

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.00PM, AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET, CAERWYS.

PRESENT

Councillor Jonathan Webb, Town Mayor
Councillor J A Affleck
Councillor J Falshaw
Councillor Geraint H Jones
Councillor M Moriarty
Councillor R Phillip Parry
Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly
Councillor Mrs Eirlys Williams

Mrs Elizabeth E Snowden, Clerk / Financial Officer.

1. 119/11 APOLOGIES

The following were received;

Councillor G G Gallagher
Councillor Stephen Wilson
Councillor David Knights

Bereavements.

Members stood in silence in memory of the following;

Mrs Florence Darling "Morfa Newydd" ,formerly of "Lynwood", Coed Farm Road, Caerwys. Mr Roger Michael Burgess, 4 Lon Syr Herbert, Caerwys. Mrs Beryl Williams, 4 Erw Las, Caerwys.

2. 120/11 AN ADDRESS BY MR RICHARD LOVELACE, FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, ON THE HOUSING BALLOT SCHEME.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone message at 3-30 p.m. on Monday 17th October from a member of staff at Flintshire County Council reporting that Mr Richard Lovelace would not be attending the Town Council meeting as he was chairing another meeting at 6-0 p.m. on the same evening. Members were very disappointed as it was the second time that Mr Lovelace had cancelled a meeting. Agreed that a letter to this effect be sent to Mr Lovelace.

3. 121/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2011.

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Phillip Parry and seconded by Councillor Moriarty subject to the following inclusion, PCSO Geraint Lloyd Williams, his middle name Lloyd had not been included in the minutes.

Planning Application Number 048605 refers to Summerhill Farm.

4. 121/11. MATTERS ARISING

48/11 Land at Penychwarel. Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mrs Nesta Davies informing her that a representative for Land Registry will be visiting Pen y Chwarel shortly. The payment

made by the Town Council of £360-00 to Land Registry to carry out the survey is not now required. The Clerk reported that she had agreed with Mrs Davies that the sum of (£360-00) be credited against the Town Council's final payment in respect of the work appertaining to Pen y Chwarel.

82/11 Display of Advertisements Nisa Store, Compton House, Caerwys. The Clerk read out a letter which she had received from Miss Claire Leaney, Planning Department in respect of the advertisements.

57/11 Old Court House, High Street, Caerwys. Letter received from Jerry Spencer, Conservation Officer Flintshire County Council that there are 130 listed buildings in the County that need urgent attention and that he understood that the Town Council was to take some action in respect of the state of this property.

The Clerk, reported that she had been advised that a Mr Richard Sprange, from Bexhill on Sea was the Agent for the owner of the property. Members unanimously agreed that the Clerk send a letter to Mr Sprange expressing the members concerns and those of the public at the condition of the building and enclosing a copy of the letter received from Flintshire County Council which list some of the problems.

97/11 Councillor Falshaw reported that he will arrange for the branches to be cut on the tree in Mostyn Square in the New Year.

112/11 Salt Bins Afonwen. Members agreed to purchase 2 salt bins at a cost of £135 each and two refill bags at £60-00 per bag. The members of staff responsible for ordering and fixing the bins to contact Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly as to the exact location where the bins are to be located.

114/11 Tarmacing B5122 at South Street.

Letter received from Flintshire County Council informing members that the patch working undertaken 2009/10 had been inspected recently and is showing signs of deterioration and as a result will be considered for resurfacing in the 2012/13 programme.

113/11 Replacing the seat on the Marian Lucy Common. No reply had been received to the letter sent to Mr David Davies, Legal Department. Flintshire County Council. Members are of the opinion that the seat does not need replacing just cleaning.

116/11 Grass Cutting Schedule Acknowledgement received from the Head of Network Services.

5. 123/11 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Falshaw requested that the members of the Town Council support him, requesting that Flintshire County Council introduce a speed restriction of 40mph along the A541 at Afonwen. Members unanimously agreed.

Councillor Falshaw reported that maybe the public toilets in the centre of the town could be closed. Agreed that no action be taken until the Town Council receives written confirmation of closure.

6.124/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Webb reported that he had attended a fund raising meeting of the National Eisteddfod for Wales at Bethel Chapel. The National Eisteddfod will be visiting Denbigh in 2013 and the target for Caerwys is £1500-00.

7. 125/11 CORRESPONDENCE / CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk circulated a copy of the accounts (half yearly) to members present. The accounts were approved and accepted and signed by the Mayor as correct.

The following correspondence was received :-

Betsi Cadwaladar Community Health Board reporting that the Board offer advice about local health services and free advice and personal support, or to make a complaint about health issues by contacting their website www.bcchc.org.uk.

Invitation from the Deputy Organiser of the National Eisteddfod for Wales to attend the Denbighshire and District Town and Community Councils meeting to be held at OpTic Glyndwr, St Asaph Business Park on Tuesday 8 November at 6-30p.m. Agreed that Councillor R Phillip Parry and the Clerk to attend.

Letter received from Mr Colin Everett, Chief Executive, informing members that he intends visiting all Community/Town Council in the County. After a discussion it was agreed to invite Mr Everett to the February 2012 meeting.

Flintshire County Council, Flintshire Development Plan - The County Council adopted the plan on Wednesday 28th October 2011. Any queries in respect of the plan can be obtained by contacting the Policy Team.

Flintshire Local Access Forum - providing background information on the work of the Forum and inviting Members who live or work within the area to become a member. Information received. No action taken.

