



CYNGOR TREF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Caerwys Town Council Held at The Memorial Institute, South Street, Caerwys, On Tuesday the 17th January, 2017, at 7.30pm.

1(A). 01/17 PRESENT

Councillor David S. Knights (Town Mayor)
Councillor Ms. A. Louise Carus
Councillor Mrs Lynette M. Edwards
Councillor James E. Falshaw
Councillor E. Vincent Frost
Councillor Howard R. Griffiths
Councillor Michael W. Moriarty
Councillor Ms. Helen L. Priestley
Councillor Stephen G. Wilson

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 02/17 APOLOGIES

Councillor Jonathan E. Duggan-Keen
Councillor Jonathan A. G. Webb

2(A). 03/17 BEREAVEMENTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Members stood in silence in memory of the following:

Mr. William S. Coffee, 1, Park Grove, Caerwys. Mrs. Naomi Evans, 1, Cae Delyn, Caerwys. Mr. Stephen J. Griffiths, Bryn Derwen, Caerwys. Mr. Robert J. Roberts, 16, Lon Yr Ysgol, Caerwys. Mrs. Ann J. Thomas, Anwylfa, Caerwys.

2(B). 04/17 Standing Orders were suspended:

The Mayor, Councillor David Knights, welcomed Mr. Ian Williams (Flintshire County Council – Street Scene Supervisor) to the meeting.

Mr. Williams provided the following update to the Members:

- (1) Drainage work in the area of Ty Isa, Pen Y Cefn. The work had taken two days to complete and a maintenance schedule is now in place.
- (2) Condition of the B5122 road from the A55 to the area of The Piccadilly Inn. The many pot holes will be dressed as soon as possible – including pot holes on the hill to Afonwen.
- (3) Flooding in the area of Harp Farm, Pen Y Cefn. More specialised equipment is required.
- (4) Damaged chevron signage on the corner of Caerwys Hall – will be replaced.
- (5) Speed limit signage near the Piccadilly Inn is in process of being erected.

The following matters were raised with Mr. Williams:

- (a) Water leakage in Chapel Street. Mr. Williams advised that the planned meeting with Welsh Water, due to be held on site on 2nd January, was cancelled. A new site meeting date will be agreed in early February.
- (b) Clothes bin on The Marian. Concerns with further bags of items being deposited at base of bin as the container is full. The Clerk advised that it had been agreed that the bin be removed. Mr. Williams will ascertain the position.
- (c) Sunken drain cover outside the Institute building. Mr. Williams advised that a Section 81 notice had been issued to Welsh Water, to rectify the concern.
- (d) Mr. Williams was advised of a sunken drain near to Bell House.
- (e) Tree branches in the area of Maes Y Dre and Cae Delyn require attention.
- (f) A larger replacement no parking sign has not been erected near to the entrance to the play area. Mr. Williams will chase this up.
- (g) Town Square tree. Mr. Williams was advised that the matter was to be further discussed later in the meeting.
- (h) The Clerk referred to the spotlight at the entrance to Caerwys View Holiday Park. The concern had been passed to Highways.

2(C). 05/17

Standing Orders were restored:

3. 06/17

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. 07/17

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH NOVEMBER, 2016

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Mrs. Lynette Edwards and seconded by Councillor Ms. Louise Carus and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 08/17

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from the previous Minutes:

Minute no: 1 (D). 242/16 (pages 1 & 2), in relation to the attendance at the November Council meeting, by Mr. Robert Board – Flint & Holywell Rotary Club, and Mr. Jason Williams – Welsh Ambulance Service.

