

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 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 Geraint Jones
Councillor David Knights
Councillor M Moriarty
Councillor Stephen Wilson

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

1. 34/11 APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams.

Bereavements. None reported

2. 35/11 Standing Orders were suspended.

Councillor Phillip Parry extended a warm welcome to Mr David Palmer, a member of the National Census Team 2011, to address the members regarding the Census for 2011. Mr Palmer reported that the date for completing the forms was Sunday 27th March 2011. The aim is to receive a complete return of the Census Forms. A team of people will be available to assist people who may be experiencing difficulties in completing these forms. Visits will be organised to households who have not completed the forms. If householders refuse to complete and return the forms they will be reported to the Enforcement Team Mr Palmer was thanked by Councillor Phillip Parry for his very formative address.

3. 36/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2011

The Minutes were approved by Councillor James Falshaw and seconded by Councillor M Moriarty subject to the following, 23/11 should read that consideration be given to purchasing two litter bins on the Marian not two Dog Fouling Bins. Re Planning Application Number 045933, should read hearing to be held on Tuesday 12th April 2011.

4. 37/11 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that she had received a cheque for £5-00 (easement payment for land at Pen y Chwarel from Mr A Sass) in a blank envelope.

Councillor Affleck reported that he and Councillor Wilson had visited the site at Pen y Chwarel and the play equipment had not been removed. Agreed that the Clerk send another letter to Mr Sass requesting that he remove the equipment.

Reported that Mrs Nesta Davies, Solicitor, had not heard from Land Registry but was pursuing the matter.

82/10 Display Signs Nisa Store

Letter received from Claire Leaney Flintshire County Council concerning the Display Advertisements at the Nisa Store, Compton House, South Street informing members that an application under the Town and Country

Planning (Control of Advertisement) Regulations had been submitted to the Planning Department, and it should be noted that whilst the application is being determined no formal enforcement action will be considered.

6/11 Flintshire County Council Housing Ballot Scheme. Reported that Mr Lovelace from the Housing Department will not be attending the April meeting of the Council due to other commitments, but will be attending the June meeting, the meeting to start at 7-0p.m.

10/11 Replacement of the public seat at Afonwen. Councillor Gallagher reported that he had spoken to Nigel Seaberg at Halkyn Depot regarding replacing the seat. Members were shown a copy of a Recycled Plastic seat at a cost of £184-50. Mr Seaberg informed Councillor Gallagher that Flintshire County Council would arrange to fix the seat on to a concrete base. The new seat will be located west of the Bus Shelter and three metres from the footpath. Total cost of the work including the purchase of the seat will be £434-50, and the old seat will be removed by the County Council. The members unanimously agreed to proceed with purchase of a new seat.

21/11 Binding Town Council Minutes. Reported that due to pressure of work Paul Broadbent has not completed the work on binding the Minutes, they should be ready by mid April.

15/11 Vacant Seat on the Town Council. The Clerk reported that no names had been forthcoming to the County Council and as a result the seat will have to be advertised until such time as either an election is held, or a member/s of the community contact the Elections Section placing their name/s forward. In the meantime the Town Council will receive invoices for the cost of advertising the vacant seat. The next Notices will be displayed on the three Notice Boards on Tuesday 22nd of March 2011. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, County Hall, Mold by not later than 12 noon Wednesday 30th March 2011. If the election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 28th April 2011 between the hours of 7am. and 10p.m

32/11 Dog Fouling Bin, Mostyn Square. The Clerk reported that she had been informed by a member of the Planning Department, Flintshire County Council that that Town Council could provide a bin on the square subject to consultation with the residents. Reported that there are two waste bins on the square which could be suitable for dog owners to dispose of their dog's litter. Members unanimously agreed not to purchase a new bin.

5. 38/11. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw reported that the manhole cover between No's 3 and 4 Ffordd Angharad had been repaired.

Work completed on laying of an electricity cable between Caerwys and Afonwen.

6. 39/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Parry reminded members that the Annual Spring Clean would be taking place on Saturday 16th of April 2011. Between 10.00am and 12noon. Members and participants to meet on the square.

Councillor Falshaw reported that Mr Barry Griffiths, Community Officer for Mental Health Care had offered to arrange for his group to participate by litter picking in the town on a fortnightly basis. Councillor Moriarty proposed that arrangements for the litter pick by members of the Town Council, and the community to take place on the 16th April and for the group to carry out the work of litter picking on a fortnightly basis after the 16th of April.

Mr Griffiths to be informed of these arrangements. The Clerk to arrange for the Town Mayor to collect the pickers, bags and gloves from the Queensferry Depot on the 13th/14th April.

Councillor Parry reported that he had attended the following events during the course of the month :-

1. Denbigh Town Council Mayor's Charity Concert. 2. Memorial Presentation in Caerwys. 3. The Mayor of Mold Charity Concert. 4. St Michael's Church, Caerwys - Service of Thanksgiving Regarding Extension to the Burial Ground.

7. 40/11 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT.

The following correspondence was received;

Invitation for the Members and the Clerk to attend a meeting with Members of the Flintshire County Council Standards Committee on Monday 11th April at 6-30p.m. at the Mostyn Community Centre, Ffordd Aber, Maes Pennant.

Councillors Affleck, Moriarty and the Clerk will be attending.

