

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH APRIL 2012 AT 7.00PM. AT THE MEMEORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

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

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

1. 1/12 APOLOGIES

Councillor J A Affleck

Bereavements.

Members stood in silence in memory of the following :-

Mrs Sarah Bloor nee Hulse, “Monfa”, Bodfari, formerly of Bryn Aur, Caerwys

Mr John Hughes, formerly of Bryn Aur, Caerwys.

Councillor Jonathan Webb extended a warm welcome to Mr Stephen Jones, Head of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council and Mr Wayne Jones the area supervisor for Caerwys to the meeting.

Mr Jones reported that he would be visiting all Community and Town Councils to explain to members how the new Streetscene services will be operating. Mr Jones went on to explain that he had been brought in by the County Council to oversee bringing all the different services together, of which there are seventeen. A copy of the fixed standard services including how long it will take for the County Council to respond to complaints and issues were available at the meeting.. The point of contact for all the seventeen services is 01352 - 701234.

The County has been divided into 12 areas, Caerwys Town Council is within area 3, in each area there is a person who will be available to attend the Town Council Meetings which is Mr Wayne Jones. The area supervisor will be walking around the communities with members from the North Wales Police identifying any problems and will report their findings to the local council within the area.

Streetscene employ three hundred and fifty staff and six/seven Enforcement Officers which are linked with the areas.

Councillor Webb thanked Mr Stephen Jones and Mr Wayne Jones for a very interesting and formative presentation and looked forward to Wayne Jones is attendance at future meetings.

2. 2/12 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH MARCH 2012

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Gallagher and seconded by Councillor Wilson. Councillor Moriarty reported that the minutes did not include a letter and questionnaire in respect of the Flintshire County Council Access Forum which was sent out by Mr David Davies, Legal Department,. The Clerk reported that she had received the letter but not the questionnaire. Councillor Webb informed members that he had seen the letter and there was no questionnaire attached.

3. 3/12 MATTERS ARISING

312/12 Land at Pen y Chwarel. The Clerk had obtained the file from Mrs Nesta Davies, Solicitor. Councillor Webb reported that he would look at the issue which the Land Registry were requesting clarification and report back to the May meeting.

112/11 Damaged Salt Bin at Afonwen. Councillor Priestly reported that she did not know if the bin had been replaced. Mr Wayne Jones said he would attend to the matter.

125/11 The Clerk reminded members that any questions/issues for discussion when Mr Colin Everett, Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council would be attending the June meeting of the Town Council be given to her at the May meeting.

148/11 Caerwys Memorial Institute - Letter to the Secretary re lack of meetings. No reply to date.

170/12- 4. The Clerk reported that she had completed and sent the questionnaire to Mr Richard Penn Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – re payments to members of Town and Community Councils.

170/12-5 No further information received from Flintshire County Council regarding them obtaining funding for the Summer Holiday Playscheme.

10 174/12. Councillor Webb reported that the Annual Spring Clean held on Saturday 14th April 2012 had been very successful and thanked all those who had participated.

Reported that a letter had been sent to Mr Pirie, Clerk of St Asaph Town Council re City Status.

5. 5/12 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw did not have any items to report.

6. 6/12 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended Prestatyn Town Council's fund raising event. The proceeds which were donated to St Kentigern's Hospice.

7.7/12 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT

Invitation from One Voice Wales/Un Llais Cymru for the Town Council to consider becoming a member of the association. The full Annual Membership Fee is £152-00 the association is offering a fifty per cent reduction (£76-00) for this year. Members agreed not to become members.

E-mail received from Sarah Jones, Cadwyn Clwyd informing members that they are currently running a grant scheme for landowners, in Flintshire. The grant available is for a maximum of £1000-00 and can be

used for the restoration of hedgerows and dry stone walls. There are 70 spaces left on this scheme on a First come first serve basis. Subject to applicants meeting the criteria.. All applicants registered on the scheme have until August 2013 to claim their grant. Members agreed that the Clerk inform the National Farmers Union, at Mold of this grant.

Flintshire County Council -Town and Community Council Elections. Letter received from Flintshire County Council that a letter has been sent to all candidates who are unopposed advising them that they come into office four days after the date of election (May 3) and before they can act as a Councillor they have to sign the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office” in the presence of the Clerk. Each Councillor must make his/her Declaration at or before the first meeting of the of the Town Council after the 3rd May 2012.

Vacant Seats – Due to insufficient nominations then this should appear as an agenda item advising members that any vacancy can be filled by co-option. The Council has to fill the co-option within 35 working days from the election date.

8 8/12 REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Councillor Knights reported that he had attended a meeting of the Caerwys Youth Club, when there was a member of staff from Flintshire County Council present. The meeting proved to be very productive.

9. 9/12 STREERT LIGHTING Faulty/Out of Order.

There were no reports received.