Councillor Stephen Wilson advised in relation to a recent meeting held with Mr. Board and Mr. Williams, that he had attended (Councillor David Knights was unable to attend). Councillor Wilson stated that the meeting reiterated the comments made during the visit by the above at the November

Council meeting, together with the following: (a) project name: 'First Response Scheme' (b) response timings were discussed (c) one defibrillator would be sufficient for the area (d) training – a 5 day session with the Welsh Ambulance Service (e) Rhyl for instance has a team of 18 First Responders – with a commitment of 8 hours a week. A number of successful teams have 8 First Responders (f) a number of Councillors to assist with setting up the scheme (g) start-up cost - a commitment by the Town Council of £1,800.00 (h) the Caerwys First Response Team could set up a charitable Trust (i) The team could raise funds themselves (j) on-going training from the Welsh Ambulance Service (k) a defibrillator would be donated free of charge by the Rotary Club (l) the First Responders would be covered by a Welsh Ambulance insurance policy.

Councillor Wilson requested the Council Members to support the initiative, by firstly agreeing in principle and to hold a Drop-in meeting in the Town Hall – to ascertain volunteer interest. The following would be required to facilitate the drop in session: Town Council to book the Town Hall, posters printed, flyers for distribution to households, advert in the Caerwys Chronicle.

Members agreed the following: To support the initiative and to firstly hold a Drop-in session to ascertain volunteer interest in the scheme. The Clerk to officially advise Mr. Board and Mr. Williams of the Council's decision. Councillors Stephen Wilson and David Knights to arrange the drop-in session during March – due to the publication dates of the Caerwys Chronicle.

Minute no: 1(F). 244/16 (pages 2, 3 & 4), in relation to Summerhill Farm, Caerwys. Councillor David Knights advised the Members that approximately 15 to 16 residents of Caerwys were in possession of nuisance reporting forms, which had been received from Flintshire County Council. Whilst the aroma had not been particularly strong over the past two months, a number of residents had completed their form. It was suggested that forms with entries should be collected and sent to Flintshire Environmental Department. Mr. Max Coventry had agreed that he would be the collection point. Discussion in relation to details printed on the nuisance reporting sheets.

Members agreed the following: Councillor David Knights to advise the residents with nuisance reporting sheets: should they have any entries on their sheet, they may wish to deliver the sheet to the home of Mr. Coventry. If a new sheet is required, the resident must telephone County Hall personally. Residents may keep their existing sheet for future use. The Clerk to forward completed sheets to County Hall, and advise that a number of residents are to retain their sheets for future use.

Minute no: 1(G). 245/16 (d) (page 4), in relation to the footpath from the Tollgate, Pen Y Cefn travelling towards Babell. Councillor M. Moriarty sought clarification as there is no footpath bordering this section of the highway. Councillor J. Falshaw advised that the footpath was more towards the area of Plymouth Copse Farm, Babell.

Minute no: 5. 250/16 sub minute no's: 5. 217/16 / 5. 193/16 etc., (page5), in relation to a number of outstanding matters with Flintshire County Council. The Clerk advised that following the November Council meeting, he had contacted County Hall, advising, once again, that the Town Council were disappointed that no further replies or action has occurred since their last correspondence. The Chief Executive had also been advised that the Members agreed to an extension of time to receive replies to letters – to the 17th January, 2017 Council meeting.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to report the concerns of the Town Council to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOfW). The Clerk to advise Mr. Colin Everett, Chief Executive of Flintshire, together with Councillor Aaron Shotton – Leader of the Council. To state that the Town Council have reluctantly agreed to report the matter to the PSOfW – and to emphasise that this matter had been on-going since February 2016.

Minute no: 5. 250/16 sub minute no's: 5. 195/16(c) (page5), in relation to planning breaches at Bryn Llwyd Yard. The Clerk referred to an e-mail cascaded to Members dated 18th December, 2016

– which attached a revised planting scheme on land adjacent to the B5122, which had been received from the building Company.

Members agreed the following: Whilst the Members found the latest planting scheme more acceptable, concerns was expressed in relation to the following species, and asked for their removal: Elaeagnus Pungens 'Maculata' and Prunus Lusitanica (Portugal Laurel). The reason for this request; these species require hard pruning, as they both grow in height to 6m with a 6m spread. The removal of these two species will result in easier maintenance of the areas in the future. There also appeared demarcation between the two building plots, due to layout of plants.

