



CYNGOR TREF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Caerwys Town Council Held At The Memorial Institute, South Street, Caerwys, On Tuesday 16th June, 2105, At 7.30pm.

1(A). 125/15 PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Lynette M. Edwards (Town Mayor)
Councillor David S. Knights (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Ms. A. Louise Carus
Councillor Jonathan E. Duggan-Keen
Councillor James E. Falshaw
Councillor E. Vincent Frost
Councillor Howard R. Griffiths
Councillor Michael W. Moriarty
Councillor Jonathan A. G. Webb
Councillor Stephen G. Wilson

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 126/15 APOLOGIES

Councillor Ms. Helen L. Priestly

2(A). 127/15 BEREAVEMENTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Members stood in silence in memory of the following:

Mrs. Catherine Mary Jones, 3, St. Michael's Close, Caerwys. Formerly of Plas Cerrig Farm, Pen Y Cefn.

Mr. Andrew James Tinney, 25, Cae Delyn, Caerwys.

2(B). 128/15 Standing Orders were suspended:

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Lynette M. Edwards, welcomed to the meeting Mr. Andrew Lightfoot and Mr. Ian Williams (Flintshire County Council - Street Scene Department Supervisors).

Mr. Lightfoot advised that under the re-organisation of Street Scene Supervisors, he was being moved to another area, and he introduced Mr. Ian Williams as the Street Scene Supervisor who will be covering the Town Council area. Mr. Williams advised that his new duties covered three Council areas - Caerwys, Whitford and Halkyn. The number of Street Scene Supervisors had been reduced from 12 to 8 with their new duties commencing the 1st July. Mr. Williams would be the first point of contact and provided the following details: mobile number 07711 437904 / email ian.williams@flintshire.gov.uk

The following were discussed with Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Williams:

- (1) The Clerk advised of the following outstanding matters: (a) the re-instatement of the footpath from the Pwllgwyn area to Maes-mynan, including from the Bodfari side of the layby to the entrance to Maes-mynan quarry. Mr. Lightfoot advised he was awaiting a decision by Highways in relation to the completion of the delayed work on the re-instatement of the Maes-mynan area footpath; (b) the resurfacing of Mostyn Square (Town Square). Mr. Lightfoot confirmed that he was again awaiting a decision from the Highways Department; (c) The installation of two kissing gates on the public footpath from Caerwys to the Pwll-gwyn area in Afonwen. Mr. Lightfoot advised that he would speak with the Footpath Officer.
- (2) Councillor Mrs. Lynette Edwards referred to some issues in relation to the public footpaths in Afonwen. Mr. Lightfoot advised that he would speak with the Footpath Officer.
- (3) The damaged wall on the B5122 from Caerwys to Afonwen. Mr. Lightfoot advised that the repair work would take approximately two weeks.
- (4) Councillor David Knights referred to the agreed reduced speed limit on the A541 in Afonwen, and enquired as to the commencement date. Mr. Williams advised that he would make enquiries with both the Highways and Legal departments in County Hall.
- (5) Councillor Michael Moriarty referred to the long grass at road junctions and near to signage, which was a concern for motorists. Mr. Lightfoot advised that there would be a survey carried out during the following week, which would identify areas of concern. Mr. Lightfoot also advised that it was the policy of the County to carry out only one cut per year, except where visibility was important such as at road junctions.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Lynette M. Edwards, thanked Mr. Lightfoot and wished him well in his new area, and welcomed Mr. Williams to his new position covering the Caerwys and other areas.

2(C). 129/15

Standing Orders were restored: to enable the General Council meeting to continue.

3. 130/15

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. 131/15

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH MAY, 2015

There were no amendments and the Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Jonathan E. Duggan-Keen and seconded by Councillor James E. Falshaw and formally agreed by the Members present.

Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen referred to Minute numbers 11(C). 111/15 and 11(D). 112/15, in relation to the Internal and External Auditors reports. Councillor Duggan-Keen wished it to be recorded that the Town Councillors congratulated the Clerk, as the Council's Responsible Financial

Officer, for the comments passed by the two respective auditors: in particular, that there are not many Councils which receive clean audit reports. **The Members endorsed Councillor Duggan-Keen's comments.**

5. 132/15

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 13. 115/15 (page 5), in relation to the Health & Safety concerns of the tree sited in the Town Square. The Clerk advised that he had written to the County Forestry Officer, and had received the following reply from Mr. Stuart Body: 'An inspection of the tree had taken place on the 22nd May, with Councillor J. Falshaw in attendance'. 'The tree appears to be healthy with no major defects and has an attractive shape'. 'Taking these factors into account my officer would not recommend any major pruning' The letter continues: 'It is understood that the tree is maintained by the Highways Authority, and has been recently inspected by the Council's Tree Inspector, Dewi Ellis'. 'Mr. Ellis will take the matter forward'.

6(A). 133/15

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 PCSO Carol Richards was unable to attend the evening's Council meeting, but had provided the following report: (1) Theft of a handbag at The Piccadilly Inn, Caerwys (2) Suspicious circumstances - attempted shed break in, Water Street, Caerwys.
- (2) The Clerk advised the Members that Flintshire County Council had agreed to a budget provision to match-fund new play area equipment during the financial year 2015/2016. The initiative provides the level of match-funding to a maximum of £10,000.00. The Clerk recollects to the Members that under Section 106 there was a planning gain of £8,000.00 to Caerwys, in respect of the new housing development named Melyd Court. The Clerk had confirmed with the County Council that the £8,000.00 could be used in addition to the match-funding budget provision. The Clerk advised that following an inspection of the play area by an independent company, arranged by the County Council, the play area had been assessed as having a 'Low Amber Rating'.

After discussion the Members agreed the following: To match fund for the provision of new play equipment for the existing play area, the sum of £6,000.00. If accepted by the County Council, together with the planning gain of £8,000.00, would make a total of £20,000.00 towards new play area equipment. The Clerk was asked to advise the County Council to kindly consider play equipment for a range of children's ages.

- (3) The Clerk referred to an e-mail dated the 10th June 2015 17:29, from the Welsh Assembly Government in relation to the Public Health (Wales) Bill - Provision of toilets available for use by the public. The e-mail had been forwarded by the Clerk to all Council Members.
- (4) The Clerk referred to an e-mail dated the 02 June 2015 19:36, from Councillor Bill Darwin (Conwy County Council), in relation to a conference named Irish Sea 2050. The e-mail had been forwarded by the Clerk to all Council Members. Councillor Ms. Louise Carus attended the seminar. **(See minute number 9. 138/15 (2) on page 5 below).**

- (5) Llangollen International Eisteddfod - Local Authority complimentary tickets application form and event brochure. The information was passed to the Town Mayor Councillor Mrs. Lynette Edwards.

6(B). 134/15
CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised of the deposit into the Council's bank account, the sum of £1,474.49, in relation to a VAT refund from HM Revenue & Customs for the period 2014 / 2015.
- (b) The Clerk advised that he had received and banked a cheque to the value of £1,478.00, received from AON Insurance, in settlement of the claim for a new street light, following damage caused by a vehicle. The Clerk further advised that the amount paid to the electrical contractor was £1,603.00. The difference of £125.00, related to the policy excess, which would be claimed from the vehicle insurers and subsequently be re-imbursed to the Town Council.
- (c) The Clerk provided the Town Mayor with a copy of the 'Certificate of Employers Liability Insurance' which was required to be displayed in the public conveniences building in Lon Y Porthmyn / Drovers Lane.
- (d) The Clerk confirmed that on the 17th June, he had displayed on the three Council public notice boards, the following: Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return, for the year ended 31st March, 2015.

6(C). 135/15
APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR - 2015 / 2016

The Clerk advised that it was a requirement to either appoint, or re-appoint the Council's Internal Auditor, each financial year.

The Council agreed the following: to re-appoint the current Internal Auditor: JDH Business Services of Gwernaffield, Nr. Mold.

7. 136/15
TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Lynette M. Edwards, advised the Members of her attendance at the following:

- (a) Caerwys Agricultural Show
(b) Chair of Flintshire County Council - Civic Sunday in Leeswood.

