



CYNGOR TREF CAERWYS CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Caerwys Town Council Held At The Memorial Institute, South Street, Caerwys, On Tuesday The 21st October, 2014, At 7.30pm.

1(A). 223/14 PRESENT

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

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 224/14 APOLOGIES

Councillor Michael W. Moriarty

2(A). 225/14 MINUTES SILENCE - BEREAVEMENTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

There were no reported bereavements within the community, between the September and October Council meetings.

2(B). 226/14 Standing Orders were suspended;

(a) The Mayor Councillor Mrs. Lynette M. Edwards welcomed PCSO Carol Richards to the meeting.

PCSO Richards provided details in respect of the following reported criminal offences, which had occurred between the September and October Council meetings; (1) a number of thefts, including damage in the public conveniences (2) Anti-social behaviour in the public conveniences (3) two house burglaries (4) reports of suspicious vehicles.

PCSO Richards also advised that cold callers were active in the area, and asked that anything suspicious be reported to the police using the 101 telephone number. PCSO Richards further advised of a surgery she would be holding in the Memorial Institute on Monday 3rd November between 11.00am and 12 noon.

The Mayor thanked PCSO Richards for attending the meeting and the information provided.

(b) The Mayor Councillor Mrs. Lynette M. Edwards welcomed Mr. Andy Lightfoot (Flintshire County Council - Street Scene Supervisor) to the meeting.

Mr. Lightfoot advised the Members that whilst he was still seconded to other duties, he was also presently covering the Caerwys area. The Clerk referred to a number of outstanding issues and concerns. **(1)** pot holes in Lon Yr Ysgol and the Town Square. The Clerk advised that a letter of complaint in respect of the condition of the road outside the school entrance on Lon Yr Esgob had been published by the Caerwys Chronicle. Mr. Lightfoot advised that repairs to the Lon Yr Ysgol road would be attended to after the completion of the work presently being carried out in North Street. Drawings had been prepared in respect of the Town Square, which hopefully would be attended to in the near future **(2)** the removal of the litter bin from outside Oswalt House, South Street to the Town Square area. Mr. Lightfoot advised that the bin would remain in South Street, and a further bin would be sited in the Town Square area **(3)** the red dog bin alongside Glebe Field and near to the Church entrance. The Clerk advised that he had written two letters to the Street Scene department, asking if the dog bin sited at Glebe Field could be exchanged for a larger unit, with a further request that all red dog bins are inspected in the community - as a number are either broken or damaged. Mr. Lightfoot would make further enquiries **(4)** the Clerk referred to a complaint received from a resident in Pen Y Cefn, in respect of a unacceptable amount of mud that had been deposited on the road, between Four Crosses and the Pen Y Cefn Cross Road (Red BT kiosk crossroads). The condition of the road would become dangerous during the hours of darkness, and in particular, if it had rained. Mr. Lightfoot advised that County Council staff had visited the area, and the mud had been deposited by agricultural machinery **(5)** the damage to two trees on the highway verge between the Piccadilly Inn and entrance to St. Michael's Drive. The Clerk advised that he had reported the damage to Street Scene, and that the Caerwys in Bloom Committee, had been assured of a financial donation to re-plant two trees. Mr. Lightfoot advised that as the area was County highway, that permission would have to be sought to plant the trees. Mr. Lightfoot would make enquiries and advise the Clerk.

Council Members discussed the following with Mr. Lightfoot. **(i)** Councillor Howard Griffiths - concerns in relation to the footpath in St. Michael's Drive. The hedge is overgrown onto the footpath, in the area of the turning to the cul-de-sac **(ii)** Councillor David Knights - the traffic lights at the area of the stone wall repairs on Caerwys Hill to Afonwen. Councillor Knights advised that the traffic lights were not working, he had called the number on the sign, but there was no reply **(iii)** Councillor Webb - the hedge almost opposite the walkway from the Memorial Institute, at the Marion entrance is overgrowing into the road **(iv)** Councillor Falshaw - the tree branches in the area of the Tollgate Crossroads, along the Babell road, are growing into the road and require cutting back **(v)** Councillor Mrs. Edwards - a neighbours recycling bin has disappeared, with another bin damaged. Mr. Lightfoot advised that he had taken notes of the various concerns, and would deal accordingly with them.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Lightfoot for attending the meeting, and in particular, for all his help and assistance in the Town Council area.