Flintshire County Council- Community/Town Council Elections 2012. Informing Councils when setting the precept for the Financial Year 2012/13 to include the estimated costs in the precept which for Caerwys will be £2000-00. The Election will be held on the 3rd of May 2012.

Flintshire Citizens Advice Bureau. Inviting members to visit their offices which are located in the Annex, Terrig House, Chester Street, Mold. Information received.

Flintshire County Council- County Summer Playscheme 2012 Two hundred and forty six children attended the Caerwys scheme over a five week period

8. 126/11 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Councillor Falshaw reported that he had attended the North Wales Police Meeting at Mold.

Councillor Geraint Jones reported that he had attended a meeting of the Town Hall Committee and that a further meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th of October when the committee members will be meeting the architect.

9.127/11 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER

Reported that the two faulty lights in Afonwen had been attended to and the Clerk had reported another faulty light near the Craft Centre to NWP.

Councillor Affleck circulated a Comparison of Charges for Street Lighting for NWP and FCC to members present. Councillor Affleck was thanked for his report/presentation.

After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Management of NWP informing them that maybe the Town Council would be changing over the maintenance of street lighting to Flintshire County Council and requesting that the company review their maintenance programme.

Future Street Lighting Maintenance Programme to be included on the Agenda for discussion at the November meeting.

Christmas Lights The Clerk to arrange with NWP for the Christmas Lights to be erected on Monday 5th December 2011 and to be dismantled on Thursday 5th January 2012.

10.128/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS

Planning Application Number 049042 Outline Planning Application -Secure truck parking facility with ancillary and complementary development located at Fields North East of Crossways Road, Pen y Cefn, Caerwys.

Caerwys Town Council objects on the following grounds:-

1. The Town Council's comments and objections to the two previous applications namely 043612 and 047840 still stand. They include the following :-

- (a) The adverse impact that the development would have on the town and surrounding area.
- (b) Requested that the Planning Authority gives full consideration to the site being a green-field location.
- (c) The adverse effect this proposed development would have on noise and pollution.
- (d) the impact of the increase traffic on Caerwys and the surrounding areas including thru-traffic. (e) Environmental impact to the local and surrounding areas.
- (f) The potential adverse effect on both tourism and business within the town and its surrounding area.

2. The proposal is a completely inappropriate development for what is a green field site.

3. The impact of construction activities. This includes the one-way shuttle working with temporary traffic lights on traffic in and out of Caerwys, with the additional risk of narrow country lanes being used to circumvent the road works creating road safety issues as a consequence.

4. The site is located within an inner groundwater protection zone 1 of a principal aquifer. This development prevents a pollution risk and the plans to carry sewage to the mains sewer at Pant y Wacco. It will exacerbate the existing problems at this plant from the junction 31 development.

5. The proposed 24/7 operation of this development will cause unacceptable noise pollution from vehicle movements, refrigeration units, audible reversing signals, horns and slamming doors etc. In addition there is the associated light pollution from the site lighting, headlights of vehicles entering and exiting the development. Residential amenity will be seriously affected as a consequence. This pollution will have an adverse effect upon wild life in the area.

6. The issue of increased HGV activity through Caerwys, especially the Caerwys Hill. The problems with large vehicles on Caerwys Hill has been raised as an area of concern to the County Council on many occasions by Caerwys Town Council.

7. The mitigation measures to screen the site involve the planting of mainly deciduous trees which will take many years to mature and that will also be foliage free during autumn and winter. This will result in the proposed "barriers" not being effective for many years and not as effective for 6 months of the year. To plant non-native evergreen/conifers would change the entire character of this rural aspect.

8. Fundamentally the proposal does not comply with the proposed UDP for Flintshire, in particular AC20 Lorry Parks:-

- (a) This is not on an existing site.
- (b) There are no existing facilities to enhance.
- (c) There is duplication because existing or alternative facilities will already exist at Park View Garage

(045933) and planning permission has been given for a major new truck stop nearby on the Deeside Industrial Park.

9. The development does not appear to be a viable business model therefore there is a high risk for further applications for more commercial development.

10 The development is on the outskirts of an area of outstanding beauty and this development will have a detrimental effect on this.

Councillor Moriarty requested that it be recorded that he declared an interest in respect of this Planning Application 049042, and signed the appropriate declaration having not been present, or in any way involved in the response submitted by Caerwys Town Council regarding this particular application.

Flintshire County Council approved the following :-

Retrospective application for retention of a portakabin used for office and customer waiting (application is for a temporary period) at Park View Garage, St Asaph Road, Lloc, Nr Holywell.

11.129/11 TO DISCUSS APPROACHING FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A PLAY AREA IN AFONWEN.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr Alan Roberts, Public Open Space Manager at Flintshire County Council and was informed that it would be necessary for a land owner in Afonwen to donate a piece of land which would have to be suitable for such an area as the County does not own any land in this community. In addition a suitable amount of funding would be required.

Agreed that the Clerk contact the planning Department re Planning Application on the old Wilcox Site to enquire the reason why a Play Area was included in the original Planning Application but was not included in the second application.

12. 130/11 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

The Members approved the following:-

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| 1. Shaw & Sons Limited, Crayford, Kent (New Attendance Register) | £ 99-90 |
| 2. Flintshire County Council (Holiday Playscheme) | £872-04 |
| 3. NWP Power Systems (Maintenance) | £153-00 |

Applications for Financial Support

1. Caerwys Town Hall Trustees (funding towards the cost of the architects' fee of £4800-00. Agreed to defer this application to the next meeting until further information is obtained.)

2. North Wales Deaf Association £ 25-00

3 Children's Therapy Wales, Cardiff No grant