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WHITFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the proceedings of the Special Meeting of
Whitford Community Council Held at
Carmel Village Hall, Carmel
On Thursday 26th January 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor R Polden (Chairman)

Councillor D Owen; Councillor RJ Hughes; Councillor RG Hughes; Councillor J Williams; Councillor G Sharp;
Councillor W Glynn; Councillor E Warbrick and Councillor C Dolphin

1 / 17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from the following Members along with an explanation of their absence:

Absent: Councillor A Jennings; Councillor C Jones; Councillor T Thomas

2 / 17. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

3 / 17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / POLICE ATTENDANCE

There were no members of the public in attendance.

4 / 17. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was no Declaration of Interest made (see end of minutes).

5 / 17. ENFORCEMENT

Councillor RJ Hughes requested that a meeting could be arranged to discuss our outstanding Issues with A Farrow.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact A Farrow to arrange a meeting re outstanding issues on Enforcement.

6 / 17. STREETSCENE SCHEDULE

The Street Scene Supervisor was not present at the meeting. All Members received a copy of the Street scene schedule which had been distributed as part of the agenda packs. The Schedule was reviewed and members raised a number of new issues of which were noted by the Clerk and would be passed onto the Street Scene Supervisor.

RESOLVED: That the schedule be accepted and approved as a correct record of issues currently outstanding.

At this stage of the meeting Councillor E Warbrick left the meeting as she had a prior appointment

7/ 17 **MINUTES**

- Meeting on the 17th November at Carmel Village Hall, Carmel
- Special Meeting held on the 15th December at Carmel Village Hall

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Meetings of the Community Council held on the 17th November and 15th December be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments being made to the 17th November minutes

- Councillor Thomas was not present
- That minute reference 211.1/16 be amended to correctly reflect what the resolution was.

8 / 17 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

8.1 / 17 **636.2 SPEED RESTRICTIONS** - At a meeting at Alltami regarding Pant Y Wacco to Carmel with consideration of reducing the speed limit to 30mph. The council was informed that there is a professional objector knows the law and it is the reason why it has taken so long. The Council should consider in the future to avoid incurring legal liabilities and fees. Celyn Bends have been reduced to 50 mph. Cllr Glynn is asked to prioritise 5026 as soon as its possible marker signs to be put up to hinder the first phase with the second phase to complete everything.

8.2 / 17 **Name Plate** - Councillor Jones brought to the attention of members the fact that we had intended on putting a name plate on the newly planted tree that was in place of the large rotten tree that had been removed – Clerk informed members that there had been some delays.

8.3 / 17 **154.2/ DEFIBILLATOR** - Councillor Williams following discussions with the Clerk raised the issue regarding the placing of Defibrillator within the Five Villages and that given the fact that circumstances had changed considerably since the issue was previously raised about 2 years ago, and that a lot of Community / Town Councils were now looking at placing defibrillators within the Community. Clerk made reference to the up and coming Gala Concert arranged by Mold Town Council in order to place up to 20 Defibrillator's within the Town of Mold.

8.4 / 17 **197.1 Youth Councillor** - A letter received from One Voice Wales intergenerational relationship between councils' and their community youth. The Councillor thinks it's a good idea but the problem is in developing interest within the youth of the community and identifying the right youth. Councillor Sharp and Clerk to come together to write a letter to the local schools and place advert in Five Villages Chronicle. Clerk suggested that it makes more sense for this to be undertaken once the new Council was in place

8.5 / 17 **228.1 WHITFORD SCHOOL** - Councillor RJ Hughes raised the matter with regard to the transfer of land to the school that is from Housing to Education. Also Councillor Williams informed members that the school needed £2,500 to progress. Councillor RJ Hughes raised the issue re transfer of land and that Councillor J Williams would take this matter forward on behalf of the Community Council

9 / 17. **PLANNING MATTERS**

9.1 / 17 **Planning Applications**

BMK056275 – TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

PROPOSAL: Erection of Garden Room and Garage Block

LOCATION: Holliberry House, Babell Road

RESOLVED – Community Council in principle have no objections to this application, however they noted some concerns as follows:

- Concerns re appearance of Garden Room in relation to the House
- Concerns re Pidgeon loft
- Development is facing a listed building

RMH/054613 – TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

PROPOSAL: Extension to existing Caravan Park to provide total 36no bases

LOCATION: TARTH Y DWR, DYSERTH RD, LLOC

RESOLVED – Community Council have significant concerns regarding the applications and therefore object to the application on the basis of over development of land with reference made to the Caravan Act 1960

BMK056395 – TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

PROPOSAL: Erection of Garage / Workshop

LOCATION: St Ignatius Villa, Pantasaph

RESOLVED – Community Council in principle have no objections to this application, as long as the planning officer has no concerns.