2(C). 227/14

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

3. 228/14

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were Declared;

Councillors' J. E. Falshaw and J. A. G. Webb, in respect of planning application number 052705, at Belmont, South Street, Caerwys. Both Councillors' left the room during the Members deliberations. (See Minute number 13(C). 241/14 (3) on page 10 below).

Councillor J. E. Falshaw, in respect of planning application numbers 052645, at Sundawn Garden Centre and number 052732, at Maes Mynan Yard, Afonwen. Councillor Falshaw left the room during the Members deliberations. (See Minute numbers 13(C). 241/14 (1) on pages 8, 9 & 10 below and 13(C). 241/14 (2) on page 10 below).

4. 229/14

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

The Clerk advised that Councillor M. Moriarty wished the following amendments to be made;
(1) Page 3 Sub Minute number (b) 6(A). 178/14(4). To insert the words ' Councillor Moriarty requested information as to the web site address used by Mr. Young ' (www.civicheraldry.co.uk).
(2) Page 4 Minute number 7. 209/14. To amend WW1 to WW11 in the second sentence.

Councillor H. Griffiths wished the following to be inserted 'Deaths increase rather than crime' under Minute number 15(A). 221/14 on page 10.

There were no further amendments and the Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor J. A. G. Webb and seconded by Councillor J. E. Falshaw and formally agreed by the Members present.

5. 230/14

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no; 2(B). 201/14 – second paragraph on page 2, in relation to two damaged trees on the highway verge between the Piccadilly Inn and entrance to St. Michael's Drive. The Clerk advised that whilst endeavouring to report the damage to the North Wales Police, he was advised, that as the Town Council did not own the land, the complaint had to be made by the owner - Flintshire County Council. (See Minute number 2(B). 226/14 (b) (5) on page 2 above).

Minute no; 5. 205/14 sub minute number; 13. 191/14 on page 2, in respect of the Pwllgwyn Hotel, Afonwen. The Clerk advised, that whilst he had received no reply to two letters enquiring in relation to the process for the change of use of a licensed premises to residential, he had referred the matter to the office of the Chief Executive of the County Council.

The Clerk referred to the following for clarification. That whilst the Pwllgwyn premises may still hold a licence to sell alcohol, to enable the premises to open for the sale, the owner, or a designated person is required to hold a Personal Licence.

Councillor Ms. Helen Priestly referred to the planning application in respect of the part change of use at the Pwllgwyn. Councillor Ms. Priestly advised, that the application had been deferred to a further date, due to a complaint in respect of an alleged breach of the code of conduct.

Minute no; 5. 205/14 sub minute number; 14(a). 192/14 on page 2, in respect of offensive odours emanating from Summerhill Farm. The Clerk advised of the letter written from the Council to the Managing Director (Dr. Grant Walling) of JSR Genetics in Driffield, East Yorkshire. A meeting had been held recently in Caerwys, with representatives of JSR, together with residents and Council Members in attendance. (**See Minute number 12. 238/14 (2) on pages 7 & 8 below**).

Minute no; 5. 205/14 sub minute number; 14(b). 192/14 on page 3, in respect of the overflowing red dog bin. (**See Minute number 2(B). 226/14 (b) (3) on page 2 above**).

Minute no; 6(B). 207/14 (3) on page 4, in respect of a letter written to the County Planning department, enquiring if planning permission is required for climbing poles that have been erected in a field North East of Crossways Road, Pen Y Cefn. The Clerk advised that he had now received a reply from the County Council Enforcement / Compliance Officer, who stated the following; that planning permission would be required for the erection and retention of the poles, including advertisement consent for the trailer advertisement. The owner had been contacted, and the offending advertisement had been removed, and that a retrospective planning application will be submitted for the climbing poles in due course. If no application is subsequently received, the planning authority will consider further enforcement action.

