

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE MRMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Jonathan Webb, Town Mayor  
Councillor J Falshaw  
Councillor G G Gallagher  
Councillor Geraint Jones  
Councillor David Knights  
Councillor M Moriarty  
Councillor R Phillip Parry  
Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly  
Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams  
Councillor Stephen Wilson.

**1. 131/11 APOLOGIES**

Councillor J A Affleck

**Bereavements**

Members stood in silence in memory of the following :-

Mrs Deborah Catherine Ogden.

Mr Glyn Jones, Maes Mynan Nursing Home, formerly of Llys y Goron Caerwys and Babell.

**2. 131/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Gallagher and seconded by Councillor R Phillip Parry subject to the following corrections at the request of Councillor Moriarty:-

Bereavements should read;

Mrs Florence Darling, "Morfa Newydd", formerly of "Lynwood", Coed Farm Lane, not Coed Farm Road. Caerwys.

Page 2 82/11 The local Authority is unable to continue with the prosecution regarding unauthorised display of advertisements against a previous occupier, instead the focus of the investigation will move towards the owner of the building.

Page 3 should read Flintshire Unitary Development Plan and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011 not 28<sup>th</sup> of October. Page 4 128/11 Paragraph 4 should read This development presents pollution risk. 8 There is Duplication,

Page 5 10 Paragraph 4 Retrospective application Number 048938.

**3. 132/11 MATTERS ARISING.**

Page 1 121/11 Land at Pen y Chwarel, Caerwys. Reported that a representative from Land Registry, Birkenhead, has visited the site. Mrs Nesta Davies, Solicitor informed the Clerk that it will be several weeks before she will receive the report .

57/11 The Old Court House, High Street, Caerwys. No reply had been received from Mr Sprange the Agent for Mrs Maitland Jones the owner of this property.

112/11 New Salt Bins, Afonwen Reported that Mr Nigel Seaberg from the Halkyn Depot had contacted Councillor Mrs Priestly regarding a suitable location for housing the bins.

113/11 Seat on the Marian Lucy Common. Councillor Falshaw reported that he had cleaned the seat, as a result the seat appears in a good condition and does not need to be replaced, this was confirmed by other Councillors who had viewed the seat.

116/11 Grass Cutting Schedule. Reported that a Seminar re Grass Cutting has been arranged for members during the week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011. Some Members of Flintshire County Council are in favour of the County Council cutting the grass on a regular basis others are not. The Network Manager agreed to send a copy of the Schedule to the Clerk once an agreement has been agreed upon.

125/11 Visit from the Chief Executive Flintshire County Council. Confirmation received that Mr Colin Everett will be attending the Town Council Meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012. Mr Everett would appreciate if Members could think of issues which they would like to raise at the meeting and inform the Clerk in writing by not later than the January 2012 meeting.

127/11 Christmas Lights. Letter received from NWP that the lights will be erected on the tree in Mostyn Square either during the last week of November or at the latest Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at a cost of £650 + VAT.

11 129/11 Play Area Afonwen. Reported that the Clerk had been informed by Mr D G Jones, Planning Officer, Flintshire County Council that he would look into the reason why the second Planning Application at the former Wilcox Works in Afonwen did not include provision for a play area. No reply received to date.

#### **4. 133/11 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Falshaw reported on a meeting which he had attended re closure of Public Toilets. Most Flintshire County Council Members were against closure and it was agreed to await further information from the County Council.

Councillor Falshaw reported that he had spoken to Mr Neil Cockerton, Flintshire County Council and Councillor Tony Sharps regarding introducing a speed limit on the A541 through Afonwen. Councillor Falshaw informed members that he had contacted North Wales Police to ascertain the number of accidents which had occurred over a period on the A541.

The Town Council to support Councillor Falshaw in respect of introducing the speed limit.

Councillor Falshaw reported that he had received a complaint of a vehicle speeding in St Michael's Drive.

#### **5. 134/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended the following during the month :-

Caerwys Choir – The Young Musicians of the Year Competition. Town Council's Civic Service. ABC Drama . Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church and the Remembrance Service at the Memorial Institute.

#### **6 135/11 CORRESPONDENCE/ CLERK'S REPORT**

The Following was received:-

1. Report from the Citizens' Advice Bureau.
2. Cadwyn Clwyd –Funding for Denbighshire and Rural Flintshire
3. Dates for the Flintshire County Council Forum Meetings 2012. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Alyn/Deeside Room , County Hall, Mold. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Inviting Local

Councils to host the Meetings. Agreed not to invite one of the meetings to Caerwys because of parking problems.

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the items which were discussed at the Flintshire County Council Forum held at the Priory, Pantasaph on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

6.(b) External Audit – Reported that the External Audit Report has been received from Hacker Young indicating that it is their intention to issue an unqualified audit certificate, and the Town Mayor and the Clerk are required to sign the audit form and return to Hacker Young before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The Members agreed.

(c) Expenditure for the Financial Year 2012/13.

Councillor R Phillip Parry reported that the Precept will have to be prepared by the Council for the January 2012 Meeting. Expenditure to be included - financial support for Caerwys Town Hall, and the National Eisteddfod of Wales which will be held in Denbigh in 2013. Councillor Parry explained that the Target for Caerwys was £1500-00 and suggested that a donation of £500-00 be given over a two year period. Councillor Geraint Jones proposed and seconded by Councillor Stephen Wilson to donate £500 over a two year period. The Clerk to inform the local fund raising Committee Secretary.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mrs Sandra Evans, Secretary of the Caerwys Town Hall Trustees enquiring if the Members would consider donating £5000-00 towards the Architect's Fees. Councillor R Phillip Parry advised Members that this could be taken from balances – under Section 133 of the Local Government Act 1972. Agreed that a donation of £5000-00 be made on condition that the Trustees receive a grant from Cadwyn Clwyd.

