

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2011 AT 7.00PM, AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

Councillor R Philip Parry, Town Mayor
Councillor Jonathan Webb, Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor J Andrew Affleck
Councillor James Falshaw
Councillor George Gallagher
Councillor Geraint Jones
Councillor David Knights
Councillor Michael Moriarty
Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams
Councillor Stephen Williams

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden, Clerk / Financial Officer

1. 61/11 ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE SIGNING OF THE "DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE"

Councillor Jonathan Webb was nominated by Councillor James Falshaw and seconded by Councillor Moriarty, and agreed by the Members. Councillor Webb accepted to serve as Town Mayor for the ensuing year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2.62/11 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR.

There were no nominations received. Councillor Jones was nominated at the April meeting, advised the members, that he was unable to accept the position. Other nominations were proposed, but were declined by the individual members. The retiring Town Mayor Councillor Phillip Parry advised that under the circumstances he would deputise, as the immediate past Mayor in the absence of the Town Mayor.

3. 63/11 OUTGOING TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT / NEW TOWN MAYOR'S RESPONSE.

Councillor R Phillip Parry in his address, referred that it was his fifth time as Mayor and his sister Diane as Mayoress, for the fourth occasion, and that it was still an honour to be elected as Mayor. Councillor Parry referred to the many attendances as Mayor both within Caerwys and outside, and that Diane had attended many, especially at weekends, but had her own commitments. Councillor Parry thanked Diane for her support as Mayoress. Councillor Parry referred to his visit to America as Mayor, and welcoming visitors from Patagonia to Caerwys. Phillip thanked all the organisations for their invitation, and referred to the two Mayoral engagements that he attended on his last day as Mayor (a) meeting over 40 youth members from the local Health Board, and (b) visiting the painting exhibition of a Caerwys resident the late Alistair Winter Roberts. Between the April and May meetings Councillor Parry had attended four engagements.

Councillor Parry wished the New Mayor and Mayoress all the best for their year in office.

In response the New Mayor Councillor Jonathan Webb, thanked Phillip and Diane for the way that they had represented the town, and had done a wonderful year of service to Caerwys, Councillor Webb referred to his visits to the Association of Town Councils, which span from Anglesey to Mid Wales and everyone had heard of Phillip. Councillor Webb advised that he and the Mayoress, Marianne would serve the community to the best of their ability, and were looking forward to their year in office.

(Break for Refreshments.)

4. 64/11(a) RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2010 TO 31ST MARCH 2011.

A copy of the attendance register was circulated to members prior to the Meeting and was approved as correct.

(b) Nominations to serve on Local Committees and Outside Bodies. A copy was circulated to members prior to the meeting and was received as correct. Members agreed to include Councillor David Knights to represent the Town Council with other members on the Caerwys Youth Club Committee.

5 65/11 APOLOGIES.

There were no apologies.

Bereavements

No reports of bereavements within the Parish since the last meeting.

6.66/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2011.

The Minutes were approved as correct by Councillor Stephen Wilson seconded by Councillor James Falshaw. Subject to the deletion on Page 1 of the last sentence (under Standing Orders) at the request of Councillor Moriarty.

7.67/11 MATTERS ARISING.

48/11 Land at Pen y Chwarel. The Clerk reported that she had tried on three occasions to contact Mrs Nesta Davies regarding an update on progress in respect of registering the land at the above location but had not received a reply to the telephone messages left with her Secretary. Agreed to contact Mrs Davies again.

82/10 Removal of Fascia Signs at the Nisa Store. No further information received from either the Planning Department or the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council. Agreed that the Clerk contact The Legal Department for an update on progress re prosecution.

10/11 Reported that the new seat had been delivered and fixed by the Bus Shelter in Afonwen and the old seat had been removed.

21/11 Binding Town Council Minutes. The Clerk produced the Minutes which had been bound with the name of the Council on the front cover and on the side which included the dates of the minutes contained within each volume. The Clerk received permission from the members to take the Minutes to the Record Office at Hawarden.

15/11 Vacant Seats Reported that Mrs Helen Priestly had accepted to serve as a member of the Town Council and was due to "Sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office" at this meeting, due to prior holiday arrangements she had informed the Clerk that she would not be present. Councillor Parry informed members that the rules state that a new members has to take the oath and Sign the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" by the second meeting after being elected.

39/11 Litter Picking by the Mental Health Team. Councillor Falshaw will give a report under Agenda item 8.

51/11 Flintshire Local Access Forum - Reported that a meeting had been arranged at the request of Dr Jean Rosenfeld for Tuesday 28th June 2011 at 7-0 p.m. at the Caerwys Memorial Institute, the duration of the meeting will be approximately two hours. The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Flintshire County Council requesting the names of the members that will be attending the meeting. The following agreed to attend. Councillor Jonathan Webb as Town Mayor will welcome Dr Rosenfeld and members from other communities at the commencement of the meeting., Councillors Falshaw Moriarty and Affleck will be representing the Town Council.

51/11 Cadwyn Clwyd / Flintshire Rural Funding. The Clerk reported that she had informed the Secretary of the Town Hall by letter of the Financial Support available to voluntary groups from this fund.

51/11 Reported that Mrs Sharon Henry will be meeting the Clerk on Thursday 19th May 2011 to set up a P AYE system on behalf of the Town Council.

54/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS.

