

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH JULY 2011 AT 7-00P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

Councillor Jonathan Webb, Town Mayor
Councillor J A Affleck
Councillor J Falshaw
Councillor G G Gallagher
Councillor H Jones
Councillor David Knights
Councillor Michael Moriarty
Councillor Phillip Parry
Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly
Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams
Councillor Stephen Wilson

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

1. 88/11 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2.89/11 Councillor Jonathan Webb extended a warm welcome to Mr Darrell Jones, Street Lighting Manager, Flintshire County Council to the meeting who gave an outline on the costs and savings to the Town Council should they agree for the contracting of the street lighting to be taken over by the County Council. Councillor Affleck agreed to liaise with Mr Darrell Jones regarding costs and provide him with the number of street lamps within the Town Council area. Flintshire County Council will examine all the lamp posts some of which may have to be replaced and submit an estimate of the cost of replacing lamp posts and providing a written estimate for a maintenance contract.

Under the ten minute rule members of the Caerwys in Bloom Committee were given permission to speak. Before Mr Steven Griffiths spoke on behalf of the Society. The Clerk read out a letter which she had received the previous day from the Secretary which read as follows :- Caerwys in Bloom Society had been made aware by Councillor Moriarty of a complaint which he had received from a resident of the town, that apparently the Society had broken the law by reinstating an existing planted area of the Marian, and not approached Flintshire County Council for permission, Councillor Moriarty had also received a complaint about the flower pots on the pavements, it was also pointed out that the Society were in breach of highway laws and required a licence before placing pots on the pavements. It had been agreed that permission had been received to display floral pots in Church Walks Mr Griffiths pointed out that during the last ten years floral displays in pots had been placed throughout the town and no complaints had ever been received. Regarding planting on the Marian the Town Council were aware that the trees had been felled on the Marian by SP Energy who had planted new trees and this area apparently had been used for planting flowers in the past. Agreed that the Clerk contact the Legal Department to ascertain what the legal position is regarding displaying flowers and to make enquires on behalf of Caerwys in Bloom about obtaining a licence.

3. 90/11 TO APPROVE AND RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST JUNE 2011.

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Geraint Jones and seconded by Councillor Stephen Wilson subject to the following amendments :- page 1 should read Coed Farm Lane and not Coed Farm Road.

Item 3 75/11 1130a.m. on the 21/6/11. Page 3 item 6 to include the word Agricultural between Caerwys and Show.

3.91/11 Matters Arising. The Clerk reported that Mr Richard Lovelace, from the Flintshire Housing Ballot Project had agreed to address the members at the Town Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th October 2011.

48/11 Land at Pen y Chwarel. The Clerk reported that Mrs Nesta Davies, Llewellyn Jones Solicitors had arranged for her to attend the office on Wednesday 20th July 2011 to go through all the title documents and to sign the Statutory Declaration Act in the presence of another solicitor in Mold.

82/11 Removal of Facia Signs at the Nisa Store, Compton House, Caerwys. Letter received from Claire Leaney informing Council that the file was being forwarded to the Legal Department to instigate formal criminal proceedings. Details of the prosecution are still being finalised between the Council's Solicitor and the Planning Department. Update on progress will be sent to the Town Council in due course.

10/11 New Seat at Afonwen. As a result of the Town Council sending a thank you letter to Mr Nigel Seaberg at Halkyn Depot a letter has been received from Mr Derek Charlton thanking the members for their kind comments and stating that it is very gratifying to receive such complimentary letters.

Flintshire Local Access Forum. The Clerk reported that eight members including two from Caerwys Town Council had attended the meeting on Tuesday 28th June at Caerwys Town Hall.

57/11 Old Court House, High Street, Caerwys. The Clerk read out a letter which she had received from Mr Jerry Spencer, Conservation Officer, Flintshire County Council pointing out the various problems in respect of the building as a result of his visit. After a discussion members agreed that the Clerk send a letter to Mr Spencer requesting that Flintshire County Council take what action they think necessary in respect of this listed building.