Minute no; 8. 210/14 (d) on page 5, in respect of the damage to two trees between the Piccadilly Inn and entrance to St. Michael's Drive. The Clerk advised that Councillor M. Moriarty had attended a meeting, whereby he had brought to the attention of a Member of the Flintshire Tourism Association (FTA), the damage caused to the two trees. (The FTA organise the Real Ale Trail). The Association Member was unaware of the incident, but would bring it to the attention of the Members of the Association at their next meeting. (**See Minute number 2(B). 226/14 (b) (4) on page 2 above**).

6(A). 231/14 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (1) Letter from Flintshire County Council in relation to the transfer of Community Assets to Town & Community Councils in Flintshire. The Clerk advised that the following assets were highlighted by the County; **(a)** Caerwys Bowling Club Pavilion **(b)** Caerwys Football Club – Changing Rooms at Ysgol Yr Esgob. The Clerk also advised that the Caerwys play area was not shown on the list. The Clerk further advised that the County Council wished the Town Council, or any Community Group, to register their interest, in the assets being transferred to them. **The Members agreed the following;** The Clerk to write to the County Council, to express an interest, and seek financial running costings in respect of the above assets. The Clerk to also ask the County Council to clarify as to the ownership, of both the Bowling Club and Football Club Pavilions.
- (2) The Clerk referred to an e-mail, together with an attachment that he had received from Mrs. Sarah Maitland-Jones, which had been forwarded to all Councillors. The attachment referred to the Building known as The Old Court, High Street, Caerwys.
- (3) Flintshire County Council - Letter in respect of preparations for the winter, enquiring if the Town Council wish to purchase new salt bins, including the re-filling of others. The Members agreed that there were no areas where new salt bins were required. Councillor J. E. Falshaw confirmed that the salt bin owned by the Town Council was full of salt.
- (4) Flintshire County Council - Training for Members on the Code of Conduct. Councillor Howard Griffiths asked to attend the training when arranged.
- (5) Flintshire County Council - Review of Polling Places. The Clerk advised that the review is carried out every five years, to ascertain if Polling Stations are suitable for use. The

Caerwys Town Hall is presently used as a Polling Station. The Clerk further advised that the closing date for the Council's views was before this evening's meeting and the Mayor and Immediate Past Mayor had authorised the Clerk to confirm to the County, that the above building was still suitable as a Polling Station.

- (6) Letter from Aled Roberts AM in relation to the Welsh Assembly Government and the Trunk Road Agency, who are currently undertaking a review of speed limits on trunk roads.
- (7) Letter from the Wales Audit Office advising of the redistribution of reserves. All Town & Community Councils in Wales will receive the sum of £30.00. The Clerk confirmed that he had completed the required form to claim the refund.
- (8) Letter from the Chair of Caerwys Agricultural Show. The letter referred to the concern for the future of the show. Whilst the show was financially secure, the committee required new members, together with assistance on show day. The Members were invited to the Show AGM on Wednesday 29th October at 7.30pm in The Maes Y Goron Community Centre.
- (9) Information in relation to funding available from the War Memorial Fund and CADW, towards maintenance and repairs to War Memorials.
- (10) Flintshire County Council - County Standards Committee Annual Meeting Information, together with Annual Report for 2013 / 2014.

The following correspondence was taken as received;

- (a) Flintshire County Council - Wrexham and Flintshire Joint Housing Market Assessment.
- (b) Flintshire County Council - Community Toolkit.
- (c) North Wales Police - Notes of recent meeting held in Mold Police Station. This information had been forwarded by e-mail to all Councillors. Councillor David Knights attended the meeting on behalf of the Town Council. (**See Minute number 12. 238/14 (3) on page 8 below**).
- (d) Welsh Assembly Government - Draft Annual Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
- (e) Agenda and Minutes of the last meeting in respect of the North Wales and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils - received by Councillor Jonathan Webb.
- (f) St. Kentigern Hospice - Annual Report for 2013 / 2014.
- (g) Sutcliffe Play Area Equipment - received by Councillor Ms. Helen Priestly.

