

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

PRESENT

Councillor James Falshaw Town Mayor

Councillor Mrs Lynette Edwards, Deputy Town Mayor.

Councillor E Vincent Frost

Councillor J Duggan-Keen

Councillor David Knights

Councillor M Moriarty

Councillor R Phillip Parry

Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly

Councillor Jonathan Webb

Councillor Stephen Wilson

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden Clerk/Financial Officer.

1. 95/13 APOLOGIES

Councillor M/s A Louise Carus

Bereavements.

None reported.

2. 96/13 M/s Ceri Lloyd and Katie Wilby from Flintshire County Council to address the members on Rural Transport Concerns .

Councillor Falshaw extended a warm welcome to both speakers to the meeting

Bus Services in Flintshire as in the rest of Wales are predominately provided by the public sector. Passenger numbers have been steadily increasing since the Welsh Government introduced the all Wales concessionary travel scheme.

Flintshire County Council has no mandatory obligation to fund any public transport services, but the county does have powers under the Transport Act to enter into public agreements with public transport operators to provide subsidies for services that are not available commercially, these are in rural areas, and early morning services.

Subsidised Services are necessary services and are subsidised by the Local Authority were an operator is not prepared to run the service an example is the Townlynk service N0 14 between Mold-Caerwys-Bodfari-Denbigh.

In the light of ongoing funding issues faced by the public sector. Welsh Government have cut the bus grant funding across Wales from £33m to £25m per annum and have introduced changes to its management from 1st April 2013.

Regional Transport Consortia (Taith in North Wales) will be responsible for administering a new Transport Services Grant scheme.

Any reduced services will take place at the end of March, there is a possibility that the services could be cut to once every two hours.

The number of passengers using the Bus Service to Holywell has dropped considerably one of the reasons being that there are less pupils attending Holywell High School.

Councillor Moriarty expressed concerns that the rural areas are again suffering as a result of funding cuts.

965 persons have signed a petition in respect of the proposed cuts. Council for the Protection of Rural Wales have also expressed concerns.

Reported that there is a possibility that a link service may be introduced.

Councillor Falshaw thanked both Miss Lloyd and Miss Wilby for addressing the meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended when Item 12 Caerwys Flush was discussed and Mrs Sandra Evans, Member of the committee attended the meeting.

Councillor Falshaw reported that Mr D. Harris, of Harris Homes had attended a meeting of the Caerwys Flush Committee on Monday 11th November 2013 and his company were building houses on the site of the old George Rees premises. Mr Harris had proposed taking on the refurbishment of the toilets as there will be workmen on the site for approximately 18 months. During that period Mr Harris would take care of the daily maintenance and opening and closing the toilets between Mondays and Fridays. Volunteers would take care of the facilities during week-ends. Mr Harris had also agreed to pay for the water and sewerage on the site.

Reported that there was a grant of £500-00 available for the scheme from the County Council. A mail shot had been sent to local business people requesting that consideration be given towards funding this project.

Mrs Sandra Evans requested that the Town Council be responsible for the Public Liability Insurance and requesting that the Town Council consider providing some financial support.

Agreed that before the Town Council take out insurance cover that a legal agreement be drawn up between Flintshire County Council and Mr Harris.

Councillor Jonathan Webb proposed that Caerwys Town Council take over the transfer of the Public Conveniences from Flintshire County Council, subject to a legal agreement being drawn up between the County Council and Harris Homes, relating to the refurbishment of the building and subsequent week day management of the toilets for a minimum period of 18 months. Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen seconded the proposal.

Standing Orders were re-instated

3.97/13 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2013.

The Minutes were approved by Councillor J Duggan-Keen and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Webb with the exception that the M (capital) be deleted from Councillor Moriarty's name.

8 90/13 that the word Lighting be corrected.

