

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

Councillor Jonathan Webb Town Mayor
Councillor J A Affleck
Councillor James Falshaw
Councillor G G Gallagher
Councillor Michael Moriarty
Councillor R Phillip Parry
Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly
Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams
Councillor Stephen Wilson

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

1 142/12 APOLOGIES

Councillor David Knights
Councillor H Geraint Jones

Bereavements;

Members stood in silence in memory of the following; Mr Gwilym Williams, 27 Cae Delyn, Caerwys, Mrs Nora Winter Roberts, Old Deanery, St Asaph formerly of Caerwys. Mrs Dorothy (Tussie) Jones, Plas Gwyn, Llanychan, formerly of Caerwys.

2. 143/12 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2011.

The Minutes were approved by Councillor R Phillip Parry and seconded by Councillor Stephen Wilson as correct. There were no amendments.

3 14/12 MATTERS ARISING

132/11 The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Mrs Nesta Davies of Llewellyn Jones Solicitors together with a copy of the Land Registry's Report following their visit to Pen y Chwarel. The Documents were passed to Councillor Affleck for his observations, and he is of the opinion as was the Solicitor Mrs Davies that their report did not include the whole of the piece of land. Reported that the Clerk had informed Mrs Davies a further visit will be made by a member of the Land Registry staff.

57/11 Old Court House, High Street, Caerwys.

Reported that Councillor Phillip Parry had received an E-Mail from the owner of the property (Mrs Sarah Maitland-Jones) stating that she was concerned at the state of the property and asking for the members views. Agreed that the Clerk send a copy of Mr Jerry Spencer's Conservation Officer, Flintshire County Council's report to Mrs Maitland Jones and to inform her that a number of complaints have been received from neighbours and members of the town at the state of the building.

112/11 New Salt Bins, Afonwen.

Reported that the two salt bins have been installed in Afonwen one at Park View near the railings and the other on Maes y Coed Lane.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Councillor Mrs Priestly informing her that the salt bin located at Maes y Coed Lane had been damaged by workmen from Scottish Power. The Clerk had contacted Halkyn Depot and was informed by Mr Nigel Seaberg that the matter would be attended to.

113/11 Seat on the Marian Lucy Common Reported that a letter had been received from Mr D M Davies Legal Department, informing members that he had spoken to Councillor Falshaw in July 2011, informing him that that he was unaware of any Act of Parliament which enables any local authority to authorise carrying out works on the common. The Clerk reported that she had informed Mr Davies that the Town Council were not going ahead to arrange for replacing the seat.

116/11 Grass Cutting Schedule No further information had been received from Flintshire County Council.

125/11 Visit by the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council to a Town Council Meeting. Due to a private engagement Mr Colin Everett will not be available to attend the February Meeting of the Town Council but will be attending the June meeting.

133/11 Introduction of a Speed Limit on the A541 at Afonwen. The Clerk read out a letter received from Mr Ian Jones, Assets and Transportation Department, Flintshire County Council that the local Highway Authority are currently finalising the brief for Consultants to undertake a review of speed limits on all "A" and "B" category roads on the county road network. Both the A541 and the B5122 will form part of the review. Mr Jones explained that he cannot pre-judge the outcome. Agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Jones to find out when the Consultants will be reviewing the speed limits.

Councillor Falshaw urged members of the Council to sign a petition in respect of introducing a speed limit at this location.

135/11 Visit of the Urdd Gobaith Cymru Eisteddfod to Flintshire. The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries when the Eisteddfod would be visiting the County and it would appear that it will be the summer of 2016.

Telegraph Pole - Lon y Porthmyn. The Clerk had spoken to a member of staff at the Halkyn Depot and was informed that to move the pole would cause inconvenience to local residents and that the cost could be £4000 to £5000. Advice received that the owners of the properties be approached with a view of parking their vehicles in the parking spaces allocated to the properties. Councillor Gallagher agreed to speak to the residents.

Reported that that the school crossing sign had been straightened.

4.145/12 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw reported the following. Car involved in an incident which had damaged the B5122 Road sign just beyond the Piccadilly. Manhole cover outside Compton House damaged and the area around the manhole is crumbling. Manhole in Drovers Lane damaged. Clerk to inform Flintshire County Council.

5. 146/12 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended Denbighshire County Council's Carol Service at St Asaph Cathedral, and the Town Mayor of Saltney's Civic Service.

6. 147/12 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT

The following were received :-

1. UHY Hacker Young Changes to Accounts and Audit Regulations year ending 31st March 2012. The accounts will now have to be approved in Council not later than 30th June, and the accounts will have to be signed off by Hacker Young not later than 30th September 2012.
2. Letter from Chief Inspector Wareing informing members that the county of Flintshire will be recruiting 17 Police Community Support Officers, funding has been provided by the Welsh Assembly Government. Nine additional Officers in the north of the county and eight in the south.
3. Consultation Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Bill. Further legislative process can be found at <http://www.assemblywales.org> or by contacting Bethan Davies Committee Clerk on 02920898120.
4. Letter received from Alan Roberts, Public Open Spaces Manager, Flintshire County Council that following a recent inspection of the children's play area, the scale swing was beyond repair and will be removed. Cost of replacing this equipment would be around £5000-00 of which the Town Council would be expected to pay £2500-00. Councillor Webb reported that he would make enquiries re cost of replacing the swing with a colleague and report at the next meeting.
5. Letter received from Flintshire County Council re compiling a list of War Memorials within Flintshire and enquiring who is responsible for them. Reported that there are plaques within St Michael's Church and two on the wall at the entrance to the Memorial Institute. Clerk to advise Flintshire County Council of the locations.
6. Letter received from Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly reporting the following :
 - (a) Faulty street light on the A541 leading to Park View, Afonwen.
 - (b) Fountain Monument damaged by members of the Flintshire County Council's grass cutting team.Clerk had reported the complaint to Mr Phillip Smith, at the Alltami Depot.
- (c) New Salt bin located at Maes y Coed Lane had been damaged by workmen from Scottish Power. Clerk had informed Halkyn Depot.