Planning Focus Group Tuesday 29th March at 6-0p.m. at the Alyn and Deeside Committee, County Hall, Mold. Councillor Moriarty will be attending.

Invitation from members the Caerwys Historical Society for members of the Town Council and the Clerk to attend the launch of the Book "Caerwys -A History Since Victorian Times" at the Caerwys Town Hall on Friday 18th March 2011.

Reported that Flintshire County Council had secured funding for the Summer Playscheme 2011.

Invitation received from One Voice Wales to consider become members of the association. Councillor Affleck proposed seconded by Councillor Jones not to join the association.

Councillor Moriarty reported that as a result of attending a meeting un-associated with Council duties, an opportunity had arisen for a representative from One Voice Wales to attend a Council meeting and speak about the organisation to members. It was decided not to invite a Representative from One Voice Wales at this present time.

8. 41/11 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

Councillor Geraint Jones reported that as a representative of the Town Council on the Caerwys Consolidated Charity Trustees, the charity does not appear to be on the St Michael's Church Accounts. The account for the charity is with the Nat West Bank. The accounts and information in respect of the charity is in the safe at the Rectory. When the new incumbent takes up his post Councillor Jones will make further enquiries.

9. 42/11 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

There were no reports of faulty lights received.

The Clerk read out a letter received from Scottish Power which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. This indicated that the cost of electricity supply to the street lamps will be considerably higher around £2300-00 per annum plus V AT.

Councillor Affleck agreed to make further enquiries regarding the provision of supply for the future and to draft out a letter for the Clerk to submit to companies that provide electricity.

10. 43/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS.

Planning Application Number 048282- Erection of 3no fascia signs to the shop frontage at Nisa Store, Compton House, High Street, Caerwys.

The members objected to the proposals on the following grounds

1. Due to proposed dimensions, the fascia signs will over dominate the street scene by severely compromising the visual amenity.
2. They will not harmonise with their setting on producing obtrusive features within the centre of a designated conservation area. In addition, they will have an adverse affect upon listed buildings within the neighbourhood, one of which is a grade 2 * listed building, and will result in a loss of character and appearance of the locality.
- 3 There are already a proliferation of illegally erected posters on the north facing side wall of the premises that do not integrate into the conservation area.
4. The location is not predominantly commercial or industrial, but the heart of a rural community situated within a designated conservation area.
5. The applicant has given no reasons as to why there is a requirement for the number of signs, nor demonstrated that the signage will not have a detrimental impact upon the character and appearance of the conservation area and neighbouring listed buildings.

Members of the Council approved that the Chairman of Caerwys Town Council's Planning Committee arrange a meeting with the Planning Officer dealing with the application to discuss applicant's proposals and to put forward the alternative suggestions for consideration.

1. For the two side fascia signs to be of the same dimensions if reasons can be given by the applicant that they are required and it can be demonstrated that all three fascias signs will not have a detrimental impact upon the character and appearance of the conservation area and neighbouring listed buildings.
2. The existing four brass lamp holders, with low wattage bulbs, remain in situ and for them to be the only form of illumination to the front fascia signs during the hours of darkness whilst the store is trading. If the applicant is permitted to erect the two side fascia signs that these are not illuminated, either by direct or reflected light.
3. All existing posters fixed to the north facing wall of the building be removed and replaced only by one poster, made of suitable material on north and south facing walls with their dimensions not to exceed 915 mm in height and 610 mm in width.
- 4 No window graphics displaying any form of goods, services or corporate identity to be permitted in the large ground floor north facing window of the store.
- 5 Colouring of all lettering and background on fascia signs, including any permitted posters, to be of a subdued colour.

11. 44/11 DISPLAY OF NOTICES ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S NOTICE BOARDS.

Councillor Moriarty reported numerous adverts currently being displayed on the three council owned notice boards that promote businesses or services. The Notice Boards are for use by the Town Council and permitted use for various organisations within the community to advertise local events and functions. The display of notices advertising businesses or services does not meet this criteria and take up space that should be for community use only. Recommended that such adverts be removed forthwith, in addition to stipulate that community organisations that display program of events lasting over a period greater than one month, also be removed after that period from the commencement of the first event. Members agreed to the proposals.

15. 45/11 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

1. Canda Copying (Rental of photocopier)

£ 55-20

2.	Flintshire Voluntary Council (Annual Membership Fee)	£ 25-00
3.	Councillor G Gallagher (Travelling Expenses re chain of office)	£ 72-40
4.	NWP Power System (Street Lighting Maintenance)	£153-00
5.	E Snowden (postage refund 19/01/2011 to 13/03/2011 = £19-96 + Black and coloured ink for computer £31-09)	£ 51-05

Applications for Financial Support.

1.	Denbighshire/Flintshire Agricultural Show	£ 25-00
2.	Mencap Cymru/Wales	£25-00

Payment made between meetings

AON Insurance, Leicester (Insurance cover Bus Shelter, Afonwen)	£12-86.
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Standing Orders were Suspended.

Attention of members were drawn to the fact that the Afonwen Fountain/water trough/milestone erected on the A541 Mold Denbigh Road at Afonwen is a grade 2 listed structure. Approval for any repair undertaken to it must be sought through the procedure laid out for listed buildings/structures.