10. 10/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECEISIONS

Planning Application Number 049611 Single storey extension with additional modification at Plas Isa, Caerwys Hill.

1. Members supported this application in principal with the following observations :
 - (a) The design, materials and construction should be in keeping with the existing building.
 - (b) Concerns this building could become a commercial structure rather than residential in future.

The Clerk to inform the Planning Department that the drawings supplied with the proposal number DO38/01 and 03 were incorrectly addressed as Plas Isaf Farm, Crossways Road, Caerwys.

2. Planning Application Number 049570 Application for conservation area consent for the demolition of industrial building at the site of the old George Rees Agricultural premises, North Street, Caerwys. Members fully supported this proposal. The demolition must be carried out with a minimal impact to the residents living adjacent to the property.

Planning Application Number 049565 Demolition of industrial building formerly George Rees Agricultural premises , North Street, Caerwys, and erection of 8 dwellings together with associated Hard standing car parking and landscaping.

Members supported the application in principal with the following considerations :-

- (a) The existing sewerage system is adequate and this development will have no adverse effects to the existing system. This needs to be considered with the other recent developments which has been granted planning permission but as yet not constructed. There is some lack of clarity in Welsh Water’s comments on recent developments and planning applications.

(b) That an archaeological watching brief is put in place with a suitably qualified archaeologist.

(c) Sufficient and efficient street lighting is installed for this development.

Flintshire County Council refused planning permission for Planning Application Number 049042 – Secure truck parking facility with ancillary and complementary development Fields North East of Crossways Road, Pen y Cefn, Caerwys.

11. 11/12 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE TOWN COUNCIL’S ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST APRIL 2011 TO 31ST MARCH 2012.

A copy of the accounts together with a copy of the Receipts and Payments were circulated at the meeting and approved by the members and signed by the Town Mayor as correct.

12 12/12 BUS SHELTER AT AFONWEN

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that when the Town Council erected the Bus Shelter in Afonwen at a cost to the Town Council of £2000-00, Flintshire County Council agreed to clean and maintain the shelter and to provide a Time Table, and to date this has not happened. Agreed that the Clerk bring the matter to the attention of Mr Derek Charlton, Highways Department. Flintshire County Council.

13. 13/12 CAERWYS TOWN HALL – ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Councillor Parry reported that the Management Committee of the Town Hall had not received their annual grant of £500 during the financial year 1/4/11 to 31/3/12 as it was envisaged that they would be in a position to carry out the improvements on the building and that funding would have been secured. Due to the delay Councillor Parry proposed that the members approve the payment of £500. Members unanimously agreed

14. 14/12 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Members approved the payment of the following :-

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| 1. Scottish Power (monthly charges for street lighting which includes £49-06 VAT) | £294-36 |
| 2. NWP Monthly Maintenance £127-50 +Replacing P.E.C. at Afonwen opposite the dog fouling bin = £30-00 +Replacing P.E.C. at Afonwen near the Bus Shelter £30-00 + Replacing lantern, and lamp P.E.C. o/s Plas yr Haf, Afonwen = £202-00
Replacing lantern, lamp P.E.C. and fuse opposite the Memorial Institute = £224-00. | £736-20 |

Applications for financial support.

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| 1. Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Sir Ddinbych a’r Cyffiniau 2013
(Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 th November 2011 refers) | £250-00 |
| 2. Gwyl y Cadi Ha | £ 50-00 |

15/12 15 POSTAL CHARGES

Councillor Moriarty enquired whether it would be possible to send out the minutes and other correspondence by e-mail due to the increase in postal charges. Councillor Mrs Priestly said she preferred to receive her minutes through the post. The Clerk reported that the average cost to the council for the monthly postage is £7-30 and that the majority of correspondence to members was hand delivered. The Clerk to contact the Secretary of SLCC for clarification regarding sending out Minutes by E Mail.

16/12 16 REPAIRS TO MILESTONE AND DRINKING TROUGH (THE FOUNTAIN) ON THE A541 AT AFONWEN.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Eleanor Carpenter, Planning Department which contained the following information :- Having checked the County Council's Listed Building file the records show that they are responsible for the structure, Mrs Carpenter has been in touch with the Legal Section to clarify if this is the case.

In 2011 the Buildings at Risk survey showed that there was a crack in the structure on the Denbigh side.

Mr Wayne Jones, Area Supervisor, Streetscene reported that repairs had been carried out on the Milestone the previous week.

Councillor Moriarty and Councillor Wilson were provided with a copy of the letter.

17 17/12 TO DISCUSS IF IT IS NECESSARY TO HOLD ANNUAL GENERAL OPEN MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL DUE TO THE POOR ATTENDANCE, AS THE TEN MINUTE RULE PREVAILS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH MEETING.

Councillor Moriarty proposed seconded by Councillor Wilson that the Town Council continue to hold an annual open meeting, should there not be members of the public present then the monthly meeting of the council to start at 7-0 p.m.