7. Flintshire Community Tension Monitoring Workshop Dates. Information received.

7. 148/11 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

Reported that Councillor David Knights had sent an e-mail to the Clerk which contained the following Avril (Youth Leader) believes that the county is undertaking a review of which Youth Clubs will be included in Flintshire's future plans and does not believe that Caerwys Youth Club is being considered. Councillor Knights requests that the Clerk approach Flintshire County Council for further information. Councillor Falshaw agreed that he would also contact the County Youth Service. Nine members of the Youth Club and two leaders will be attending Theatre Clwyd on the 25th January 2012.

8. 149/12 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER

The following were reported :-

1. Light on the pole by the entrance to North Street Garage, North Street, illuminating during the day.
2. Faulty light located at the top of Caerwys Hill at the junction of the road between the Marian and the playing fields in Chapel Street.
3. Street lamp located on the A541 Mold / Denbigh road by the footpath leading to Park View, Afonwen.

(b) Future Street Light Maintenance.

Agreed to discuss the Street Lighting Maintenance at a Special Meeting to start at 6-30p.m. prior to the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council to be held on Tuesday 21st February 2012.

Councillor Affleck circulated a copy of the Caerwys Town Council Street Lamps - enclosures for cut outs.

Members thanked Councillor Affleck for the information received.

9.150/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS.

The following application had been received :-

Planning Application Number 049274 Extension to existing public house and erection of detached self contained 6 bedroom annexe at the Piccadilly Inn, North Street, Caerwys.

The building is on the edge of a conservation area and is reputedly over 350 years old. It is one of the first building you see when entering Caerwys on the B5122. The proposal needs to ensure the character and setting of the development is sympathetic to the existing character of the building and materials used are appropriate and in keeping within the existing character. There is a serious concern that the development does not have sufficient parking provision to cover the increase in business that this development will bring. There is also concern that the existing sewer provision in the town may not have sufficient capacity and the planning team should consider other developments in the area that have been granted planning permission but as yet not developed.

Councillor Affleck proposed that the Clerk contact Welsh Water to ascertain what capacity is left in the sewerage system for future developments.

Planning Application Number 049042 Outline Planning Application Fields North East of Crossways Road Pen y Cefn, Caerwys. This application has been deferred until the February Planning Committee Meeting.

Flintshire County Council Refused the following application :- Planning Application Number 045753 to allow 12 month holiday season at Caerwys Castle Caravan Park, Caerwys Hill, Caerwys.

10. 151/12 TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that the Caerwys Chronicle were arranging a meeting to discuss the celebrations and were providing funding of £500-00. Councillor Parry suggested that the Town Council contribute a sum of money rather than purchasing Mugs or Medals and proposed a sum of £500-00, this

was seconded by Councillor Stephen Wilson. It was also suggested that a tree be planted to mark the occasion.

11 152/12. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST APRIL 2012 TO 31ST MARCH 2013.

(a) The Clerk circulated a copy of the Bank Reconciliation up to 31st December 2011 together with a copy of the Receipts and Payments which were approved by the Members and signed as correct by the Town Mayor Councillor Webb.

(b) Councillor Parry circulated a copy of the Estimates for the end of the Financial Year 2011/2012 and the Estimated Precept for the Financial Year 2012/13. Members were informed that the Flintshire County Council Tax Band 'D' Base to be £606.68 which amounted to £36.66 per household for the Caerwys Town Council area. Councillor Parry proposed this was seconded by Councillor Wilson and agreed by the members that the Precept of £22,250-00 remain the same as the current financial year.

Councillor Parry reported that there could be additional expenditure during the course of the year. The Town Mayor Councillor Webb suggested that the members agreed a figure that that the Town Council should keep it finances up to half of the precept which amounts to approximately £12,000-00 this was seconded by Councillor Wilson.

12 153/12 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

The Clerk reported that the following payments had been made during the month of December 2011.

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| 1. Canda Copying (rental photocopier) | £ 55-00 |
| 2. NWP (street lighting maintenance) £153-00 | |
| 3. Hacker Young, Chester (Internal Audit Fee) | £192-00 |
| 4. HMRC (Inland Revenue) | £348-97 |
| 5. WE Cooke, Afonwen (Bus Shelter Maintenance May to November 2011) | £140-00 |

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

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| 1. NWP (monthly maintenance £153-00 + cost of Christmas Lights £600) | £753-00 |
| 2. SLCC (Membership Renewal) | £97-00 |

Applications for financial support

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| 1. Urdd Gobaith Cymru | £50-00 |
| 2. Llangollen International Eisteddfod | £50-00 |

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| 3. Ambiwylans Awyr Cymru / Air Ambulance Wales | £100-00 |
| 4. Caerwys Women's Institute (annual grant) | £100-00 |

Members agreed the above payments and the applications for financial support.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Councillor Gallagher reported that the salt bin on the Pen y Cefn Road/ junction with Barlow's Caravan site was damaged as was the name sign on the same junction.

Councillor Wilson requested that a letter be sent to North Wales Police informing them that cars were being driven on the Marian.