

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2012 AT 6-30 P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET CAERWYS.

PRESENT

Councillor Jonathan Webb, Town Mayor
Councillor J A Affleck
Councillor James Falshaw
Councillor David Knights
Councillor Michael Moriarty
Councillor R Phillip Parry
Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly
Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams

Mrs E E Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer

1.141/12 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

Councillor Affleck reported that there was not much difference between the maintenance costs of NWP Power Systems and Flintshire County Council. Flintshire County Council are looking at adopting a new policy in respect of street lights with the possibility that the County Council may be adopting lights, no decision will be made until after the May 2012 Elections. Councillor Geraint Jones proposed that the Town Council take no further action in respect of future maintenance until after the Election. Members unanimously agreed.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mr Neville Pierce -Jenkins requesting that members give consideration to agreeing that the street lights be switched off throughout the town at midnight. After a discussion members unanimously agreed not to approve this request as switching the lights off could result in an increase in crime and dangerous for people walking along the streets, in particular with the raised steps on the pavements.

1a. 154/12 APOLOGIES

Councillor George Gallagher
Councillor Stephen Wilson

Bereavements

No reports received

2. 155/12 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2012.

Minutes were approved by Councillor M Moriarty and seconded by Councillor Phillip Parry subject to the following :- the word 'and' be included after Mrs Davies on page 1. Planning application Number 4293 Lawful use of land at Rhos Farm Pen y Cefn There were no issues. 2. Planning Application Number 049274 Extension to existing Public House and erection of 6 bedroom annex at the Piccadilly Inn should read 'Members of this Council agreed in principal to the application'. Page 5 should read Councillor Moriarty not Councillor Wilson.

3.156/12 MATTERS ARISING

132/11 Reported that Mrs Nesta Davies had sent a reminder to the Land Registry Office at Birkenhead in respect of the piece of land at Pen y Chwarel.

57/11 Old Court House- High Street, Caerwys - Clerk reported that she had received a message from Mr Gerry Spencer, Conservation Officer, Flintshire County Council not to contact Mrs Maitland-Jones the owner of the property as he was liaising with her. The Clerk read out an e-mail which she had received from Mr Spencer. Agreed that if there is no progress made in respect of the property by April that the Clerk contact Mrs Maitland-Jones direct and inform Mr Spencer that the Town Council are contacting her.

112/11 Damaged Salt Bin - Maes y Coed Lane, Afonwen. Clerk reported that she had spoken to a member of staff at the Halkyn Depot and was informed that Flintshire County Council will be replacing the bin. Councillor Mrs Priestly agreed to visit the location and inform the Clerk if the salt bin had been replaced.

116/11 Grass Cutting Schedule. Reported that a copy of Flintshire County Council's Schedule had been received. Councillor Moriarty received a copy.

125/11 Visit by the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council. Telephone message received confirming that Mr Colin Everett will be attending the June 2012 Town Council Meeting. Mr Everett is requesting that relevant constructive questions be sent to him two weeks prior to the meeting.

133/11 Introduction of a Speed Limit on the A541 at Afonwen Reported that Tenders have been issued to quote for the work to be carried out on all A and B roads in the County with a requirement for them to be returned to Flintshire County Council by noon on the 20th February 2012. The project Brief contains a timescale for completion of the speed limit review by 29th June 2012. The Welsh Government guidance urges local authorities to implement any changes by 31st December 2014.

147/12 Scale Swing on the playground. Councillor Webb reported that he had spoken to a friend who had informed him that the quote which the Town Council had received (£5000-00) from Mr Alan Roberts, Public Open Spaces Manager, Flintshire County Council was correct. No further action taken.

148/11 Caerwys Youth Club The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the County Council will be reviewing the position of the Youth Clubs after the May Election.

4. 157/12 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Falshaw reported that he had attended a meeting of 'Taith' Subsidised Transport at Optic University of Glyndwr at St Asaph Business Park. Representatives from Gwynedd County Council, Ynys Mon, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham were present. The counties are urged to work with the Highway Agency. The Welsh Assembly Government have requested that a plan is in place by the end of September 2012 in respect of subsidised transport.

5. 158/12 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor Jonathan Webb reported that he had attended the Women's Institute Open Meeting where the members had made "The Caerwys Tapestry" which depicts places of historical and other interesting features of the town.

Councillor Webb reported. that he had attended an open meeting of the Caerwys Jubilee as Town Mayor and informed members that preparations were going well, any surplus funds after the event would be donated to local charities.

6. 159/12 CORRESPONDENCE / CLERK'S REPORT,

Wind Turbines. E-mail Received from a Mr David Ramsbotham urging Members to petition the Government to stop building turbines in the area, especially uneconomical and inefficient wind farms and the destruction of the countryside. Members interested in objecting to these wind farms should contact the Government on <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/22958> .

