

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7-0 P.M. AT THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH STREET CAERWYS.

PRESENT

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

Mrs Elizabeth Snowden, Clerk/Financial Officer.

1. 100/11 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

Bereavements.

Members stood in silence in memory of the following ;-

Mrs Dilys Myfanwy Davies, Maes Mynan Afonwen, formerly of Marian Trefedwen, Babel.
Mrs Buddug Anwyl, Pine Tree Court, Denbigh, formerly of Caerwys.
Mrs Jean Bowker, 53 St Michael's Drive, Caerwys.

2.102/11 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RECEIVED BY INSPECTOR IWAN JONES AND SERGEANT ANDY GRIFFITHS, NORTH WALES POLICE FROM CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL.

Councillor Jonathan Webb extended a warm welcome to Inspector Iwan Jones and Sergeant Andy Griffiths to the meeting.

Inspector Jones had received the following items for response prior to the meeting :-

1. Details of South Flintshire police district and location of the nearest 24 hour manned police station. South Flintshire Police District extends down as far as Saltney, Hope then up to Treuddyn, Llanfynydd including all towns villages as far as Caerwys.

2. Details of the designated PCSO for the community and contact details.

PCSO Geraint Williams is the Officer for Caerwys and contact can be made via the Inspector Iwan Jones or CBM WPC Sue Carrington.

3. What police cover will be provided for the community when the designated PCSO is not working? The Sergeant and Inspector will prioritise risk when Geraint and Sue are not available and arrangements will be made for cover.

4. How will cut backs in policing affect the community over the next five years.?

Inspector Jones could not explain how cuts will be made, but the frontline services will not be affected. Cuts will take place at the rate of 20% per annum.

5. Details of Road Traffic Accidents within the community during the past twelve months and their locations.

Five accidents had been recorded of which four of them had taken place on the B5122 of which none were serious.

6. Details of offences committed under the Badger Act within the community area during the past twelve months and locations of incidents.

No offences had been committed. Inspector Jones reported that the Badger Act featured in the Training of Police Officers.

An incident was reported to Inspector Jones of which arrangements will be made to monitor the complaint.

Councillor Webb thanked both officers for attending the meeting.

3.101/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH JULY 2011 .

The Minutes were approved by Councillor Stephen Wilson and seconded by Councillor Andy Affleck.

Councillor Moriarty required it to be recorded that he was unable to approve the minutes owing to omissions and inaccuracies contained within the 2nd paragraph of item 2, 89/11 page 1.

4.102/11 MATTERS ARISING

Page 1 The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Legal Department, Flintshire County Council in respect of issues relating to Caerwys in Bloom.

Under Section 96 the County Council may grant consent to community/town councils to plant trees and shrubs and layout grass verges and erect and maintain guards or fences for the protection of such trees, shrubs and trees in any adopted highway.

Planters, tubs which have been placed, or are intended to be placed, in the adopted highway, should be subject of an appropriate authorisation from the County Council as highway authority.

Advice should be obtained from the Street Scene Section for consent/permission before displaying planters/tubs.

Reported that Fair View Close does not form part of the adopted highway.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mr Derrick Charlton, Neighbourhood Area Manager based at Halkyn Depot that prior to the 2012 Environmental Competitions he and another

member of staff will arrange to meet representatives from the Town Council and members of the Caerwys in Bloom Committee and advise on where planters and tubs can be located within the town.

48/11 Land at Pen y Chwarel. The Clerk reported that she attended the Offices of Capper Jones Solicitors, Mold on Wednesday 20th July 2011 and signed the Statutory Declaration in respect of the land.

Letter received from Mrs Nesta Davies, Llewellyn Jones Solicitors that Land Registry require the sum of £330-00 to carry out a survey of the land in order to proceed with the application for registration. + £30 professional charges.

82/11 Removal of Facia Signs at the Nisa Store. Reported that there may be some information available at the end of the month or early October.

57/11 Old Court House, High Street, Caerwys. Reported that no reply had been received from Mr Jerry Spencer Conservation Officer. The Clerk to send a further letter.

83/11 Enforcement Issues.

Letter received from Flintshire County reporting on the 3 following issues :-

1.133030 - 4 Lon yr Ysgol, Caerwys.