4. 98/13 MATTERS ARISING

3 85/13 Reported that a copy of the letter received from Driving Standards Agency at Wrexham in respect of Tractor Testing in Lon yr Ysgol had been sent to Mr Berwyn Roberts.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mrs Nesta Davies, at Llewelyn Jones, Solicitors, Mold, advising that Mr Alan Sass is prepared to purchase the land at Pen y Chwarel for the sum of £10,000-00 plus paying the Town Council's legal fees which are in the region of £500-00 plus VAT.

Mrs Davies suggested that the members of this Council agree to pay Mr David Lowe valuation costs of £360-00. After a discussion the members agreed to pay this sum.

86/13 Councillor Moriarty requested that Mr Andy Lightfoot, Street Scene Flintshire County Council, be contacted to provide a date for the Town Council when funding will be available to carry out the issues highlighted in the Environmental Audit.

6. 88/13 The Clerk reported that arrangements have been made with Mr Gareth Edwards, DEECO Lighting to erect the Christmas Lights on Monday 2nd December 2013 dismantled on the 6th January 2014. Mr Edwards agreed to complete the Street Lighting and Illuminated form and return to Mr Steve Jones, Street Scene, at Flintshire County Council.

Page 3 paragraph 2 Concerns in respect of motor vehicles parking in Mostyn Square. E Mail received from PCSO Rob Hill, North Wales Police reported that he had spoken to a few drivers in the past to park more considerately, as it appears to be free for all. As regards police powers and parking of vehicles he is very limited as to what he can do as Flintshire County Council have employed Traffic Wardens to be responsible for parking problems. PCSO Robb Hill reported that he will try to be in Mostyn Square on Saturday mornings and hopefully his presence may make a difference.

5 99/13 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw reported on the following :-

Litter Bin by Will's Shop is filling up daily and the bins are only emptied on Thursdays.
Pot Holes on the Pen y Cefn Road in need of attention.
Dangerous crack on pavement by West View, South Street.

Request by one of the residents in Lon yr Ysgol for the Town Council to consider supplying a Salt Bin at this location. After a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Priestly the Members unanimously agreed that Councillor Falshaw approach the resident and others in Lon yr Ysgol to ascertain if they are prepared to pay for the bin.

6. 100/13 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor Falshaw reported that he attended the following :-
Town Mayor's Civic Sunday on Sunday 3rd November 2013, Remembrance Sunday Service at St Michael's Church, Caerwys and later laying the wreath outside the Memorial Institute, South Street, Caerwys. The Young Musicians Competition held on Saturday 2nd November 2013 at the Town Hall, Caerwys and the Ysgol yr Esgob British Legion Service.

7. 101/13 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT

(a) E Mail received from Lynn Phillips, Electoral Services, Flintshire County Council requesting that the Town Council host the Review of Community Boundaries Meeting on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 6-30p.m. at the Memorial Institute, South Street, Caerwys Councillor Falshaw agreed to the request. Two members from nine Community Council are invited. Mr Peter Evans Flintshire County Council will Chair the meeting. Councillor James Falshaw and Councillor Mrs Lynette Edwards agreed to represent Caerwys Town Council.

E Mail received from Angela Priest-Jones, Admin Support, North Wales Police, Mold. Flintshire has a new District Inspector, Sharon Mc Cairn who would like to introduce herself and attend a meeting of the Town Council. Members agreed to invite Inspector Mc Cairn to the meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 18th February 2014.

One Voice Wales –Training Course Module 5 “The Council Meeting” to be held on Tuesday 21st November 2013 at 6-30p.m. to 9-0p.m. at Mold Town Hall. Cost for non members £40. Information received.

The Welsh Government has published a Consultation Document “The Public Service Workforce Consultation on draft guidance and directions which include a Code of Practice on Workforce Matters” The document can be accessed at :-
<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/public-sector-workforce/?lang=en>
Consultation responses are sought by 20th December 2013.

(b) Confirmation of the appointment of Clerk/Financial Officer

The Clerk reported that after interviews had taken place, Councillor Phillip Parry had been appointed as the new Clerk/Financial Officer for the Town Council, subject to a second satisfactory reference being received.