Minute no: 5. 250/16 sub minute no's: 12. 235/16 (page5), in relation to a request to Scottish Power to consider the undergrounding of overhead electricity cables in South & High Street, Caerwys. The Clerk advised that despite a reminder letter to Scottish Power there had been no reply or acknowledgement.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to officially complain to the appropriate Department of Scottish Power in relation to the lack of replies to letters.

Minute no: 6(c). 253/16 (pages 6 & 7), in relation to an application for funding to the Aggregates Levy Fund for Wales. The Clerk advised that this matter was an agenda item. **(Minute number 11. 23/17 on pages 9 and 10 below)**

Minute no: 6(c). 253/16 (b) (page 7), in relation to concerns with the Pinfold door. The Clerk advised that Mr. Dylan Thomas, had provided the following quotation: SDM Joinery in Mold – Hardwood door at £1,067.00 / Softwood door £853.00 plus vat with £150.00 cost of completing the work.

Members agreed the following: (1) To accept the quotation for a Hardwood door at a cost of £1,067.00 plus vat, plus fitting charge and incidentals at a cost of £150.00 **(2)** The Clerk to provide Flintshire County Council Conservation Officer with details of the new door specifications and to seek guidance in relation to any consents required.

Minute no: 6(c). 253/16 (e) (page 7), in relation to no police reports being received including no attendance at Town Council meetings by a PCSO. The Clerk advised that the new PCSO Laura Williams was to attend the meeting this evening. No apologies had been received. The Clerk further advised that Inspector Jon Bowcott had eventually replied to the outstanding letters sent in June, July and November, 2016. In relation to concern number **1.** Non-attendance at Council meetings by a PCSO, including details of reported criminal offences in the area. The Inspector stated he was not aware that a PCSO was not attending meetings, and would ensure that there would be a Police presence at the majority of meetings in the future. If a PCSO could not attend then the Clerk would receive by e-mail details of reported criminal offences. **2.** The PCSO has been tasked with speaking to the owners of the two vehicles, which are being parked inconsiderately in Holywell Road. **3.** The Inspector confirmed that the concerns with an intrusive and dazzling light at the entrance to Caerwys View Holiday Park – had been passed to County Council Highways.

6(A). 09/17

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (1)** The Clerk advised that the Flintshire County Council Summer Play Scheme would cost £1,309.00 for 2017. This was an increase of £409.00 from the £900.00 cost of the previous

year. Apparently the County Council have not received funding from Cardiff. The Clerk advised that during the budget agenda item, this increase will be further discussed.

- (2) Notification from the Welsh Government that the limit on Section 137, had increased from £7.42 to £7.57 per elector. The Clerk was unable, at this time, to advise the Members as to the maximum amount the Council could allocate under this budget heading, as the 2017 Register of Electors had not been received.
- (3) The Clerk referred to an e-mail cascaded to Members on the 8th December, 2016 – which forwarded information and attachments, in relation to Flintshire County Council LDP Strategic Options Workshop meetings.
- (4) Invitation received from Clwydian Range & Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – to attend a meeting in Froncysyllte, on Thursday 2nd February, 2017. Members were asked to contact the Clerk should they wish to attend.
- (5) Invitation to attend a discussion event from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, to discuss the remuneration framework for Community and Town Councils – to be held in Llandudno, on 26th January between 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members were asked to contact the Clerk should they wish to attend.
- (6) Notification from Welsh Assembly Government in relation to raising awareness to the local government elections, due to be held in May 2017. The Clerk advised that a poster was enclosed with the information, which he would place on the public notice boards.
- (7) The Clerk read out an e-mail from a resident of Caerwys Town who was concerned in relation to the appearance of The Old Court, in Caerwys High Street. The resident stated that the premises are an eyesore, and a real blot on the town – with the owner, or owners taking no effort with the upkeep of the building. The Clerk advised that he had replied, advising that a number of planning applications had been made in the past couple of years, but to date, there had been no approval. The Town Council had contacted the Flintshire County Council Conservation Officer on a number of occasions, seeking action to be taken.
- (8) Flintshire Citizens Advice report for 2015 / 2016 – was received.