The owners of the property had erected the fence believing that they were entitled to do so but have been advised that planning permission is required. On advice received from the Officers the work will be undertaken early in 2012.

2.135935 Crossways Road, Pen y Cefn.

Further site visit required regarding the erection of the double gate to determine and agree the most appropriate course of action to remedy the breach of planning control.

141883 Park View Garage, Crossways Road, Pen y Cefn.

An application to retain the portakabin for a temporary period has been submitted to the Planning Department for consideration.

94/11 Reported that a Map had been obtained showing footpaths and the public rights of way within the community. Councillor Mrs Priestly agreed to be responsible for this map.

11. 97/11 Concerns in respect of the spread of branches on the tree located in Mostyn Square.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Falshaw had met up with Mr Stewart Body the County Council's Tree Surgeon when advice had been received on the pruning of the branches. Mr Body had informed the Clerk that he required permission from the members of the Town Council before commencing on the work. Members agreed that Mr Body proceed with the work and that Councillor Falshaw liaise with him.

It was pointed out that the Christmas Lights are displayed on the tree during the festive season so attention to be given as to the amount of pruning to be carried out.

5. 103/11 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Falshaw reported that there had been a burst sewer in Afonwen. Two dangerous sheets had been removed from the premises of John Rees.

Flintshire County Council, Street Scene Services were in the process of circulating information in respect of their "Winter Preparations".

6. 104/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Councillor Jonathan Webb reported that he had attended the Local Authority's Luncheon at the National Eisteddfod of Wales in Wrexham and the Caerwys in the Park Fun Day. Councillor Webb presented the outgoing Conductor of Caerwys Male Choir with a gift on behalf of the choir.

7. 105/11 CORRESPONDENCE/CLERK'S REPORT.

The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Councillor Moriarty that due to pressing commitments he was with immediate effect resigning from all Caerwys Town Council sub committees and outside bodies meetings.

Councillor Stephen Wilson indicated that he would be pleased to take over as Chair of Planning with immediate effect. Members unanimously agreed. Councillor Mrs Helen Priestly expressed her wishes to become a member of the Town Council's Planning Committee.

As there has not been a meeting of the North Wales Police Environmental Group and the Flintshire County Forum. It was agreed to nominate a representative if and when information is received in respect of any future meetings.

North Wales Police Consultative Committee. Councillor Gallagher will continue to represent the Town Council on this committee.

Letter received from Delyn Women's Aid offering to provide training to groups and visiting Council's in order that residents in Flintshire receive information about / or access to domestic abuse. Agreed to invite a representative to the February 2012 meeting.

Letter received from Mr Peter Evans Democracy and Governance Manager re Induction Training for new members of Town and Community Councillors. Training to be arranged after the May 2012 Elections. Agreed that the Clerk complete the questionnaire.

One Voice Wales Training Courses Autumn 2011. Information received.

Copy of the Flintshire County Council's Town and Community Councils Working Partnership. Received.

Flintshire County Council- County Forum - Community Review. Information received.

Planning Applications Consultation. Letter received from the Planning Department requesting that consideration be given that Community and Town Councils receive planning application via E Mail. The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks at Connah's Quay when this subject was discussed. The Flintshire Clerks present (Hope, Hawarden, and Connah's Quay) reported that their members had unanimously agreed not to receive planning applications via E Mail as 1. The Cost to local Town and Community Councils would be high. 2. Many members of Local Council's are not in receipt of e-mails. Members agreed that Planning Applications be received in their present form.

North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project -Invitation to provide views on residual waste treatment by contacting Cheryl Sparkes on 01352 / 704915. Information received.

Flintshire County Council - Review of Polling Stations. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mrs Sandra Evans regarding the availability of the Town Hall for the May 2012 Elections and was informed that the refurbishing programme will not start until after May. Members agreed that the hall was suitable as a polling station. Clerk to complete the questionnaire.

Flintshire County Council's Standard's Committee. Enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th April 2011 at Mostyn.