79/11 Caerwys Town Council Payroll. The Clerk reported that the first payment of £348.97 had been made to HMRC on the 7th July 2011.

83/11 Enforcement Issues. The Clerk reported that she had not received a reply to her letter 1st July 2011 sent to the Enforcement Team at Flintshire County Council.

13. 85/11 Resurfacing the Multi Sport facility (tennis court). Letter received from the Secretary of the Caerwys Memorial Institute informing members that this issue was discussed at length last year by the Management Committee and conclusion taken was that an all weather/Astroturf type surface would actually reduce the usage on the multi court.

14. 86/11 Under grounding Electricity Cables. Clerk reported that she had not received a reply to her letter dated 1st July to SP Energy Customer Services, Glasgow.

Councillor Affleck had received an E mail from Steven Allcock at Scottish Power informing him that that there are no immediate plans to underground the overhead network.

Councillor Gallagher reported that he straightened the 'Caerwys' Name sign at the entrance to the town from the Pen y Cefn Road, and informed the Clerk that the cost of a new 'Caerwys' name sign at Rhydlydan Crossroads (Nook Hill Crossroads) would be £74-50. Agreed to include as an Agenda item for the September meeting.

5.91/11 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw reported that the Litter Picking team had been carrying out work in Bryn Aur.

6. 92/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended the following during the month – Local Access Forum Meeting, Denbigh Town Council's Civic Sunday, Flint Town Council's Civic Sunday, Holywell Town Council's Civic Sunday, Gwyl Flint, and the International Eisteddfod at Llangollen.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT

The following correspondence was received :-

1. Copy of the Standards Committee Annual Report.
2. A copy of the Ombudsman's Annual Report.
3. Invitation to the Standards Conference 5th October 2011 at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells.
Information received
4. Information in respect of the Flintshire Holiday Playscheme commencing Wednesday July 20th for a five week period up to Tuesday 23rd of August Michael Hughes Senior Playworker and Ffion Edwards, Playworker. The Clerk reported that she had received a call from Janet Roberts who is in charge of the scheme enquiring if the Town Council would pay for the rental at the Town Hall during wet weather periods. Members agreed to pay a maximum of £100 over the period.

8 94/11 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

Councillor Moriarty reported that he had attended a meeting of the Police Consultative Meeting with Councillors Mrs Eirlys Williams, George Gallagher and the Clerk on Monday 27 June 2011 at Mold Police Station. No relevant information was obtained regarding the new police reorganisation in relation to the Caerwys Community. The meeting was dominated by representatives from urban communities in the southern part of the police district raising individual policing complaints in their respective communities. The meeting did not match up to expectations by being badly organised and was little more than a free from all to air complaints.

Councillor Moriarty attended a meeting organized by the Local Access Forum which was held in the Memorial Institute, Caerwys on Tuesday 28th July 2011. When matters relating to public rights of way were discussed with the aim by the Local Access Forum group to collate information on rights of way in community areas. Representatives from other local Councils were present including a representative from AONB. Thanks were extended to Mrs Carol Gallagher and the Clerk for providing refreshments. Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly enquired if it was possible to obtain a map showing the public footpaths within the Community of Caerwys. The Clerk to make enquiries with the mapping section at County Hall.

Councillor Gallagher reported that he had straightened the Caerwys name sign at the entrance to the town from the Pen y Cefn Road, and that he had informed the Clerk that he received an estimate for the cost of a new sign £74-50 to replace the damaged sign Rhydlydan Crossroads (Nook Hill Crossroads) Agreed to include as an Agenda item for discussion at the September meeting.

Councillor Gallagher reported that he had attended a meeting of the Ysgol yr Esgob Governing Body and reported that Mr Allen had taken early retirement. Jane Borthwick, Head Teacher at Trelawnyd School would be acting head and spending two and a half days a week at Caerwys School the other two and a half days Carol Woodward will be acting head. The Estyn Report on Ysgol yr Esgob will be available on the Web Site on the 26th July 2011.

Councillor Jonathan Webb reported that he had attended the Quarterly Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the North Wales Association for Town and Larger Councils at Connah's Quay, and gave a verbal report on items discussed.