Councillor Parry left the room during the discussion in respect of the second reference, and after being advised of his appointment, tendered his resignation as a member of the Town Council. The resignation to take effect at the end of the meeting. Mr. Parry will be taking up his duties from the 1st of January 2014. The vacant seat will become available by the January 2014 meeting. Councillor J. Webb proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Phillip Parry, thanking him for his services to the Council and Town over a 30 year period.

8. 102/13 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly reported that Fay Broster has been appointed to a teaching post at Ysgol yr Esgob, Caerwys and will be taking up her duties in January 2014.

Councillor Knight reported that the Youth Club was doing well with about 23 members and is continuing to thrive. Arrangements are in hand to purchase tickets for the Pantomime, Three of the young members have been causing a few problems.

9. 103/13 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

Following lights were reported out of order: - By the Bus Stop in Afonwen and the lights leading to Mill Terrace, Afonwen

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that he had received a telephone call from Mr Andrew Affleck that the light on the footpath leading from the Memorial Institute to the Marian Lucy Common was obstructed by branches covering the lamp. Mr Affleck also reported that the footpath was very dark and enquiring if the Town Council give consideration to providing an additional light. Agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Andy Lightfoot, Street Scene requesting that the branches be cut. Clerk to arrange a site meeting between Mr Gareth Edwards, DEECO Lighting and Councillor Stephen Wilson to discuss a suitable light and to receive an estimate.

Councillor Falshaw reported that he had received a request from Mr Merrill of Preswylfa, North Street, Caerwys for the removal of the Millennium Basket from outside Ash Grove, North Street as it is obstructing the view from his property. Councillor Falshaw agreed to speak to the Secretary of the Caerwys in Bloom Committee.

10 104/13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

The following application was received :-

Planning Application Number 051416 Erection of an extension to the rear and side and internal alterations at 31 St Michael's Drive, Caerwys.

There were no issues providing the application confirms with Planning Regulations.

Flintshire County Council approved the following application :-

Application Number 051157 Erection of a new detached garage at the Old School House, High Street, Caerwys.

Flintshire County Council refused the following planning application Number 703260 erection of a detached bungalow at “Belmont”, South Street, Caerwys.

Planning Application Number 051304 Application for variation of condition number 2 Attached to planning permission 0458 to allow a further period of 2 years for submission of reserved matters and variation of condition numbers 11 and 12 to give reference to the Code of Sustainable Homes rather than BREEAM at Herons Retreat, Caerwys Hill, Caerwys, Approved on the 14th November 2013

11.105/13 TO DISCUSS THE TOWN COUNCIL’S EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST APRIL 2014 TO 31ST MARCH 2015 THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRECEPT.

Councillor Webb proposed that the sum of £2000-00 be included in the Budget towards play equipment Members unanimously agreed . Councillor Parry requested that the sum of £1000-00 be included towards the cost of street lighting. Some funding to be included towards the cost of the Caerwys Flush.

12. 106/13 CAERWYS FLUSH

This item was discussed after item 2 on the agenda.
Standing Orders were suspended when this item was discussed

13. 107/13 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT / APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

	COST	VAT	TOTAL	Ch
1.Caerwys Town Hall (cost of meetings) £ 19-50	£ 19-50		£ 19.50	91
2. Renewal of Caerwys Web Site	£110-09		£110-09	92
3 DEECO Lighting	£256-00	£51-20	£307-20	93
4. Scottish Power	£246-81	£49-36	£296-17	94
5. E E Snowden (postage + ink for computer Civic Sunday Invitations postage from 20/3/1 to date+Ring Binders.	£131-08		£131-08	95
6. E E Snowden (Travelling Expenses for the Period 21/03/2013 to date	£189-00		£189-00	96

7. E E Snowden (Clerk's Salary November 2013)	97
8. E E Snowden (Clerk's Expenses November 2013)	98

Applications for Financial Support

1. Urdd National Eisteddfod Flintshire 2016	No grant.
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