6(B). 232/14

CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) The Clerk advised the Members of his attendance, together with Councillor M. Moriarty at a ' Big Budget ' meeting, held by Flintshire County Council, in County Hall, Mold. The meeting was called to discuss with Town & Community Councils ' working together in the face of austerity ' Using a Power Point presentation, the following headings were addressed; the changing world for Councils, the role of local Councils, the possibilities, community assets, community asset transfer working, national examples, local examples and what now.

The County Council were expecting from the Welsh Assembly Government a support grant reduction of between 1.5% to 4.5%. This would generate a £12 - £18 Million gap for 2015/16 - which could add up to £50M over three years. The Big Budget conversation was an opportunity for local solutions and planning ahead for 4 years, together with alternative models of delivery with local communities. (**See Minute number 6(A). 231/14 (1) on page 4 above**).

- (b) The Clerk reported to the Members of his attendance at a recent meeting of The Flintshire County Forum. The Clerk referred to the transfer of assets. The Clerk advised that he had brought to the attention of the meeting, the lack of response to letters from the Town

- (c) Council to the County Council - in particular, the Planning and Street Scene Departments. The Clerk's comments were supported by other Clerks' including Chairs of Town & Community Councils who were in attendance at the meeting.
- (d) The Clerk referred to the demolished street light almost opposite the Memorial Institute, caused by a vehicle who subsequently left the scene, but reported the accident to the North Wales Police within the required timescale. The Clerk had been advised by the North Wales Police, in respect of the drivers name, address and telephone number. But despite attempts to contact the person by telephone, together with a formal letter written to the driver of the vehicle, there had been no reply to date. The Clerk advised that he would further contact the Police for advice.
- (e) The Clerk referred to a complaint received by Councillor M. Moriarty in respect of an unacceptable amount of mud deposited on the Pen Y Cefn road - between Four Crosses and the Pen Y Cefn Crossroads (Red telephone kiosk crossroads). (**This matter had been addressed under Minute number 2(B). 226/14 (b) (4) on page 2 above**).
- (f) The Clerk referred to a letter of complaint in respect of the condition of the road outside the school entrance on Lon Yr Esgob, which had been published by the Caerwys Chronicle. In Councillor Moriarty's absence, the Clerk advised the Members, that the matter was reported to the Council by Councillor Moriarty during the last financial year. The County Council confirmed that the road repair was on their schedule for completion before the 31st March, 2014, but for whatever reasons, the work was not completed until October 2014 (**This matter had been addressed under Minute number 2(B). 226/14 (b) (1) on page 2 above**).

7. 233/14

TO REVIEW THE ANNUAL PAYMENT OF THE MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

The Clerk had provided to the Members with their Summons to attend the Council meeting, a spreadsheet which contained details of Mayors' allowances from 10 Town Councils in Flintshire and Denbighshire. The spreadsheet indicated the allowance paid to the Mayor, together with other Civic Expenses paid by the various Councils. **After discussion it was proposed and seconded, and agreed by the Members, the following;**

- (a) The present Mayor's allowance of £720.00, will be increased in future by inflation.
- (b) The Town Council will pay for the Civic Sunday in future and the next and future Mayors will put an estimate before the Council at least a month in advance. The Members will consider and vote.
- (c) For this year, the present Mayor will prepare invoices to recover her costs, and bring these to the next meeting for approval or otherwise.

8. 234/14

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014

The Clerk and Financial Officer, provided the Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, to the end of September, 2014. **The Members approved the Statement of Accounts, and the document was signed by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Lynette M. Edwards.**

9. 235/14

TO REVIEW (AMEND / UPDATE) AND APPROVE, THE FOLLOWING POLICIES; (A) CODE OF CONDUCT (B) NATIONAL STANDING ORDERS (C) LOCAL STANDING ORDERS (D) FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (E) INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS (F) ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT - 2014 / 2015 (G) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS ETC.,

SCHEDULE (H) FIXED ASSET REGISTER - 2014 / 2015 (I) RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS POLICY STATEMENT (J) ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY - 2014 / 15

The Members agreed the following; To update the Annual Investment Strategy (J) for 2014 / 2015. All other policies were confirmed.

