

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012 AT 7-0 P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Jonathan Webb, Town Mayor  
Councillor James Falshaw, Deputy Town Mayor  
Councillor Anna Carus  
Councillor Mrs Lynette Edwards.  
Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen  
Councillor David Knights  
Councillor Christopher Maggs.  
Councillor Michael Moriarty  
Councillor R Phillip Parry  
Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

**1. 32/12 Co-opted Members to sign the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office"**

Councillors Mrs Anna Corus, Mrs Lynette Edwards, Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen and Councillor Christopher Maggs all signed the Declaration in the presence of the Clerk.

**2. 33/12 Councillor Jonathan Webb, Town Mayor extended a warm welcome to Mr Colin Everett, Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council and the four new members to the Meeting.**

**3. 34/12 MR COLIN EVERETT TO ADDRESS MEMBERS ON ISSUES OF CONCERN SUBMITTED TO HIM FOR DISCUSSION.**

Mr Everett gave a verbal reply to members in respect of the thirteen questions which he had received prior to the meeting and left a written list of the answers with the Clerk. Councillor Mrs Priestly requested a copy.

Mr Everett then spoke on Flintshire County Council's 10 Biggest Issues a copy of which was circulated to all the members present.

**4. 35/12 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Stephen Wilson.

***Bereavements.***

***Members stood in silence in memory of the late Mrs Frances Margaret Legge formerly of "Cader House", Afonwen and St Michael's Drive, Caerwys. Mrs Legge was a former member and Town Mayor of Caerwys Town Council, who passed away at Birch Tree Nursing home on the Wirral***

Councillor Jonathan Webb read out a letter which he had received from Councillor George Gallagher submitting his resignation as a member of the Town Council. There were no member comments.

**5. 36/12 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012.**

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Falshaw and seconded by Councillor Phillip Parry as correct.

## **6. 37/12 MATTERS ARISING**

3. 12/12 Land at Pen y Chwarel- Councillor Webb was unable to report on the Pen y Chwarel situation in relation to contact with the Land Registry at Birkenhead, Matter deferred until the Mayor communicates with them so that members can be updated at a future meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mrs Nesta Davies informing her that it would appear that the information she had received from Land Registry in respect of the land in question is fairly accurate. Mrs Davies advised that she along with members and the Clerk arrange to meet on site.

148/11 No reply received from The Secretary of the Caerwys Memorial Institute to the letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 regarding arranging an Annual General Meeting.

12/12 Bus Shelter at Afonwen – E Mail received from Kevin Sutton, Flintshire County Council reporting that the Time Table had been moved nearer to the shelter. Mr Wayne Jones reported that the shelter will be cleaned during the week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

26/12 Induction Training for new members of Community and Town Councils. The Clerk reported that the four new members were attending the course on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

30/132 Parking Issues- The Clerk reported that she had written to Inspector Iwan Jones, North Wales Police but no reply had been received.

1431/12 Data Protection Act. Councillor Moriarty reported that failing to Register with the Commissioner for Data Protection purpose is a criminal offence. Cost of Registration to the Council is £35-00 annually. Councillor Moriarty proposed that Councillor Webb, and Councillor Parry being past and current Council Clerks and the Town Clerk get together to discuss whether Caerwys Town Council are required to Register. The Members agreed.

## **7. 38/12 NOMINATIONS TO SERVE ON LOCAL COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

A list of committees were circulated at the meeting and new members as well as present members agreed to represent the Town Council on various committees. An updated list will be circulated to members prior or at the next meeting.

## **8. 39/12 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Falshaw reported on the following:-

Tree on Mostyn Square branches need pruning. Councillor Falshaw reported that he had been in touch with Stewart Body, Tree Surgeon for Flintshire County Council and was informed that there was some confusion regarding the ownership of Mostyn Square. The Clerk informed members that Flintshire County Council owned the Square. The Clerk to inform Stewart Body.

Concerns that vehicles are speeding along the B5122 near the Tollgate.

Bollards need painting on Mostyn Square. Wayne Jones, Streetscene Officer attending to the complaint.

Speed limit on the A541 at Afonwen. Councillor Falshaw reported that it is anticipated that there will be further information available in July/August.

Concerns regarding speeding in Cae Delyn. The Clerk to inform the Police.

## **9. 40/12 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended the Town Mayor of Denbigh's Civic Service. The Diamond Jubilee Service at St Michael's Church, Caerwys. Flintshire County Council Chairman's Civic Service at Shotton.

## **10. 40/12 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT**

The following were received :-

1. E-Mail from Councillor Phillip Parry on behalf of the Caerwys Historical Society requesting that the members of this Council support their application for A V Equipment to be located at the Memorial Institute for the use of the Society and other voluntary groups within the town. The Historical Society would be approaching local groups and possibly the Town Council for contributions towards the cost of the equipment. Members indicated their support.

Flintshire County Council - Re-charges for Election Costs it is hoped that by the end of the summer Caerwys Town Council will be sent an invoice and summary of the costs.

One Voice Wales - Invitation received for members to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference and Annual General Meeting on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Pafiliwn y Bont, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ceredigion. Information received.

E-Mail received from Paula Evans One Voice Wales - One Voice Wales is contributing to research on behalf of the Welsh Government which aims to map the provision of flood risk management at community level across Wales. It would be appreciated if Council's would respond to Rhodri Thomas on [Rhodri@cYllilalacymru.com](mailto:Rhodri@cYllilalacymru.com) 02920 192024 if the council has :-

1. Developed an independent flood risk management plan.
2. Worked with other authorities such as Environment Agency Wales and/or the county council on flood risk- what were are the details relating to this.

