

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2013 AT 7-15P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

Councillor Jonathan Webb Town Mayor
Councillor James Falshaw, Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor M/s Louise Carus
Councillor Mrs Lynette Edwards
Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen
Councillor David Knights
Councillor Michael Moriarty
Councillor R Phillip Parry
Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly
Councillor Stephen Wilson

Mrs Elizabeth Eileen Snowden Clerk / Financial Officer.

1. 64/13 APOLOGIES.

There were no apologies

Councillor Jonathan Webb reported that the Clerk had received an email from Councillor Christopher Maggs tendering his resignation as a member of the Town Council.

The Clerk reported that she would place an advertisement for the "Vacant Seat" on the three Notice Boards for a period of 14 days (not including Saturdays and Sundays) from Wednesday 16th January 2013.

A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if within this period ten electors for the town give notice in writing requesting such an election be called to the Returning Officer.

If no such notice is given the Town Council will fill the vacancy by co-option,

BEREAVEMENTS

Members Stood in silence in memory of the following :

Dewi Wyn Thomas, Manor House, Water Street, Caerwys.

Michael Ian Gallagher. (Grandson of a former Mayor and Mayoress of this Council)

2. Mr Steve Jones Head of Street Scene Services, Flintshire County Council to introduce the new Street Scene Supervisor for the area.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Debbie Betts at Flintshire County Council informing her that Mr Jones and the new Supervisor would not be available to attend the meeting.

Mr Wayne Jones the present Supervisor for the Council reported that he would still be responsible for the area for the foreseeable future.

3. 66/13 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013.

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Moriarty and seconded by Councillor James Falshaw as correct with the exception of the following inclusion :- Page 5 Pen y Chwarel - Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies(Admission to Meetings Act 1960) and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting, for the following item of business- Land at Pen y Chwarel, Caerwys.

4.67/13 MATTERS ARISING

31/12 Wooden Seat. This item to be discussed under Agenda item Number 13.

Page 3 58/12 Flintshire Unitary Development Plan. Councillor Moriarty reported that he had passed on this document to Councillor Stephen Wilson, Chairman of the Town Council's Planning Committee

Page 462/12 The Number of children who attended the Holiday Play scheme over a five year period were 2008-226,2009-337,2010-196, 2011-217, 2012-433.

Page 5 Land at Pen y Chwarel, Pen y Cefn. The Clerk read out a message which she had received from Jones Peckover, Denbigh. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Lowe for a written quotation for the cost of negotiating with the owner of the property (a) Rental of the land and (b) Sale of the land.

Page 5 Concerns at the number of pedestrians crossing the road outside Will's Store. Members were informed that a site meeting had been held on Monday 10th December 2012 the following were in attendance Mr Gerwyn Powell, Highways Department, Flintshire County Council, Councillors Jonathan Webb, M Moriarty, J Falshaw and J Duggan-Keen.

Following the meeting a letter has been received from Mr Powell informing members that a traffic survey has been commissioned to both measure the speed limit and the flow of traffic through Caerwys. Once the details of the survey have been received, that will indicate what measures, if any are required to reduce the speed of vehicles. The Clerk to enquire when will the survey be carried out.

5. 68/13 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw reported that some of the floral tubs in Mostyn Square need replacing. Mr Steve Jones, Streetscene Supervisor reported that arrangements are in hand to replace the tubs.

6. 69/13 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended the Chairman of Denbighshire County Council's Carol Service at St Asaph Cathedral.

Councillor Webb informed members that the collection which was received at his Civic Sunday amounted to £230-00 was donated to St Kentigern's Hospice.

7. 70/13 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the members that any items which they wish to be included on the Agenda should be sent to her at least seven days before each council meeting, as the Agenda has to be sent to the members at least three clear days prior to the meeting. The three clear days is established in law because it is important to be notified of issues to be discussed. Topics requiring a decision cannot be added to the agenda after the deadline of three clear days has passed, they must be included at a future

meeting.

Flintshire County Council- Review of Speeds Limits. Information received. Councillor Carus requested a copy of the letter.

Flintshire County Council- A Strategy for Flintshire Libraries 2013-16 Information can be obtained by contacting pennie.corbett@flintshire.gov.uk. A response by the closing date on the 1st February 2013 would be appreciated. Information received.

Flintshire Regeneration Conference 2013 to be held at Clwyd Theatr Cymru on Thursday 7th March 2013 between 10-01am. and 1-30p.m. Information received

E-Mail from the Welsh Assembly Government - Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 (4) appropriate sum for Community and Town Council in Wales for 2013-14 is £6.98. For Caerwys Town Council this amounts to £7,105-64. Councillor Phillip Parry explained that this is the amount of money available for the purpose of providing Financial Support to Voluntary Groups.