The Clerk advised the Members, that the Fixed Asset Register was required to be reviewed before the end of the financial year.

10. 236/14

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor Councillor Mrs. Lynette M. Edwards reported on the following attendances since the last Council meeting; Award and Presentations in relation to the Dee Clean Up Week, held at Chester Football Club, Ysgol Yr Esgob Harvest Festival, including the following Civic Sundays; Mold, Holywell and Prestatyn. The Mayor also referred to her own Civic Service held in St. Michael's Parish Church.

The Mayor asked that the Council Christmas Dinner be held on Wednesday the 17th December, which the Members agreed to. Menus to be obtained from restaurants within the community.

11. 237/14

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor J. E. Falshaw as County Councillor advised the Members, that all matters he wished to refer to, had been dealt with during the attendance of Mr. Lightfoot (**See Minute number 2(B). 226/14(b) above on page 2**).

12. 238/14

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (1) The Clerk reported that he together with Councillor M. Moriarty had attended the ' Big Budget ' meeting, held by Flintshire County Council, in County Hall, Mold. (**See Minute number 6(B). 232/14(a) on page 5 above**).
- (2) Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen reported to the Members, in respect of a meeting he had attended at 3 Parc Hafod, Caerwys, on 14th October, with managers from JSR Farming Group, to do with the pig production unit at Summerhill Farm.

Also present were: The Mayor, Councillor Lynette Edwards, the Immediate Past Mayor, Councillor Jim Falshaw, along with several residents of the town. JSR Farming was represented by Nigel Pritchard (Production Manager) and Angus Chambers (Pig Finishing Manager). It was established at the start that JSR own the pigs at Summerhill Farm and this company pay the owners of the farm to rear the pigs and bring them up to the required size and weight.

Residents of the town stated that the smells emanating from Summerhill Farm had become considerably worse over the past couple of years and many considered them unacceptable. JSR Farming explained that they had changed the feed in the past with some effect and now proposed to add other ingredients designed to help eliminate or at least reduce the odours.

It was agreed that the odours be monitored by the residents over the present cycle of pig development and that a new meeting be arranged after that to assess progress. (Probably

January 2015). (See **Minute number 5. 230/14 sub minute numbers 5. 205/14 and 14(a). 192/14 on page 4 above**).

- (3) Councillor David Knights referred to his attendance at a North Wales Police Consultative meeting, held in Mold Police Station (See **Minute number 6(A). 231/14 (c) on page 5 above**).
- (4) Councillor David knights advised the Members that the Youth Club Leader had left her position, and the assistant leader had been appointed to the post. A new assistant leader had also been appointed. A Management Committee meeting had been held recently, whereby a Committee of Youth Members was agreed to be set up. The youth club members will hold an election to appoint.
- (5) Councillor Jonathan Webb reported on his attendance at a meeting of the North Wales and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. Amongst items discussed was the proposed amalgamation of County Councils in Wales. The Association felt that the larger the Council the more removed they were from the people. The Association could see no benefit in the proposal by the Welsh Government Assembly.

There were no further representatives' reports.

13(A). 239/14

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application had been received;

- (a) Application number; 052576, for the erection of a closed boarded timber fence, planting of hawthorn hedge parallel to fence (retrospective), at Llais Afon, Bryn Sion Hill, Afonwen.
No observations.

(The above application was sent to the Chairman for consultation with the local Member(s) due to statutory time limits for observations).

13(B). 240/14

The Members confirmed the above decision.

13(C). 241/14

The following planning applications were dealt with by the Members at the meeting;

- (1) Application number; 0542645, for the change of use of the Sundawn Garden Centre to a plant hire depot, including the demolition of the existing garden buildings, the erection of a workshop building, and the conversion of the Teapot Café for use as ancillary office accommodation, at Tea Pot Café & Sundawn Garden Centre, Llwybr Hir, Caerwys.

