

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7-0P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

Councillor Jonathan Webb, Town Mayor
Councillor James Falshaw, Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs Lynette Edwards
Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen
Councillor Michael Moriarty
Councillor R Phillip Parry
Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly
Councillor Stephen Wilson

Mrs Elizabeth Eileen Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

78/13 Apologies.

Councillor David Knights.
Councillor Ms. Louise Carus

Mr Wayne Jones, Streetscene, Flintshire County Council

Standing Orders were suspended

79/12 Councillor Jonathan Webb welcomed Mrs Sheryl Burrows CCTV Manager Flintshire County Council to the meeting.

Mrs Burrows explained that there were different cameras available with some of them being very costly Stand up on line system with up to four cameras the cost being £10,000-00 to £15,000-00. 3 in one Digital Security Cameras which would cost approximately £112-00 including SD Card. Re-Deployable CCTV approximately £3750-plus insurance The cheapest option would be to place a bid for a re-deployable camera by applying to Mr Gerwyn Davies, Community Environment Protection Department at Flintshire County Council. Agreed that the Clerk make enquiries with Mr Davies re availability.

Standing Orders were re- instated

3. 80/13 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2013.

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Stephen Wilson and seconded by Councillor Phillip Parry Subject to the following :- Councillor Jonathan Duggan -Keen approved the Minutes not Councillor Moriarty. And the following Planning Application Numbers for inclusion to be included 1. Planning Application Number 050325 Notification to fell 1 Conifer and 1 Beech tree at "Holmlea" Holywell Road and Planning Application Number 050337 Conversion of existing garage and utility building into a granny flat at Pant Farm Babel. and variation of condition 10 number 050247 on planning permission reference number 047769 to allow provision for affordable housing at Wilcox Coach Works, Afonwen. The three applications were approved by Flintshire County Council approved the three applications.

4. 81/13 MATTERS ARISING.

Page 5 Land at Pen y Chwarel - The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter received in respect of the land to members at the meeting. Agreed that this item be included on the Agenda for the March 2013 meeting.

Page 5 Traffic Survey outside Will's Store, North Street Caerwys. The Clerk reported that the survey would be carried out during the month of February. Councillor Moriarty reported that the survey was being carrying out at the present time.

72/13 Concerns in respect of faulty street lights - The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the NWP Maintenance Schedule for the last six months from Warren Pugh NWP. The schedule showed that the lights were checked on a regular basis.

Councillor Parry expressed his concerns that there were two faulty lights which have been out of order for several weeks. These will be reported under Item 9 on the Agenda.

76/13 Sitting of Proposed Donated Bench. Councillor Wilson to report to the March Meeting .

5.82/13 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw had no County Council matters to report

6.83/13 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended the following Charity Events St Kentigern's Hospice, Wales Air Ambulance and the Town Mayor of Rhuddlan's Charity Evening the proceeds from this event were donated to the Samaritans, Rhyl.

7.84/13 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT.

The following correspondence was received :-

Flintshire County Council - Application to stop up the Highway -Highways Act 1980 Section 116 Land Adjacent to Dragon's Rest Cafe, St Asaph Road, Nr Caerwys The owners of the Dragon's Rest have approached the County Council with a view of acquiring a piece of land adjacent to their property.

This land was acquired by the former Welsh Office in 1987 to facilitate junction improvements to the A55. It has now been agreed by the Welsh Government and the Acting Head of Street scene that part of the land could be 'Declared Surplus to Highway Requirements' which would allow the applicant to apply for a 'Stopping Up' Order in the Magistrates' Court to remove the public status of the land. There were No issues/concerns.

Mold Town Council- Invitation to attend the Town Mayor's Charity Dinner at the Beaufort Park Hotel.

Betsi Cadwaladar University Health Board - Public Consultation- Race Equality inviting Member to take part in equality events or discussions. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mary Popplewell on 01352/803434 or www.flintshirelhb.wales.nhs.uk. Information received.

Standards Conference for Wales Friday 19th April 2013 at the Venue Llandudno cost per delegate is £70. Information received.

Flintshire County Council survey of fixed play areas. Report handed to Councillor Mrs H Priestly.

Flintshire County Council- Best Kept Communities Competition 2013 Application Forms. Councillor Phillip Parry reported that Mrs Gaynor Griffiths, Secretary, Caerwys in Bloom had also received the entry forms.

Third Flintshire Regeneration Conference 2013 Thursday 7th March, 2013 at Theatr Clwyd, Mold.
Councillor Falshaw reported that he will be attending.

Invitation to attend the new offices of Age Concern North East Wales at 1 Glan Morfa Court, Connah's Quay at 10-0a.m. on Friday 1st March 2013 and the Annual General Meeting. Councillor Falshaw reported that he may attend the meeting,

Welsh Assembly Government- Websites for Town and Community Councils.

The sum of £1-25 million additional funding has been released to county and county borough councils to support local democracy and public engagement. Part of this funding is to be used to develop websites for town and community councils. Further information in respect of the scheme can be obtained by contacting the Chief Officer of the County Council for the area. Information received.

8.85/13 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Councillor Moriarty reported that he had attended an Environmental Audit around Caerwys on Friday 25th January 2013 accompanied by Mr Wayne Jones, Area Streetscene Supervisor and PCSO Rob Hill.