Flintshire County Council Streetscene Launch Monday 5th March 1-0p.m. at Alltami Depot. Street Scene Services will include Parks/Open Spaces, Highways, Waste Collection, Recycling, Street Cleaning, and Fleet Services. Information received.

Invitation for the Town Mayor or a Member to attend the Launch of the Older Persons Charter or organised by Neighbourhood Watch on Friday 16th March 2012 between 10-0 a.m. to 3-0p.m. on Friday 16 March 2012 at the Civic Hall, Connah's Quay. Information received.

North Wales Association of Town and Larger Councils Annual Conference Saturday 10th March 2012 at the Springfield Hotel, Halkyn. Councillor Webb will be attending.

Cyngor Cefn Gwlad Cymru/Countryside Council for Wales. Every ten years the Countryside Council for Wales review the maps of open access to mountains, moor, heath down land and registered common land in Wales. The review will start on the 16th July 2012 when CCW will issue draft maps of open country and registered common land. Representations will be accepted until 23rd November 2012. Members who would like to participate and raise awareness can visit the website www.ccw.gov.uk.

North Wales Police - Letter from Chief Inspector Wareing informing members that he will be taking up a new role as head of the Roads Policing Unit for North Wales which will include firearms, Dogs and Air Support Unit. His replacement in North Flintshire will be Chief Inspector Roome.

Flintshire County Council Consultation on the 'proposal' to transfer the Council's Housing Stock. Information received.

Letter from Connah's Quays Town Council inviting members to sign a petition opposing the construction of an incinerator at Deeside. Information received. No action taken.

7.160/12 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

Councillor Mrs Priestly reported that she had attended a meeting of the Flintshire Play Strategy and gave a verbal report on the items discussed.

Councillor Affleck reported that he had attended a meeting of the Flintshire Forum on Wednesday 8th February at County Hall Mold. Councillor Affleck left the meeting before the street lighting was discussed due to business commitment.

Councillor Knight gave a report on the Youth Club meeting. Members had enjoyed the visit to Theatr Clwyd Mold.

Councillor Webb represented the Town Council at the quarterly meeting of the North Wales Association of Town and Larger Councils.

8.161/12 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER.

The following were reported. :- Light on all day in the Bus Shelter. Light by the Tollgate out of order. Light on all day on the A541 at Afonwen junction with Lovers Lane.

9. 162/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

The following application had been received - Planning Application Number 49436 Alteration to exterior of buildings in connection with the proposed re-use of former shop premises with living accommodation at the site of the former George Rees Agricultural Store, North Street, Caerwys.

Members agreed in principal to the proposed application, concerns were expressed in respect of the parking facilities outside private properties, the premises are located within the Caerwys Conservation area.

Flintshire County Council approved the following application Planning Application Number 049274 Erection of detached self contained 6 bedroom annexe at the Piccadilly Inn, North Street, Caerwys.

Planning Application Number 045753 to allow for a 12 month holiday season at Caerwys Castle Caravan Park, Caerwys Hill, Caerwys. Section 78 Appeal. Hearing will be held on Thursday 24th May 2012 at 10-0 a.m. the Alyn/Deeside Room County Hall. Mold.

Agreed that a letter be sent to the Welsh Assembly Government expressing concerns that if this application was granted then other sites would follow suite and as a result local services such as schools. Doctors Surgeries etc could be affected.

10.163/12 TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESSMENT/FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT/STANDING ORDERS/ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY, AND THE TOWN COUNCIL'S LOCAL STANDING ORDERS.

These Regulations were updated at the meeting and were proposed by Councillor Geraint Jones and seconded by Councillor Moriarty and approved by the members.

11. 164/12 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

1. Caerwys Memorial Institute (Cost of Meetings) Jan, Feb, March 2012	£60-00
2. NWP Power Systems Maintenance /Repairs	£223-93
3. E E Snowden (postage refund from 20/07/2011 to 21/02/2012 =£55-28 + ink for computer= £23-91 + New Key Board for Computer = £19-99 + purchase of book of stamps (12) = £4-56	£102-94

Applications for Financial Support

1. Caerwys Agricultural Show (Grant for 2011)	£100-00
2. Age Concern Caerwys	£200-00
3. St Michael's Church Caerwys	£500-00

4. Caerwys Memorial Institute

£500-00

Councillor Affleck requested that the Clerk contact the Secretary of the Memorial Institute to enquire why there have been no meetings of the Management Committee for some time.

5. Alzheimer's Society Wales, Cardiff

No grant

Standing Order were suspended.

Councillor Moriarty informed members that he had reported an incident to North Wales Police which had occurred on Saturday 18th February 2012 at 11-30p.m. To date Councillor Moriarty had not received a crime incident number. Clerk to contact Inspector Iwan Jones.

Councillor Moriarty reported that stolen property had been found on the Marian Lucy Common which had been taken from the Nisa Store.

Reported that an arrest had been made for theft that had occurred at St Michael's church.