66 a decrease of 26 pence. These figures were agreed by the members.

Councillor Parry reported that the Precept for The Town Council in 2011 / 12 will be £22,250.00 a decrease of 26 pence . Councillor G Jones proposed and seconded by Councillor J Webb to accept the estimates

#### **10. 10/11 TO DISCUSS REPLACING THE PUBLIC SEAT NEAR TO THE BUS STOP IN AFONWEN.**

Reported that an estimate for the cost of providing a new seat had been received from Flintshire County Council which is as follows Cost of New Seat £590-00 including delivery and a further £250-00 to install the seat and dispose of the old one.

The Clerk reported that she had received a catalogue from GLASDON which includes various types of seats and costs. It was agreed that Councillors Affleck, Gallagher and Wilson visit the site and make further enquiries in respect of providing a suitable seat and report to the February meeting.

#### **11. 11/11 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING A PLAQUE IN A SUITABLE LOCATION TO INCLUDE THE NAMES OF PAST AND PRESENT TOWN MAYOR'S**

After a discussion Councillor G Gallagher agreed to withdraw his proposal.

#### **12. 12/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ESTIMATES FOR BINDING THE TOWN COUNCIL'S MINUTES.**

The Clerk reported that she had received a written estimate from Mr Paul Broadbent which amounted to £100-00. Councillor Moriarty proposed seconded by Councillor Webb to accept the estimate

#### **13. 13/11. TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR YSGOL YR ESGOB .**

Councillor M Moriarty proposed seconded by Councillor G Jones that Councillor Gallagher represent the Town Council. Councillor Webb declared an interest. Clerk to inform the Secretary of the Governing Body.

#### **14. 14/11 WANTON DAMAGE ON THE MARIAN LUCY COMMON.**

Councillor Parry reported on the damage caused by a vehicle on the Marian and that CBM WPC Sue Carrington had visited the area and reported that no one had seen who was responsible for the damage. Situation to be monitored .

#### **15. 15/11 VACANT SEATS.**

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone message from the Election Officer informing her that Mr David Knights from Afonwen had put his name forward to become a member of the Town Council and was unopposed. Mr Knights had up to 12 noon on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 to withdraw .

The vacant post will have to be re-advertised. Notices to be displayed on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, should there be an Election will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

#### **16. 16/11 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES.**

Councillor Moriarty request that the Town Council receive updates from Flintshire County Council on the following enforcement issues :-

131085 Use of agricultural land for builder's yard, at Pen y Cefn. 133030 Erection of fencing at 4 Lon yr Ysgol, Caerwys. 136407 Removal of hedgerow, fields NE of Crossways Road, Pen y Cefn.

#### **17. 17/11 DAMAGE TO SALT BIN NEAR THE SCHOOL.**

Councillor Gallagher reported that the Bin had been damaged. The Clerk reported that she had reported the matter.

Agreed to include on the Agenda for the February meeting Provision of a Salt Bin Afonwen.

#### **18. 18/11 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

**Approval received for the payment of the following :-**

1. Reimbursement of Web Hosting and Caerwys Town name (Cllr R Parry)	£80-00
2. NWP Power System (Christmas Lights)	£600-00
3. Flintshire County Council (supply of new salt bin and fill with rock salt)	£195-00
4. Scottish Power (cost of street lighting)	£367-18
5. Society of Local Council Clerks (Annual subscription)	£95-00
6. Walton of Chester (repairs to the chain of office)	£215-00
7. Caerwys Memorial Institute (cost of meetings)	£40-00
8. Caerwys Town Hall (Annual Grant)	£500-00
9. Postage refund (from 22/7/10 to 18/1/11)	£47-44
10. N Wales Association for Town & Larger Councils	£12-50
11. St Michael' s Church Caerwys.	£500-00

Request from the members of the Parochial Church Council for consideration to be given to increase the donation this year. Members unanimously agreed that the amount remain the same as last year. Councillor Webb declared an interest.

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

Marie Curie Cancer, London requesting support to increase the number of nurses in Wales.

Agreed not to donate any funding to this organisation, and instead donate a larger amount to St Kentigern Hospice. The Clerk to contact the London Office to enquire what areas in Wales they propose to increase the number of nurses.

St Kentigern Hospice, St Asaph.

£100-00

### **Standing Orders were suspended**

Councillor Gallagher gave a verbal report in respect of Dog Fouling around the town and on the footpath leading from the Institute to the Marian Lucy Common. The Dog Warden is to visit the town. Councillor Gallagher distributed Notices for members to display throughout the community.