During the inspection attention was drawn to the following issues :- property carrying recently applied graffiti around the town area (Police issue), missing plank from bench planter at the junction of Drovers Lane and North Street (now replaced), planters in Town Square require repair/replacing, debris blocking drains at the bottom of Water Street (now cleared), grass verge bordering carriageway at the bottom of Chapel Street being churned up by vehicles when passing each other, dangerous large damaged branch on a tree located on the Marian (now removed) parking of vehicles on the Marian which is registered common land. (Police Issue) .

The Clerk to contact Mr Wayne Jones to ascertain what arrangements are being made to either repair or replace the planters.

Councillor Mrs Priestly gave a verbal report on the Meeting of the School Governors which she had attended. There will be no further inspection at the school for another four and a half years, the school has been taken out of special measures. The Members agreed that the Clerk send a letter to the Head teacher Mrs Sue Clisham congratulating the school on been taken out of special measures in such a Sh01i period of time.

Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly gave a verbal report on the Flintshire Play Sufficiency Assessment Stakeholder Event which she attended on 31st January 2013 at Theatr Clwyd, Mold. Mrs Priestly informed members that it is disappointing the small amount of money which is allocated for play schemes.

Councillor David Knights had sent a written report re Caerwys Youth Club

(a) A meeting of the Youth Club had recently taken place. The area Youth Co-ordinator Mick Holt has identified areas where some funding may be available from Flintshire County Council to improve the equipment e.g., repairing the pool table and providing new cues.

(b) The New Leader Bev Lewis discussed the programme for the New Year that appeared in the January edition of the Caerwys Chronicle.

(c) Parents have been approached to become involved on Wednesday evenings as volunteer stewards.

(d) There is a Member of the Youth Club serving on the committee.

9. 86/13. STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

The following lights were reported :-

Outside 7 St Michael's Drive, Caerwys. Outside "Falinge" Afonwen and 28 Park View, Afonwen .

10.87/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

Planning Application Number 050476 Conservatory extension to granny annex at Pant Farm, Babell. There were no issues of concern in respect of this application.

Flintshire County Council approved the following applications :-

1. Planning Application Number 050337 Conversion of existing garage and utility building into a granny annex at Pant Farm, Babell.
2. Planning Application Number 012070 Environment Act 1995 (Section 96 and paragraph 9 of Schedule 13 Paragraph 6 of Schedule 14) Initial and Periodic Reviews APP. For determination of Condition for Mineral Site Mining at Ddol Uchaf Quarry, Ddol Nr Caerwys

11.88/13 VACANT SEAT

The Clerk reported that she had been informed by the Electoral Department at Flintshire County Council that no applications had been received for the Vacant Seat.

Councillor Phillip Parry provided the Members with a previously used Public Notice which the Members amended. The date for the display and the closure of the Notice were agreed, the Clerk to display the Notice on the three Notice Boards.

12.89/13 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PROVISION OF CCTV CAMERAS IN MOSTYN SQUARE.

This item was discussed at the commencement of the meeting in the presence of Mrs Cheryl Burrows CCTV Manager.

13. 90/13 CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS.

Discussion took place between Members following receipt of letter received by the Clerk from Flintshire County Council's Head of Streetscene a copy of which was circulated to Members prior to the meeting informing them that the public toilets in Caerwys are to be closed at the end of March 2013. Members were in complete agreement against such steps being taken by Flintshire County Council and proposed that a communication be prepared by Councillor Moriarty, which was read out at the meeting arguing against the closure. There was an unanimously agreement to send the letter to Mr Carl Longland, Director of the Environment, at Flintshire County Council.

Councillor Falshaw proposed and agreed by Members, that letters be sent to the constituency Member of Parliament Mr David Hanson and the Welsh Assembly Member Sandie Mewis and Mark Isherwood AM and County Councillors Robin Guest and Nancy Matthews drawing their attention to the matter. Councillor Moriarty also put forward that the Flintshire Tourism Association be informed.

14. 91/13 TO REVIEW AND UP DATE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESSMENT/FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT/STANDING ORDERS/ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND THE TOWN COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS.

These Regulations were updated at the meeting and were proposed by Councillor Phillip Parry seconded by Councillor Wilson and approved by the Members, with agreement that the Annual Strategy, may be updated in the future.

15. 92/13 TO DISCUSS THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF DISPLAYING PLAQUES AROUND THE TOWN.

Members agreed that the Historical Society's proposal be accepted that the Members of this group take into consideration that the Town is in a Conservation Area.

16. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Members approved the following payments :-

To whom paid	Amount	Cheque Number
1. Scottish Power (Street Lighting)	£295-00	101721
2. NWP Power Systems (Street Lighting Maintenance)	£153-00	101722
3. Caerwys Memorial Institute (3 months rental up to 31.3/13 £60 + Annual Grant £500-00)	£560-00	101723
4. E E Snowden (Clerk's Salary February)		101726
5. E E Snowden (Clerk's Expenses February)		101727
6. Flintshire Voluntary Council (Annual Subscription)	£ 25-00	101728
7. W E Cooke (Bus Shelter Maintenance)	£ 80-00	101731

Applications for Financial Support.

1. St Michael' s Church, Caerwys	£500-00	101724
2. Age Concern, Caerwys	£200-00	101725
3. Ambiwylans Awyr Cymru / Air Ambulance	£100-00	101729
4. Llangollen International Eisteddfod	£ 50-00	101730