The Members agreed the following; Caerwys Town Council does not support this application for the following reasons and concerns.

- (a) The size and design of the proposed workshop will not harmonise with the surrounding open countryside on being more in keeping with buildings found on an industrial estate.
- (b) Artificial lighting will be introduced further into the surrounding countryside with any introduction of security lighting, illuminated signage and roof lights built into the workshop.
- (c) The proposed development does not relate to a small scale rural enterprise or a small scale farm diversification scheme.

- (d) The application site is not in an area allocated for commercial development within the adopted Flintshire UDP. Within the UDP's Spatial Strategy in terms of growth and restraint, one of its key elements is to resist pressure for sporadic unnecessary development in the open countryside, particularly along the A55(T) corridor.
- (e) The proposed development fails to comply with conditions i and ii as specified in the UDP policy EM4 Location of Other Employment Development.
- (f) The nature of the proposed business raises the potential risk of proliferation of advertising signage at the application site.
- (g) Within the submitted documentation relating to the proposed development it states that there would be a decrease in the numbers of HGVs, yet indicated weekly vehicle movements of such vehicles are 72 against an existing 21. This assumption would therefore appear to be incorrect. In addition to this, a lay-by on the westbound carriageway of the A55(T) adjacent to the application site is frequently used by passing HGVs that will also contribute to the numbers of such vehicles making use of the location.
- (h) The access road to the application site is restrictive in width and would therefore be likely to create issues for HGVs travelling along it from opposite directions at the same time.
- (i) There is no direct access to or from the application site for the eastbound carriageway of the A55(T). This would result in large HGVs having to make use of narrow rural lanes with restrictive junctions to the south of the proposed development in order to reach Junction 31 of the A55(T) via the B5122 where connection with the eastbound carriageway can be effected. Any voluntary agreement with drivers of HGVs visiting the application site wishing to join the eastbound carriageway to first travel westwards to the Rhuallt flyover and there join the eastward flow of traffic along the A55(T) would not be mandatory and open to abuse.
- (j) The narrow country lanes to the south of the application site forms part of a route, No. 5, devised and promoted by the British Driving Society North East Wales for horse drawn carriage driving. In addition to this, there is a well-established equestrian centre nearby, plus a number of private stables, all of whom make use of these lanes. Such usage of the highway would have the potential of putting all these users into conflict with HGV traffic.
- (k) Access to and from the A541 Mold-Denbigh road from the B5122 would be through Caerwys. The B5122 is restrictive in width for large vehicles just outside the northern edge of the town boundary, South Street within the town itself and Caerwys Hill. The use of the B5122 by vehicles of ever increasing size and weight has been the subject of numerous complaints by Caerwys Town Council over many years.
- (l) The application site is located on a principle aquifer, the Ffynnon Asaph, that is licensed to supply potable water and within a Groundwater Source Protection Zone. The nature of the proposed enterprise on the site includes the maintenance and, presumably, the cleaning of plant equipment in addition to their storage. Such activities have the potential to pollute groundwater, but no information of how trade effluent from washing of plant equipment and storage of waste oils will be dealt with on site. No information is, likewise, provided of liaison having taken place with the regulatory body Natural Resources Wales on this issue.
- (m) The application site is located approximately 2.4km from the nearest point to the designated Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB from where views into the development can be taken. The nature of the proposed development is such that it will adversely impact upon the visual amenity of the area by changing its character and appearance that any mitigation measures undertaken will be unable to ameliorate.
- (n) The proposed development will have an adverse effect on the residential amenity of occupiers of nearby properties due the operation of the business from 6.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive. To this has to be added the noise, dust and fumes from movement of plant equipment and HGVs.
- (o) Concern is expressed that the submitted LVIA has not considered any viewpoints from surrounding properties whose visual amenity will be adversely affected.
- (p) Although it is indicated there will be no removal of hedgerows boarding the site's boundary, erection of fencing is proposed in close proximity to such features and will have the

potential to affect flora and fauna. The local area supports a rich biodiversity, but it is with concern that no ecological report is included within the submitted documentation.