10 / 17 **CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

10.1/17 **Capital Programme**

The Capital Programme will be a standing item on the agenda for information. Also the Capital Programme has been prioritised to reflect a more realistic approach of completing some of the projects that are outlined in the Programme. In addition the Capital Programme has been updated and a number of schemes have been removed and others merged to reflect a more realistic Capital Programme for the forthcoming year

RESOLVED - That the Capital Programme is approved.

10.2 /17 **Letter from Welsh Government** – Letter received from Welsh Government regarding the section 137 limits for 2017. Letter is received and the contents noted.

10.3 /17 **Letter received from Flintshire County Council** – Letter received regarding the Summer Play scheme and the cost for the forthcoming year would be £4,038k once again members felt that this should be supported for the full 5 weeks. That the letter received and contents noted, and clerk to inform Flintshire of our decision

10.4 /17 **Letter received from One Voice Wales** – Letter received from One Voice Wales regarding Buckingham Palace Garden Party, that the letter is received and contents noted.

10.5/17 **Letters received from Welsh Government** - Letter received regarding raising awareness of the forthcoming Town and Community Council elections. That the letters are received and the contents noted.

- 10.6/17 **Letter received from Flintshire County Council** – Letter received from Flintshire County Council with regard to best kept villages competition. That the letters are received and the contents noted.
- 10.7/17 **One Voice Wales** – Letter received re amended date of One Voice Wales Area Committee date change. That the letters are received and the contents noted.

11. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (confidential items)**

To consider the exclusion of Public and Press in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of part 4 of Schedule 12A of the act would be disclosed – **No members of the public present**

12. CLERK’S LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Discussion took place with regard to the Clerk’s resignation letter, members agreed the advert and that it should be placed in the Daily Post / Flintshire Chronicle and the Leader for a period of 2 weeks. In addition members agreed the timeline for the Recruitment process i.e Closing Date / Shortlisting date and possible interview dates. Members were aware that these dates could change, subject to how many applications were received. Members requested that the issue of Recruitment Process should be deferred until the next meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk places the advert in the above publications and members agreed the timeline subject to possible changes, and that the process should be deferred until the next meeting.

13. BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2017 /2018 AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2017 / 2018

Members were presented with the Budget Proposals for 2017/2018, as a Community Council the Budget was reviewed on a line by line basis and where necessary changes were made following more up to date information

RESOLVED – That the Community Council approve the Budget for 2017/2018, and the Clerk makes available in the next meeting an up to date copy for all members.

14. PRECEPT OPTIONS FOR 2017/2018 AND APPROVE PRECEPT FOR 2017/2018

Clerk presented to the Community Council 3 options and supporting information on options for the forthcoming Financial year on what the Precept should be. Following discussions the Community Council opted for option A – which represents no increase in real terms to the Council Tax. Total Precept would be £45,035 which is £39.00 per Band D property which is the same as last year.

RESOLVED – That the Precept for 2017 /2018 is £45,035, and following approval the Chairman and Clerk signed the relevant documentation and the Clerk would ensure that FCC obtain the necessary information before the deadline.

15 ACCOUNTS

Accounts for payment –

RESOLVED

That the following Accounts for payment be approved and passed for payment

Arwel Owen Salary and Administration Expenses –January Section 111 LGA 1972 Cheque No: 101925	-	£682.97
Scottish Power Electricity Section 111 LGA 1972 Cheque No: 101923	-	£445.54
Arwel Owen Postage Section 111 LGA 1972 Cheque No: 101926	-	£19.78
Flintshire County Council Street Ligthing Section 111 LGA 1972 Cheque No: 101922	-	£256.88
Whitford Church Financial Assistance Section 111 LGA 1972 Cheque No: 101924		£300.00
Carmel Village Hall Room Hire Section 111 LGA 1972 Cheque No: 101927		£66.00
Total	-	£1,771.17

17 / 17 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

18 / 17 **COUNTY FORUM AGENDA ITEMS**

19 / 17 **MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

20 / 17. **MEETING CLOSED**

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There being no other matters the meeting closed at 2045 hours; Next meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday, 16th February 2017 at Carmel Village Hall, Carmel.

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHITFORD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT OF WHICH ALL MEMBERS HAVE AGREED TO
ABIDE TO.**

WHITFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 2017

MEMBERS