Planning Application Number 048465- proposed development of the former Wilcox Coach Works, Afonwen. The convened meeting of the Town Council to discuss this application was changed to 7-0p.m. Thursday 5th May 2011 at "The Parlour", St Michael's Church, Caerwys. Where a power point facility was available. Report from the meeting will be included under Agenda item 12 of this meeting. Planning Applications.

10 55/11 Litter Bins on the Marian. The Clerk reported that she had received the following information from a member of staff at the Halkyn Depot that the County Council will not provide any bins other than the strong metal ones which cost £350-00 plus fixing amounting to a total of £500-00 per bin. It was agreed that as there is a team visiting the town on a fortnightly basis for litter picking the members will review the situation in September 2011.

Councillor Falshaw reported that the team had been litter picking in the town on the morning of the 17th May, 2011. Councillor Falshaw was thanked for arranging these visits on a fortnightly basis.

57/11 The Old Court House, High Street, Caerwys. Reported that a meeting has been arranged with Mr Jerry Spencer, Conservation Officer, Flintshire County Council for 10-0a.m. Tuesday 24th May 2011. Councillors Falshaw, Moriarty will be attending.

8.68/11 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw reported that the Bier, which is the property of the Town Council, will be removed from his premises on the 26th May and will be located in a building in Shotton, eventually it will be part of the County Council's Museum Collection. Councillor Moriarty informed members that the County Council are to be informed that the Bier is on long term loan to the County and should be made available for Caerwys for any events which may be held in the future.

9.69/11 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT.

The following had been received :-

Letter from S E L R A P Skipton / East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership requesting that the Town Council send a message of support for the reopening of the Colne to Skipton Line. As a number of members had received the same letter it was agreed that each member respond to the request.

Flintshire County Council- Civil Parking Enforcement. The County Council are proceeding with its application to the Welsh Assembly Government for civil enforcement power, and are inviting comments from members before the end of June. Comments to be sent to Mr A Evans on (01352 704623)

10 70 /11 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

No meetings for the Representative's had taken place during the month.

11 71/11 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

There were no faults reported.

The Clerk reported that Mr Darrell Jones, Street Lighting Manager for Flintshire County Council had confirmed that he will be attending the Town Council meeting on the 19th July 2011. The meeting to start at 7-0p.m.

12 72/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS.

Planning Application Number 048465 - Former Wilcox Works, Afonwen relating to the details of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and access.

As a result of the convened meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 5th May 2011 at St Michael's Church, the following comments were put forward in respect of this application. No objections to the principle of development of the site for residential use, but object to the proposals put forward on the following grounds :-

1. Design of buildings.
2. The proposed development fails to enhance and preserve the character of the Clwydian Range ANOB.
3. Exceeds the housing stock growth levels indicated for such a settlement in the emerging Flintshire UDP.
4. Planning consent already given for 3 dwellings in Afonwen that are still to be constructed.
5. Number of dwellings initially proposed increased from 12 to 20.
6. No information provided regarding previously conditioned provision of affordable housing.
7. No indication of information provided as to a previously conditioned provision of affordable housing.
8. Issues with disposal of sewage in relation to the Caerwys waste water treatment works.
9. Provision of vehicle parking in eastern corner of the site prone to vandalism and other forms of criminal activity. No details of provision of street lighting for the development.
10. Ecological survey carried out during the winter time.
11. No reference made of public right of way bordering southern boundary site.
12. No information provided about potential archaeology on site.
13. Potential flooding of the site.
14. Unsuitable surface of access road at junction with unclassified road leading up to Moel y Pare and Restricted visibility at the junction.

Planning Application Number 047840 Outline. Secure truck parking facility on fields North East of Crossways Road, Pen y Cefn, Caerwys. This was listed on Agenda item for determination by Flintshire County Council's Planning and Development Control Committee on the 11th May 2011. Agent for the applicant contacted the County Council late afternoon on the 10th May 2011 to notify that the application was being withdrawn, This is a temporary situation in order to address concerns of Flintshire County Council in respect of the application. The submission of an amended application is expected in a few weeks time.

Planning Application Number 045933 Outline, Provision of an overnight lorry park at Park View, Crossways Road, Caerwys. An appeal made by the applicant against refusal of planning consent

by Flintshire County Council and dealt with by way of hearing on the 12th April 2011 by the Planning

Inspectorate, has resulted in the applicant's appeal being upheld. The decision by the Inspector was released on the 12th May, 2011.

5. 13/11 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT / APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

1. Councillor Jonathan Webb. (Town Mayor's Allowance)	£717-17
2. One Voice Wales (cost of course for member)	£ 35-00
3. Paul Broadbent (cost of binding Town Council's Minutes)	£100-00
4. NWP Power Systems (Street Lighting Maintenance)	£153-00
5. E E Snowden (Travelling Expenses from 16/2/11 to date)	£ 99-60.
6. St Michael' s Church Caerwys (cost of meeting)	£ 15-00.

No applications had been received for Financial Support.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Councillor Moriarty reported that Mrs Nora Winter Roberts, Plas Coch Nursing Home, Rhyl Road, St Asaph, formerly of "Manor House", Water Street, Caerwys, the mother of the late Alistair Winter Roberts and his sisters, Mary and Janette celebrates her 100th birthday on Friday 20th May 2011. A suitable acknowledgement of the event by Caerwys Town Council is in order by forwarding a card of congratulations. The Clerk agreed to send a card.