6(B). 10/17

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised the Members of a deposit to the Council's bank account, the sum of £9,083.33, being the third and final payment of the 2016 / 2017 precept for the current financial year from Flintshire County Council.
- (b) The Clerk advised the Members of a deposit to the Council's bank account, the sum of £500.00, received from Flintshire County Council, in relation to the annual grant towards the upkeep of the public conveniences.

6(C). 11/17

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 2016

The Clerk and Financial Officer provided the Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, to the end of December, 2016. **The Members approved the Statement of Accounts, and the document was signed by the Mayor, Councillor David S. Knights.**

6(D). 12/17

TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017 / 2018

The Clerk as Financial Officer provided the Members with an accounts spreadsheet, which indicated the present financial balances (as per the Minute above), including an estimation as to the balances as at the end of March 2017. The spreadsheet also provided the Members with a suggested precept for the financial year of 2017 / 2018, based on previous spending and allocations.

After discussion, it was proposed and seconded, and agreed by **the Members, to increase the precept for the forthcoming financial year to £29,500.00 – an increase of £2,250.00.** The Clerk advised that the Band D property charge would be £47.26, an increase of £3.02 a year (25p a month). The lower property bands would pay less per month.

The Mayor, Councillor David S. Knights, signed the estimates for the end of the financial year 2016 / 2017, together with the precept allocation pro forma, advising Flintshire County Council in respect of the Town Council's financial requirements for 2017 / 2018. **The Members thanked the Clerk for the financial presentation.**

6(E). 13/17

TO UPDATE 'PROJECT PORTFOLIO'

The Clerk recollects to the Members the present items contained in the Council Project Portfolio.

Members agreed the following: The present items, as follows, to remain in the Project Portfolio: (a) Children's play area £10,000.00 plus £6,000.00 (b) Upgrading street lighting £20,000.00.

6(F). 14/17

TO CONSIDER & AGREE SPECIES OF REPLACEMENT TREE IN MOSTYN SQUARE (TOWN SQUARE)

The Clerk advised the Members, that following the public notice in a recent edition of the Caerwys Chronicle, the following suggestions had been received in relation to the species of tree, to replace the present Town Square tree: (a) Sorbus Hupehensis (b) Hebei Rowan (c) Oak (d) Hornbeamsare. A suggestion had also been received, that should the new mature tree not be tall enough to hold Christmas lights, then the Council to consider an actual Christmas tree to be sited on the Town Square.

Members agreed the following: Thanked the residents who had indicated their choice of replacement tree species. Agreed that Councillor Ms. Louise Carus, consult with a family member who is employed in Kew Gardens, London – and to seek their professional advice in relation to a tree species. The suggestions from residents to be advised.

7. 15/17

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor, Councillor David S. Knights, advised the Members of his attendance at the following:

- (1) Carols on the Square
- (2) Ysgol Yr Esgob School Christmas Concert
- (3) Ysgol Yr Esgob Christmas Service.

8. 16/17

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (1) Councillor Michael Moriarty advised the Members in relation to a Police Consultative Meeting, that he attended in December, together with Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen. The Meeting was held in Mold Town Council Chambers and facilitated by Inspector Jonathan Bowcott – District Inspector for Flintshire South. The following topics were discussed: (a) Update on Policing statistics relating to crime and anti-social behaviour. Caerwys featured in the areas anti-social behaviours statistics as one of 5 communities warranting police attention (b) Replacement PCSO for the Caerwys area – to take up position in the New Year (c) Lack of communication between communities and the South Flintshire policing team were raised. Inspector Bowcott to consider producing a periodical newsletter (d) Discussion as to how Town & Community Councils could assist the police in a practical way. Inspector Bowcott stated ‘it would be helpful if Councils could, in the first instance, write to those persons responsible for creating minor policing issues within the community. If the person responsible failed to comply with a request, then they should be informed that the matter would result in the police being notified – and the law be enforced by way of the judicial system’