Declaration of Interest; Councillor J. E. Falshaw Declared an Interest (See Minute number 3. 228/14 on page 3 above).

(2) Application number; 052732, for the continuation of use of portakabin as administrative office, at Maes Mynan Yard, Denbigh Road, Afonwen. **No observations.**

Declaration of Interest; Councillor J. E. Falshaw Declared an Interest (See Minute number 3. 228/14 on page 3 above).

(3) Application number; 052705, for the proposed detached bungalow on land to the rear of Belmont, South Street, Caerwys.

The Council Members agreed the following observations;

- (a) The area of land allocated to the proposed plan, is such that it may not be able to make adequate provision for a dwelling and may therefore be contrary to; FUDP Policy HSG8(e) - density of development.
- (b) The planning application granted by Delyn Borough Council on the 15th January, 1982, only relates to a change of use of a room within the actual building called 'Belmont' at that time.
- (c) The present planning application relates to a defined area of land that has received no previous permission for planning consent for any form of development/change of use.
- (d) A local need for residential development cannot be established within Caerwys Town due to houses currently under construction at Cwrt Melyd / Melyd Court. These are in addition to residential properties consented for Bryn Lwyd Yard, North Street, (047518 refers). Outline planning consent for 50 plus residential units, (052169 refers), within the settlement boundary at Summerhill Farm has also been renewed this year.
- (e) The development should allow for adequate off-road parking and garden, as referred to in FCC's local planning guidance note 2, space around dwelling.

Declarations of Interest; Councillors' J. E. Falshaw and J. A. G. Webb both Declared an Interest (See Minute number 3. 228/14 on page 3 above).

13(D). 242/14

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

- (a) Application number; 052576, at Llais Afon, Bryn Sion Hill, Afonwen. Granted.

14. 243/14

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

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

The Clerk advised that he had driven around the Town Council's street lights and had noticed the following out of order;

(a) The first and third lamps on the A541 in Afonwen, entering the village from the Mold direction.

(b) The lamp opposite the Red Chapel on Caerwys Hill to Afonwen.

The following quotations had been received from Deeco Lighting;

(i) New street lighting column on the Institute walkway at the Marian entrance, to include excavation of ground from existing column on walkway - at a cost of £5,755.00, plus VAT. The Members felt that the cost was still prohibitive for the installation of one street lamp, and decided not to accept the quotation. It was suggested that possibly Mr. A. Lightfoot, Street Scene Supervisor could assist with arranging for a reflective or other suitable application to be placed around the black tubular bollards on the walkway. **Councillor J. Falshaw agreed to contact Mr. Lightfoot.**

(ii) Quotation received from Deeco Lighting for the sum of £1,603.00, plus VAT for a new lighting column (5mtr) and lantern, to replace the damaged lamp almost opposite the Memorial Institute. The lamp would be to the specification of Flintshire County Council (FCC). Councillor H. Griffiths suggested that the column be 6mts as per the new FCC lighting columns being erected in Caerwys. **The Members agreed, and asked the Clerk to seek a further quotation with the new specification.**

15. 244/14

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
874	Scottish Power (September - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	239.12	47.82	286.94
875	Deeco Lighting - (August & September - Street Light Repairs & New lantern & bracket in Water Street - at cost of £385.00)	529.00	105.80	634.80
876	Caerwys Memorial Institute (Cost of meetings - April, May & June)	60.00		60.00
877	Poppy Appeal (Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday)	20.00		20.00
878	Society of Local Council Clerk's (Training fee for Clerk - 50% to be re-claimed as a bursary from the Welsh Assembly)	99.00	19.80	118.80
879	Post Office (HMRC Clerk's income tax on allowance - July, August & September)	75.00		75.00

16. 245/14

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
880	Caerwys Christmas Carols (To produce audited accounts, for any future applications)	100.00
881	North Wales Deaf Association	25.00

17. 246/14

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