Invitation for a representative from the Town Council to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Flintshire Local Voluntary Council Meeting on Thursday 29th September at 6-430p.m. at Deeside College. Information received.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report. Copies available by e-mail www.remunerationwales.org.uk

Flintshire County Council has recently confirmed its 10 priorities within the published improvement plan and requesting a return by the end of September. The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Welsh Language version. Agreed that the Clerk arrange that Councillor Webb receive a hard copy for his attention! observations.

8.108/11 REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

Councillor Moriarty reported that he had attended a meeting of the Flintshire County Forum at Holywell on the 27th July 2011 and gave a verbal report on items discussed.

Councillor Affleck reported that there were a few problems at the Youth Club and informed members that the youth had enjoyed an outing water ski-ing during the summer holidays.

9.109/11 STREET LIGHTING FAULTY/OUT OF ORDER

The following were received outside 35 St Michael's Drive. Caerwys. The Clerk to report the fault to Flintshire County Council who is responsible for this light.

Faulty light on the B5122 junction of St Michael's Drive on the Holywell side. Flickering light in Church Walks, Caerwys, "Frondeg", Afonwen in the direction of the Bus Shelter.

10.110/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

Planning Application Number 029143 Ddol Ucha Quarry, Ddol. Request imposition of the following conditions :- Quarry Traffic to use new access on to A541 rather than utilising existing narrow country lanes in interest of highway safety and protect the residential amenity of neighbouring properties.

A buffer zone is imposed as specified in policy MIN10 of the Flintshire emerging UDP annual ecological surveys to be conducted to ensure no adverse effect to safeguarding protected species and habitats and mitigation plans are established.

The existing ancient footpath Ysceifiog 27 is not affected by this application and that the Ramblers Association are consulted, this footpath forms a link between the communities of Afonwen and Ddol and is part of an extensive group of local rights of way.

Ensure that the impact of traffic (heavy goods Vehicles) on Caerwys Hill B5122 is carefully considered and does not deteriorate the existing situation. Subject to acceptable environmental impact statement.

Planning Application Number 048985 Dwelling behind Royal Oak, Water Street, Caerwys. Request imposition of the following conditions :-

Subject to sufficient car parking provision for the proposed development. Subject to adhering to conservation area requirements. Ensure sufficient public parking for the Royal Oak Public House to ensure the current parking problems on Water Street are not made worse. A qualified archaeological

contractor is present whilst all ground works are being conducted. This should be laid down by the Institute of Field Archaeologists.

Planning Application Number 048861 Plas Isa proposed extension. Request imposition of the following conditions:-

The Chalets/Lodges can only be used for holiday purposes between with their occupancy restricted to the period from the 1st March in any year to the 14th January the following year with no persons occupying any unit for longer than 4 consecutive weeks or return within 4 weeks of departure.. In addition, a register of persons occupying any individual unit, detailing their names and permanent addresses should be maintained by the owner, and a copy shall be made available to the LP A annually to ensure non-permanent residential use of the site (As per Herons Retreat Planning Reference (045808)

Planning Application Number 048938 Retrospective Permission for portakabin.

Request imposition of the following conditions :-

Subject to a specified time limit (not open ended) Maximum 12 months. The photographs of the site identify that there is a stench and waste pipes indicating that there is a toilet in the portakabin. This site is located upon Ffynnon Asaph which is a principal aquifer and within a groundwater protection zone 1 as designated by the EA. In light that the applicant indicates a sewage system is by means of a septic tank and from the photograph there appears to be an inadequate connection to this tank. It is requested that foul sewage system is examined by the EA as to its suitability and measures are implemented to eliminate any risks of polluting the aquifer.

The portakabin complies with DDA requirements and that access complies with all health and safety legislation.

In addition this Council is concerned that the portakabin has an adverse visual impact on the outskirts of an area of natural beauty.

Flintshire County Council approved the following applications :-

1. Planning Application Number 048809 - Erection of a porch to main entrance at Afonwen Craft Centre, Denbigh Road, Afonwen.
2. Planning Application Number 048804 Erection of a conservatory at "Swn y Clychau", High Street, Caerwys.
3. Planning Application Number 048721048722 Demolition of existing lean-to roof and creation of two storey extension to east facing elevation and provision of roof mounted photovoltaic panels - Caerwys Town Hall.
4. Planning Application 048462 Alterations and extensions to Nant Cottage, Pen y Cefn Road, Caerwys.
5. Planning Application Number 048605 Renewal of planning application ref044232 to extend the time period for submission to reserved matters.