8. 137/15
COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J. E. Falshaw as County Councillor, advised the Members in respect of the following:

- (a) Councillor Falshaw advised the Members that his issues have been covered during the visit by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Williams.
(b) Councillor Falshaw recommended that the Council consider upgrading the CCTV equipment, currently sited on the Town Square.

9. 138/15

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (1) Councillor David Knights reported on the present position in relation to the Caerwys Youth Club, now named the Caerwys Youth Project. Councillor Knights advised of a recent positive meeting whereby a number of parents had volunteered to become involved. Phillip Parry had applied to Flintshire County Council for the present bank balance to be transferred to the Youth Project. A further meeting will be called in August, and it is hoped that the youth club will re-open during the first or second week in September.
- (2) Councillor Ms. Louise Carus reported on her attendance at the Irish Sea 2050 conference, held recently in Parc Eirias, Colwyn Bay. Councillor Carus stated that the conference was most interesting and blended in with her work. The conference addressed the following: climate change; future flood risk; tidal impoundments; coastal protection; measures for adaption and renewable energy, which are all part of the aim towards carbon neutrality by 2050. (See also Minute number 6(A). 133/15 (4) on page 3 above).
- (3) Councillor Howard Griffiths reported on his attendance at a Flintshire County Council 'Community Transport and Public Transport Workshop' held recently in County Hall, Mold. The Clerk, Phillip Parry also attended. The workshop was attended by Officers from Flintshire County Council, together with County, Town & Community Councillors and Clerks to Councils. The presentation advised in relation to the lesser funding being received each year from the Welsh Assembly and wished the delegates in attendance to discuss various options to continue with core bus routes. One suggested core bus route would run along the A541 Mold to Denbigh, which is presently funded by both Flintshire and Denbighshire County Councils. If agreed, the bus would travel along the A541, would not deviate off the A541 to the various villages and Caerwys - there would be 'hub' bus stops along the route. For instance, one in Afonwen. The County Council were suggesting that volunteers provide transport from Caerwys to Afonwen to meet the A541 service. The County emphasised that there would be funding for start-up costs, the changeover would be a phased approach. The County Council suggested that Town & Community Councils should increase their precept to pay towards the transport links to the hub area. The County will hold further workshops in the future.

There were no further representatives' reports.

10(A). 139/15

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

Application number: 053640, to fell 4 no. trees and prune 2 no. trees, at Church Walk within the Caerwys Conservation area.

Comment by Council: To support the application.

10(B). 140/15

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decision has been received from Flintshire County Council:

- (a) Application number: 052760, for changes to previously approved application (reference number 047518) for restoration and conversion of vacant building to form 2 no. dwellings

and erection of 3 no. new dwellings with the site, at Bryn Llwyd Yard, North Street, Caerwys. **Approved after completing legal agreement.**

10(C). 141/15

Councillor Michael Moriarty provided the following information, in relation to appeals to the Wales Planning Inspectorate:

- (1). Planning appeal Ref: APP/A6835/A/15/3005058 made against the decision by FCC to refuse planning consent for application 052645 for change of use of the Sundawn Garden Centre, Pen Y Cefn, Caerwys, to a plant hire depot. **Appeal upheld.**
- (2). Planning appeal Ref: APP/A6835/A/15/3005065 made against the decision by FCC to refuse planning consent for application 052705 for proposed detached bungalow on land to rear of Belmont, South Street, Caerwys. **Appeal dismissed.**
- (3). Notification of planning appeal Ref: APP/A6835/A/15/3004924 against decision by FCC to refuse planning consent for application 051826 to erect a single wind turbine, 67m high to blade tip, with associated infrastructure on land at Ty Coch, Crossways Road, Pen Y Cefn, Caerwys. Appeal to be dealt with by way of written representation and decision now awaited from the Planning Inspectorate.

11. 142/15

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

The Clerk advised that no lamps had been reported out of order since the May Council meeting.

12. 143/15

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
930	Scottish Power (May - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	247.39	49.48	296.87
931	Canda Copying Ltd (Quarterly photocopier rental)	46.00	9.20	55.20
932	Hacker Young (External Auditor's Report)	205.00	41.00	246.00

13. 144/15

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

14. 145/15

The Members agreed the payments of the above accounts as listed.

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

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AS CHAIR:.....

DATE OF APPROVAL:.....