- (2) Councillor Ms. Louise Carus advised that a meeting of the Town Hall Trustees, which was due to be held on the evening of the Town Council meeting, had been cancelled. The meeting was to discuss the annual Brains, Skill and Chance competition. The meeting will be re-scheduled.

9(A). 17/17

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

- (1) Application number: 056234, at Maes Hyfryd, 2, St. Michael’s Drive, Caerwys, for the demolition of existing garage, erection of side extension and partial increase of existing ridge height.

Comment by Council: The property subject of this planning application has already had its southerly elevation extended to provide an additional floor space of 35m². (Ref No. 043037).

The current proposals being put forward for the bungalow will result in a significant change to the original character and nature of the building by the proposed increase of roof height and creation of dormer windows for intended first floor rooms. Further, an easterly extension will be added to the property which will incorporate a garage with another room above. This new extension will also have a pitched roof rising to a height equal to that of the main building.

By increasing the angle of the roof pitch of the main building due to raising the existing ridge height, the pitch on the present extension will differ to the main part of the property. (See submitted Drawing No. P02).

The proposals being put forward will change the entire appearance and character of the building that it will be unable to relate to the existing adjacent bungalows that form the estate. The proposed alterations and additional extension will fail to harmonise and compliment neighbouring properties and create an over-assertive and obtrusive development.

Caerwys Town Council is therefore unable to support this planning application as it is considered to conflict with the adopted Flintshire UDP policies D1, D2 and HSG12.

- (2) Planning Application Number: 055725, at Bryn Llwyd Yard, North Street, Caerwys, for application for the amended details of dwelling to plot 3.

Comment by Council: 'Yet again no information has been provided by the applicant as to the reason for amendment to the revised details relating to the proposed dwelling that will occupy Plot 3. This latest revision still fails to address the reduction of distance between the rear elevation of the Plot 3 dwelling to the boundary with the neighbouring property known as 'Ar Tro'.

In addition to this issue, the accompanying site layout plan indicates that the west facing ground floor window at the southern end of Plot 2 would look directly onto the eastern gable end of Plot 3; a distance of under 2m. It is suspected that this would also be the case for the window(s) of the first floor room directly above the one on the ground floor. Not a satisfactory situation for a prospective purchaser of Plot 2 having to consider.

As the initial application, (047518), for the development was for the construction of two new dwellings and conversion of the existing barn into two separate residencies, the issues now prevailing by introducing Plot 3, (052760), into the development has created problems now requiring to be satisfactorily resolved.

Caerwys Town Council therefore objects to this latest application on its failure to comply fully with adopted FUDP policies D1 - Design Quality, Location and Layout and D2 - Design.'

- (3) Planning Application Number: 056307, at Whitegates, Coed Farm Lane, Caerwys, for the formation of 2 no. hard standings and use as 4 no. touring caravan.

Comment by Council: "Taking account of the Case Officer's report, dated the 13-02-15, relating to the initial (retrospective) planning application Ref: 053087, Caerwys Town Council feels that it would be prudent to consider extending further planning permission for the development for another two years only. This will enable the LPA retain some measure of control over the development in the interests of the amenities of the area.

With regard to the Conditions imposed with planning permission granted under the application Ref: 053087, it is requested that these are attached to any consent granted for this current application Ref: 056307. (Caerwys Town Council is not aware of any aspect of Condition 3 having been complied with)."

Note: The Clerk advised the Members that following the sending of the above comments to Flintshire Planning he had been copied into an e-mail, together with attachments - from residents of a property in close proximity to Whitegates. The contents of the e-mail were notifying County Planning of their objections to the planning application.