Flintshire County Council - Copy received of the Civil Parking Enforcement.

Welsh Assembly Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill. Questionnaire to be completed by 31st January 2013. Agreed that the Clerk complete the Welsh version.

8. 71/13 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Caerwys Youth Club - Councillor Knights reported that there are a number of members who are causing behavioural problems and other issues which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Youth Club Committee. Members will be attending the Pantomime.

Councillor Carus reported that the members of the Town Hall Management Committee are working well with the architect. No further information available on the improvements/renovation of the building.

Councillor Priestly reported that she had attend a Governors Meeting at Ysgol yr Esgob. An Inspection had been carried out which was very favourable, and the Governors are awaiting a written report.

The Governors have been put forward to receive an award for supporting the Headteacher .

Councillor Webb reported that consideration is to be given to changing the name of the North Wales Association of Town and Larger Councils to the North and Mid Wales Association of Town and Larger Councils as many of the Councils in the Mid Wales area in membership of the association. Members agreed to accept the change.

9. 72/13 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

The Clerk informed the members that the following lights which are faulty have been reported to NWP 1. Outside Compton House. 2 Outside "Gwynfryn", Caerwys Hill and the light near "Hillcrest".

3. Light opposite the Town Council's Notice Board at Pen y Cefn. Councillor Mrs Priestly reported that the lamp outside the Old Post Office at Afonwen was on all day.

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that he was concerned that the Town Council are paying a monthly Maintenance Fee to NWP for which part of the contract states that a monthly inspection is carried out on

all the Town Council's Street Lamps during the winter months. Agreed that the Clerk send a letter to NWP enquiring when these inspections are undertaken.

10. 73/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS.

Notification to fell 1 Conifer and 1 Beech tree within the Caerwys Conservation Area at "Holmlea", Holywell Road, Caerwys. No observations.

Flintshire County Council approved the following - Variation of condition 10 on planning permission reference 07769 to allow the provision of affordable housing at Wilcox Coach Works, Afonwen.

11. 74/13 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST APRIL 2013 TO 31ST MARCH 2014.

A copy of the Estimates for the Financial Year 2012-2013 was circulated to the members including the Estimated Precept for the Financial Year 2013-2014.

Councillor Parry explained that for the last three years the precept had not been increased. The Balances as at the 31st December was £23,400-93 and the Estimated expenditure up to the 31st March 2013 is £6,732-20.

The Council Tax Band for the Financial 2013-2014 on Band 'D' properties is £601-33,

After a discussion Councillor Stephen Wilson proposed that the Town Council increase their Precept to £23,000-00 this was seconded by Councillor Moriarty. This would result in an increase of £1-56 to band 'D' Properties this year.

12. 75/13 DRAINAGE ON THE B5122 BY MARIAN BACH

Councillor Moriarty reported that he was concerned at the flooding which has occurred on the B5122 at Marian Bach and outside Caerwys Hall.

Mr Wayne Jones, Street Scene Supervisor reported that the complaints are receiving attention.

13. 76/13 SITTING OF PROPOSED DONATED BENCH.

Councillor Moriarty reported that he had been approached by Mr Sergeant owner of the property near to the location where the proposed bench was to be located opposite the Piccadilly Inn. He was very concerned at problems relating to Health and Safety issues which might occur in view of the probability of people crossing the busy road from the Piccadilly to sit on the bench. After a discussion it was reported that the bench on the corner of South Street/Drovers Lane was damaged and in need of attention. The donor to be approached to ascertain if he would agree for the bench to be located at this site. Councillor Wilson agreed to speak to the donor and report to the next meeting.

14. 77/13 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT / APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

To whom paid	Cheque Number	Amount
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1. HMRC (Payroll)	101710	£348-97
2. Paul Broadbent (Binding Town Council Minutes)	101711	£ 50-00
3. NWP Power Systems (Monthly Maintenance)	101712	£153-00
4. Scottish Power (Monthly cost of Street Lighting)	101713	£294-92
5. Society of Local Council Clerk's /Annual sub	101714	£100-00
6. E E Snowden (Clerk's Salary January)	101715	
7. E E Snowden (Clerk's Expenses January)	101716	
8. NWP Power Systems (Christmas Lights)	101717	£792-00
9. Caerwys Memorial Institute (Rental four meetings)	101718	£ 80-00

Applications for Financial Support

1. Caerwys Women's Institute (Annual Donation	101719	£100-00
2. Marie Curie Cancer Care (Donation)	101720	£ 25-00