9. 95/11 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

There were no reports of any faults.

10. 96/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS.

Planning Application Number 048721 and 048722 Demolition of existing lean-to roof and creation of two storey extension to east facing elevation and provision of roof mounted photovoltaic panels at the Town Hall, South Street, Caerwys.

No objections providing account is taken of relevant planning policies and local planning guidance due to application site being within the Caerwys Town Conservation Area and Grade 2 listed buildings located in the vicinity.

Planning Application Number 048804 Erection of a conservatory to the rear of 'Swn y Clychau', High Street, Caerwys. No objection providing account is taken of relevant planning policies and local planning guidance due to the application site being within the Caerwys Town Conservation Area and bordering a Grade 2 listed building.

Letter dated 23/06/11 received from Flintshire County Council in respect of planning application Number 047518- Restoration and conversion of vacant buildings to form 2 dwellings and erection of 2 new dwellings at Bryn Llwyd Yard, North Street, Caerwys. (Application dealt with Caerwys Town Council on the 15/06/10). Information received from the Planning Officer dealing with the application was to notify Caerwys Town Council that he understood that the applicants are willing to dedicate the area at the front of the proposed development where it borders the highway to remain for the benefit of the wider community. A suitable response on the matter has been sent to Flintshire County Council.

An amendment to the plans relating to planning application 048462-Alterations and extensions at Nant Cottage, Pen y Cefn Road, Caerwys was received with a response required within 14 days from the 1/07/11. (Application dealt with by Caerwys Town Council on the 19/4/11. The amended plans were viewed by the members of Caerwys Town Council's Planning Committee with the approved comment By its members indicating that subject to the proposals complying with planning policy, the members would support this amended application and that the previous comments by Caerwys Town Council regarding the application to be disregarded.

Caerwys Town Council submitted a letter of objection in respect of Planning Application Number 048429 Alteration to existing HGV canopy and pump island, construction of free-standing single storey restaurant, drive-through lane associated car parking and landscape on land west of McDonalds Restaurant, St Asaph Road, Lloc, Holywell.

This application was discussed by Members of the Caerwys Town Council meeting held on the 19/04/11. Information now received is that this application has since been withdrawn.

11. 97/11 CONCERNS IN RESPECT OF THE SPREAD OF BRANCHES ON THE SYCAMORE TREE, LOCATED IN MOSTYN SQUARE.

Councillor Falshaw reported that he was concerned at the spread of branches on the tree and enquired if arrangements could be made for the branches to be cut back. Councillor Moriarty proposed and Members agreed that the Clerk contact Stewart Body, Tree Surgeon, at Flintshire County Council to arrange a visit and advice on what action to be taken.

12. 98/11 TO CLARIFY WHETHER A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, HAS A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that he had contacted Flintshire County Council Legal Department for advice and received the following :- Where the community councillor has been appointed by their community council they will not have a prejudicial interest in decisions made by their council in relation to any grants, loans or other financial assistance. Should a member be on a local committee in their own capacity and not been appointed by their local council they will have a prejudicial interest and will need to declare, refrain from voting and leave the room.

Even those councillors who do not have prejudicial interests will still have personal interests which they need to declare but this will not prevent them from taking full part in the discussions and voting on the matter.

13. 99/11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

1.	Scottish Power (cost of street lighting)	£ 376-01
2.	NWP Power Systems (Maintenance/Repairs in Water Street)	£ 176-22
3.	Caerwys Memorial Institute (Rental 19/04, 17/05, 21/06, 27/06)	£ 80-00
4.	Clwyd Community hest (Annual Subscription)	£ 15-00
5.	E E Snowden (postage refund 16/3/11 to 19/7/11 £43-36 + cost of light Refreshments for Local Access Forum Meeting £8-79 + Ink Cartridges For computer = £17-94.	£ 70-09

Applications for Financial Support

1.	Shelter Cymru/Wales	£ 25-00
2.	Flintshire Diabetes Group.	£ 25-00