(The above three applications were sent to the Planning Sub Committee Chairman, for consultation with the Members, due to statutory time limits for observations).

9(B). 18/17

The Members confirmed the above three decisions.

9(C). 19/17

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions have been received from Flintshire County Council:

- (a) Application number: 056102, for an erection of a garage and associated development, and erection of a replacement wall and gate, at Kirkmichael, South Street, Caerwys. Approved.
- (b) Application number: 056149, for an extension of building to provide additional commercial and industrial accommodation, at Park View Garage, Lloc. Approved.

9(D). 20/17

The following notice of planning appeal to the Welsh Planning Inspectorate has been received:

Planning reference number: 055725 / Appeal number: APP/A6835/A/16/3164520, in relation to an application for amended details of dwelling to plot 3, at Bryn Llwyd Yard, North Street, Caerwys. Appeal start date: 20th December, 2016.

9(E). 21/17

PLANNING OBSERVATIONS

(i)

Planning reference number: 054929 – Appeal reference number: AP/A6835/A/16/3156964, in relation to Outline application for the erection of a dwelling as part of a small holding development, at Penycefn Isaf, Pen Y Cefn, Caerwys. The Members were advised that the appeal had been dismissed by a Wales Planning Inspector. The Clerk advised that formal notification would be received in due course.

(ii)

Members were advised that a complaint had been received from a Pen Y Cefn resident in relation to alleged building work being carried out in Glasmor Bach. The premises were refused planning permission under reference number: 053884, for change of use from offices to 1 no dwelling. A subsequent appeal under number: APP/A6835/A/15/3136749 was dismissed.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to Mr. Andrew Farrow, Head of Planning & Environment, to advise in relation to the alleged work being undertaken at the property.

(iii)

Members were advised of concerns brought to the Council's attention by a member of an adjoining Community Council, in relation to a shipping cargo container on land sited South-west of Substation, Near Coed Y Garreg, Babell. The Town Council, following previous complaints, had written to Flintshire Planning on the 29th March, 2016 and 16th May, 2016 – advising that the container was still in situ. No response had been received.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write further to Mr. Andrew Farrow, Head of Planning & Environment, referring to the two previous letters, to the current complaint and to seek details in relation to any action taken by the County.

10. 22/17

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

The following lamps have been reported out of order since the last meeting:

- (a) Lamp near the Play Field area in Chapel Street.
- (b) Lamp opposite Afonwen Craft Centre.

The following lamp was reported out of order at the meeting:

- (c) Main lantern on Town Square

11. 23/17

AGGREGATE LEVY FUND FOR WALES – LACK OF FUNDING (CLLR MS. HELEN PRIESTLEY)

Councillor Ms. Helen Priestley referred to the pending application for funding towards upgrading the play area in the grounds of the Memorial Institute - and in particular, to an e-mail cascaded to Members dated the 15th December, in relation to grant funding from the Aggregates Levy Fund for Wales. The e-mail received from the Fund Manager, stated the following: ‘Regrettably, against a background of competing strategic priorities for limited funds, I have to inform you the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, who has responsibility for the Aggregate Levy Fund, has decided to close the Fund with effect from 31 March 2017. This means we do not have a budget for next year - or subsequent years - and as a consequence we are unable to consider your application’. Councillor Ms. Priestley indicated her disbelief, that an application for funding had been in process for almost a year, and without any warning a Welsh Minister announced the fund was to close.

Councillor Ms. Priestley advised that she had been in contact with a national quarry haulage company, who were aware that the levy placed on companies was not now to be used ‘for the benefit of communities’. Councillor Ms. Priestley further advised in relation to levy figures that were advised from the national haulage company. Councillor Ms. Priestley will make enquires with the National Lottery, to ascertain if an application for play area equipment could be made.