Council Moriarty requested a copy of the E Mail.

The Clerk to inform the Environment Agency at Plas Menai Bangor, regarding possible flooding at the Craft Centre, Afonwen. On Councillor Edwards expressing concern at the amount of aquatic vegetation building up on the River Wheeler by the Craft Centre/Railway Terrace.

## **11. 41/12 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Councillor Moriarty reported that he had attended a meeting of the Flintshire County Council Forum held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Mold Town Hall and gave a verbal report on the issues discussed.

Councillor Falshaw, Deputy Town Mayor reported that he had attended the Queens Diamond Jubilee service at St Asaph Cathedral on Sunday 27 May 2012 behalf of the Town Mayor.

## **12. 42/12 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.**

No reports were received. The Clerk reported that the four faulty lights which Councillor Moriarty had reported three passed to NWP Power Systems, (Lamp mounted on wooden pole outside "Oaklea" Pen y Cefn Road (lamp not illuminating). Lamp mounted on wooden pole No 3 By the entrance to the Caerwys Memorial Playing Field in Chapel Street. (Lamp not illuminating). Street Lamp in High Street located between "Berwyn Cottage" and "Stoneridge" (lamp badly flickering.) NWP were attending to the faults. The following light was reported to Flintshire County Council -Street light in Cae Delyn at the junction

with North Street. (Lamp not illuminating.)

### **13. 43/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS.**

The following applications were received :-

1. Planning Application Number 048751 Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a ground floor extension to the rear, of Ty Ucha Farm, Pen y Cefn Road. Caerwys.

No issues providing that the extension is in keeping with the present building.

Councillor Moriarty declared a personal interest and having signed the Declaration of Interest form, left the Council Chamber while the application was discussed.

Planning Application Number 049724 Erection of a two storey extension to the rear of 8 Park Grove, Caerwys. No objections providing the proposals compiled with planning policy.

Flintshire County Council approved the following applications :-

1. Planning Application Number 049662 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of "Hillcrest", Caerwys Hill, Caerwys.

2.Planning Application Number 049283 Land South of Rhos Farm, Pen y Cefn Road, Caerwys - Application of the use as a caravan site.

3.Planning Application Number 049634 Bod Erw, Pen y Cefn Road Erection of a single storey extension.

4. Planning Application Number 049611 Plas Isa, Caerwys Hill, Single storey extension with additional alterations'

5. Planning Application Number 049436 Alteration to exterior of buildings in connection with the proposed re-use of former shop premises with living accommodation. George Rees, North Street, Caerwys

### **14. 44/12 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF CAERWYS SURGERY**

Councillor Moriarty raised the point that most members of the community were now aware that the Beech House Medical Practice, Denbigh proposed to close their out-reach surgery at Caerwys as of the 1st September 2012. Letters have been circulated by the Practice to all that were registered with them within the community explaining reasons to support their proposed action. Little or no consideration appeared to have been given as to the consequences such a move would have upon the elderly, those who experience physical mobility problems and those financially disadvantaged. To close the Caerwys Surgery would be a retrograde step and contribute to yet further erosion of services in a rural area.

Following discussion, it was resolved that a letter be submitted by the Town Council to the Betsi Cadwaladar University Health Board listing the following objections against the proposed closure of the Caerwys Surgery. (1) Not all patients in the community have private transport. (2) Those who do have vehicles experience parking problems at the Denbigh Surgery. (3) There is no direct bus route to St Asaph, therefore it would necessitate a change of buses during journeys. (4) Public transport is very limited to both Denbigh and St Asaph, in addition to being costly for those financially disadvantaged and fare prices subject to increase. (5) Subsidies for public transport are not immune to cost cutting resulting in further reduction of services. (6) For the elderly and those with physical mobility issues, walking to and from bus stops and road gradients will present problems. (7) The convenience of a surgery in Caerwys for the elderly and less mobile plays a significant part in any decision as to which medical

practice people register with. Closure of the Caerwys Surgery will result in a loss of patients to practices in Holywell and Mold whose surgeries are more accessible. (8) Those re-coursing to public transport will have to contend at times with inclement weather. (9) Mothers with young children having to use public transport are likely to encounter problems relating to babysitting or child minding arrangements due to the length of time spent with visiting Denbigh or St Asaph surgeries.

## **15. 45/12 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

### **Approval received for the payment of the following :-**

		<b>Chq no</b>
1. NWP Power Systems (Street Lighting Maintenance) + including fitting Shade o/s Stevenage House, South Street £15-00	£ 171.00	652
2. Scottish Power (Street lighting monthly charges)	£294.02	654
3. Canda Copying (Rental photocopier)	£ 55.20	653
4. Clerk's Salary		655
5. Clerk's Expenses		656
6. Councillor Jonathan Webb (Town Mayor's Allowance)	£717.17	657

### **Applications for financial support**

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| 1. Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Cymru Bethel, Caerwys<br>(cost of decorating inside and outside of the chapel, total cost £1 000-00)  | £250-00 | 658      |
| 2. Macmillan Cancer Fundraising   | £ 25-00 | 659      |
| 3. Home Start (support for needy families)  |         | No grant |
| 4. Caerwys Town Hall (requesting the sum of £5000-00 towards 30% of Match Funding which amount to £5587-83 payment of architect's fee.) The Clerk read out the letter received from Mrs Sandra Evans, Secretary. Members agreed that the Clerk send a letter to the Secretary inviting one of the Committee members to attend the July meeting of the Town Council to discuss the application. The Matter was deferred. |         |          |