Councillor Wilson signed the Members Code of Conduct Form and left the chamber during discussion.

Councillor Moriarty informed members that the Urdd Eisteddfod would be visiting Flintshire next year and may require funding. The Clerk to make further enquiries.

Consideration to be given for funding to be included in the precept towards the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2013. This item to be included on the Agenda for the January 2012 meeting.

**Standing Orders were suspended** as PCSO Susan Carrington, North Wales Police called in at the Meeting and reported that the police are having issues with 2youths from the town, oil theft is on the increase and Scrap Metal. There are problems with vehicles travelling at speed through the town.

**Standing Orders were re-instated.**

## **7. 136/11 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Councillor Phillip Parry informed members on items that should be reported on under this heading. When a member of the Town Council has attended a meeting on behalf of the Council in the town or a meeting outside i.e. Flintshire County Council Forum - they report back to the Council Meeting the following month, together with reports on attendances at meetings, whereby the members are serving on local committees and outside bodies.

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that both he and the Clerk had attended a meeting of Local Councils Re the 2013 National Eisteddfod on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at OPTIC Glyndwr University, St Asaph Business Park.

Councillor Knight reported that he had attended a meeting of the Youth Club arrangements are in hand for the members to attend the Pantomime at Mold in January.

Councillor Geraint Jones had attended a meeting of the Caerwys Town Hall Management Committee and gave a breakdown of the professional costs appertaining to the Town Hall's refurbishment project.

Councillor Webb had attended the quarterly meeting of the North Wales Association of Town and Larger Councils informing members that there would be an opportunity for representatives from Community and Town Councils to attend the Annual Conference which will be held at the Springfield Hotel, Halkyn in the Spring of 2012.

#### **8. 137/11 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER**

Councillor Knight reported that the light on the street lamp on the A514 near "Silkridge", Afonwen was on all day. The Clerk to report the fault to NWP.

#### **9/138/11 FUTURE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME**

The Clerk circulated a letter received from NWP at the Meeting. In the absence of Councillor Affleck it was agreed to defer this item for discussion at the January 2012 meeting.

#### **10. 139/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECISIONS**

##### **The following were received :-**

1. Planning Application Number 048862 Conversion of existing Mill into 1 dwelling at Plas Isa, Caerwys Hill. Caerwys. The Council would like the Mill to retain its original character especially in relation to the South Facing front of the building. That the development does not adversely affecting the services to existing properties in the vicinity.

2. Planning Application Number 049192 Variation of condition No 2 reference 045753 to allow for a twelve month holiday season at Castle Caravan Park, Caerwys Hill.

The Council object to this proposal on the grounds that it does not meet the conditions of T7 of the Flintshire County Council, Unitary Development Plan in respect of Holiday Occupancy Conditions.

The Town Council is concerned that this residential development through the back door will set an unacceptable precedent for other existing caravan/holiday parks in the vicinity leading to a large settlement between Afonwen and Caerwys.

3. Planning Application Number 049118 Notification to fell 1 pine tree and prune 1 pine tree within the Caerwys Conservation Area at "Glasfryn Lodge" South Street, Caerwys. There are no comments in respect of this application.

##### **Flintshire County Council approved the following applications :-**

1. Planning Application Number 037954 for the erection of a single storey detached dwelling at the Rear of the Royal Oak, Water Street, Caerwys.

variation of condition No 4 re planning application No 047241 regarding site occupation period at Plas Isa, Caerwys Hill, Caerwys.

#### **11 140/11 CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL WEB SITE**

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that the Town Council's Web site was costing £80 per annum and required to be updated. Councillor Parry informed Members that he had been in touch with an American Company who have agreed to take over the site in January 2012 at a cost of £88.58 plus VAT of £17-50.

Members unanimously agreed to accept the quotation and update the Web Site. Councillor Parry advised that he had received quotations from local web hosting companies in Ruthin and Chester, and they were far more expensive than the American Company that the Town Council have used for over nine years.

## **12 141/11 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

1. WNW. Hyde (Stationery)	£ 44-71
2. North Wales Association of Town and Larger Councils (annual subscription)	£ 17-70
3. R Phillip Parry ( New Web Site Contract and renewal of Caerwys Web Site)	£106-28
4. NWP Power Systems (Monthly Maintenance = £127-50 + replace fuse on pole bracket at Pen y Cefn, Crossroads. = £18-33 + Fitted cover onto fuse box on pole bracket outside Pen yr Allt, Water Street £18-33)	£197-00

### **Applications for Financial Support**

1. Caerwys Town Hall - Minute 135/11 ( c) refers	
2. Ysgol yr Esgob, Caerwys (towards the cost of improvements to the school Library.	£100-00.

### **Standing Orders were suspended**

Councillor Gallagher reported that the telegraph pole in Lon y Porthmyn, Caerwys was protruding on to the pavement as a result this is causing difficulties for buses to pass parked vehicles in this street. Clerk to contact B T.

School Crossing Sign at the former George Rees premises needs straightening.

Reported that Mr Jacob Gallagher of Pioneer Cottage, Caerwys had shown extreme bravery when he rescued a woman from a burning vehicle. Agreed to send a letter to Mr Gallagher congratulating him.