Members agreed the following: Councillors’ Ms. Priestley and Stephen Wilson to draft an appropriate letter to be sent to a number of Ministers at the Welsh Assembly, together with copies to local Members of the Assembly. The letter to refer to the disappointment of the closure of the Aggregates Levy Fund, that was made without any consultation; the application for funding on behalf of the Town Council and the Memorial Institute Trustees, and to seek details as to where the levy funding will be utilised in the future.

12. 24/17

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
<u>To confirm payments made in December:</u>				
043	Scottish Power (November - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	238.83	47.77	286.60
044	Martin Crabb (Engineering) Installation of solar power lighting column)	450.00		450.00
045	Caerwys Memorial Institute (Meeting room hire)	100.00		100.00
<u>Payments for consideration at January Council Meeting</u>				
046	Scottish Power (December - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	246.74	49.35	296.09
047	Deeco Lighting - (November - Street Light Repairs)	139.00	27.80	166.80
048	Mega Electrical NW Ltd (Christmas Lights)	650.00	130.00	780.00
049	Caerwys Memorial Institute (Meeting room hire) Cheque No: 045 paid this account	0.00		0.00

050	Canda Copying (Quarterly rental & copies)	86.87	17.37	104.24
051	Caerwys FLUSH Committee (Payment of grant received from Flintshire County Council)	500.00		500.00
052	H. M. Revenue & Customs (Clerk's PAYE & Clerk & Council NI - via The Post Office)	474.83		474.83
053	Society of Local Council Clerks (Membership renewal fee £200.00 – 25% of fee)	50.00		50.00

13. 25/17

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
054	Caerwys Town Hall (annual grant)	500.00
055	Caerwys Women's Institute (annual grant)	100.00
056	Caerwys Historical Society (application for grant) * (see note below)	321.00 *
	RELATE (Swansea) (application for grant)	No grant

14. 26/17

The Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

15(A). 27/17

Standing Orders were suspended

(a)

* Mr. Roland Ward, Chair of the Caerwys Historical Society, addressed the Council Members in relation to an application by the Society for financial assistance towards a re-print of Town Trail leaflets. Mr. Ward recollected to the Members that in October 2016 he made application to the Council for financial assistance towards a re-print of the Town Trail leaflets. The request was refused on the grounds that the application was premature and that it would be an on-going cost. Mr. Ward advised the Members that the Society had been successful in applying for a grant from the Flintshire / Welsh Church Acts Fund of £300.00. There was a balance of £321.00, towards the cost.

Mr. Ward further explained that in 2014, 2,000 copies had been printed, which were subsequently distributed to libraries, various local businesses in Caerwys, including tourist offices throughout Flintshire. The leaflets provide information on the heritage of Caerwys including a map. A re-print would be updated to take account of new facilities in Caerwys. A re-print would promote the visitor economy in Caerwys. The Historical Society, whilst the committee members have spent considerable time on the bilingual updating and redesign of the leaflets, the Society will accrue no benefit from a re-print. The total cost of re-print is £621.00, for 4,000 copies, which should last for at least five years.

(b)

Councillor James Falshaw brought to the attention of the Members, the continual blockage in the sewage system from the Public Conveniences. Councillor Falshaw, together with another volunteer FLUSH member felt that the drainage system around the toilets should be professionally surveyed.

The Clerk advised that Welsh Water have a contract with a firm, whereby an initial survey will be completed free of charge – which should identify any damage to the drains. The Members asked the Clerk to contact Welsh Water, to arrange an inspection.

(c)

Following the retirement of Councillor James Falshaw, as County Councillor, it was enquired as to the name of any County Councillor who is representing the Caerwys Ward. Councillor Falshaw advised that Councillor Nigel Steele-Mortimer (Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor), was representing Caerwys in relation to planning applications – together with Councillor Owen Thomas (Cilcain) on general matters. The Clerk advised that there had been no official notification from Flintshire County Council.

15(B). 28/17

Standing Orders were restored:

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AS CHAIR.....

DATE OF APPROVAL.....