11. 111/11 DISCUSSION IN RESPECT OF STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.

Councillor Phillip Parry proposed seconded by Councillor Stephen Wilson that Councillor Affleck provide a breakdown of the Street Lighting Maintenance costs for NWP Power Systems and Flintshire County Council for the October meeting.

12. 112/11 TO CONSIDER PROVIDING TWO SALT BINS FOR AFONWEN.

The Clerk reported that she had make enquiries regarding the cost of the salt bins and was informed that the cost for each bin will be £135-00 + £60-00 for each refill.

Councillor Mrs Priestly to inform members at the next meeting exactly were these bins would be located.

13. 113/11 TO DISCUSS RENEWING THE PUBLIC SEAT ON THE MARIAN LUCY COMMON.

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Mr David Davies. Legal Department. County Hall regarding replacing the public seat and was informed that before permission is granted a written request must be made to the Legal Department.

14. 114/11 TARMACING THE B5122 AT SOUTH STREET.

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that that Flintshire County Council had renewed the white lines at South Street but the road had not been re surfaced. The Clerk to enquire when this work will be carried out.

15. 115/11 ESTYN REPORT IN RESPECT OF YSGOL YR ESGOB CAERWYS.

Councillor Moriarty reported that owing to the disappointing "Estyn" report received by Y Ysgol yr Esgob, Caerwys, he was of the opinion that concerns may be felt by some parents as to sending their child, or children, to the school as a result.

As the Town Council in whose area the school is sited, it is not within the remit of this Council to point a finger of blame at anyone individual or group. It is up to Members to support our local school and to offer any help that we can to improve the situation. It was recommended to Members that the Clerk sends a letter on behalf of the Members to the acting headteacher, Mrs Jane Borthwick, and the head of governors Mrs Liz Jenkins, offering the Council's continued support and help, were possible for the school, its staff and governors.

16. 116/11 GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

Councillor Moriarty reported that an article appeared in the local press stating that the frequency of grass cutting by Flintshire County Council is to be reduced. Agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Steve Jones, Head of Street Scene, Environment Directorate, to ascertain (a) how many times a year grass cutting will now take place within in our community when this becomes effective, (b) when is this change planned to take place and (c) will this be a permanent change, or will things revert to how they currently stand when the financial situation improves.

17. 117/11 TO DISCUSS REPLACING THE "TOWN" NAME SIGN AT RHYDLYDAN CROSS ROADS (Nook Hill).

Members agreed to replace the name sign at the above location. Councillor Gallagher agreed to arrange for the purchase of a new sign and to replace the new sign on the Pen y Cefn Road and move the present sign from this location to Rhydlydan Cross Roads. The cost will be £74-15.

18. 118/11 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT / APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Approval received for the payment of the following :-

1. Canda Copying (Rental of photocopier) £ 55-20

2.	NWP Power Systems (Street Lighting Maintenance)	£153-00
3.	Llewellyn Jones, Solicitors, Mold (£330 to Land Registry to carry out survey of land to proceed with registration re Pen y Chwarel + £30 to solicitors for professional charges,	£360-00
4.	HMRC (quarterly payment)	£348-97
5.	E Snowden (travelling expenses for the period 18/05/11 to 20/09/11)	£ 95-20.

Applications for Financial support

Members approved the following donations :-

1.	Caerwys in Bloom	£250-00
2.	Cor Meibion Caerwys (prize money for the Young Musicians Competition)	£100-00
3.	NSPCC Llinell Cymorth / Childline	£50-00
4.	Marie Curie Cancer Care	£25-00

Standing Orders were suspended

Members enquired as to whether the clothing bank located on the Marian is still in use. Councillor Gallagher agreed to make enquiries with Eryl House at Flintshire County Council.

Councillor Phillip Parry reported that a family from America had commissioned Mr Murray Taylor to make a wood carving incorporating the Wynne Cress and the Caerwys Town Council Cress subject to receiving approval from the Members of this Council. Members unanimously agreed.