



CYNGOR TREF CAERWYS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Caerwys Town Council

Held at Llys Y Goron Community Meeting Room

Holywell Road, Caerwys

On Tuesday the 20th June 2023, at 7.00pm

1(A). 137/23

PRESENT

Councillor Jayne E. Morris (Mayor)
Councillor Steve Cople (Deputy Town Mayor & County Councillor)
Councillor Susan A. Broadaway
Councillor Andy Delooze
Councillor Jonathan Duggan-Keen
Councillor Lesley Roberts
Councillor Judith Standing

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 138/23

APOLOGIES

Councillor Peter Dooley
Councillor Lynette Edwards
Councillor Gwen Jones

1(C). 139/23

ABSENT

None

2. 140/23

BEREAVEMENTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Members stood in silence in memory of the following:

Mr. W. Vaughan Boulderstone, Holywell Road, Caerwys; Mr. R. Sam Hughes, Ffoulkes Terrace, Afonwen.

3. 141/23

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

Request for assistance from resident in relation to the nappy bin collection by Flintshire County Council. The resident was concerned with a number of missed collections, including the day of contacting the Clerk. The resident, upon reporting the missed collections to Flintshire Customer Services, receives similar reasons for the missed collection, such as the vehicle broke down. The Clerk had replied to the concern and copied County Councillor Steve Copple into the reply to take forward.

4. 142/22

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. 143/23

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH MAY 2023

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Lesley Roberts and seconded by Councillor Judith Standring and formally agreed by the Members present.

6. 144/23

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) Minute no: 9. 122/23 (1) (page 2)** – in relation to The Harp project. Councillor Steve Copple, together with the Clerk, had received a number of e-mails from County Hall, which advised that whilst one technician had completed plan details, another colleague will provide further assistance. An updated plan with more detailed specifications will be sent to the Town Council in due course.
- (2) Minute no: 9. 122/23 (2) (page 2)** – in relation to the installation of a CCTV camera overlooking the Town Square. The Clerk advised that the installation had been completed. Access to the camera will be arranged with the Clerk.
- (3) Minute no: 9. 122/23 (6) (page 3)** – in relation to outside electrical installation / connection points for Council's Christmas lights. The Clerk recollects Members that the Council were awaiting a second quotation following Councillor Andy Delooze's site meeting with a contractor. The Clerk had further contacted the electrical company who advised that the quotation would be sent soon; this had not been received.

Members agreed the following: Councillor Andy Delooze to endeavour to make contact with a suitable electrical contractor and to keep the Clerk advised of progress.

7(A). 145/23

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (1)** The Clerk advised that the following criminal offences had been reported to the North Wales Police, that had occurred within the Caerwys Town Council area:

Afonwen: 2 x Anti-social behaviour / 2 x Violence

Caerwys: 2 x Anti social behaviour

The following correspondence was forwarded by e-mail to Members:

- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Visits by Independent Members of the Standards Committee to Town & Community Councils
- ❖ Welsh Government: Review of the Local Government Ethical Standards Framework
- ❖ One Voice Wales: Welsh Government 20mph speed limit in Wales
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Consultation on the implementing of a Dog Control and Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Flintshire. Consultation dated from 5th June to Friday 14th July
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Local toilet strategy
- ❖ Flintshire County Council: Event organisers guide (Provided by County Councillor Steve Copple)

7(B). 146/23

CLERK'S REPORT

(a) The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following deposit to the Council's bank account:

- £550.00 – Received from Caerwys Rainbows. The Rainbows have ceased operating in Caerwys and refunded the balance of monies donated over past years. The Treasurer to the Rainbows requests that the funds to be used for the benefit of another local Group.

Members agreed the following: To place the funds in the general donations budget heading.

(b) The Clerk advised that a letter of resignation had been received from Councillor Tracey Temple, whereby a copy had been sent to the Mayor, Councillor Jayne Morris.

The Clerk further advised Members that the first formal Public Notice would be displayed and sent to the County Returning Officer.

(c) The Clerk advised in relation to a complaint of weeds growing on the walkway from the Memorial Institute to the Marian. The Clerk had contacted Gaynor Griffith and following inspection advised that the alleged weeds were honeysuckle.

(d) The Clerk advised that he had received a telephone call from an Afonwen resident to advise that the notice board had been demolished and alleged it was possibly the grass cutting machine. The Clerk visited and took photographs which were shown on screen to Members.

The Clerk had contacted Street Scene and it was confirmed that the grass cutting machine had not caused the damage. The Clerk further advised that other criminal damage has occurred in Afonwen recently which the police are investigating.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to seek an estimate from a local joiner for the removal of the damaged board and cost of an identical sized replacement.

- (e) The Clerk discussed with Members the installation of the television in the Llys Y Goron meeting room. The installer had suggested that as the television is sited on a wall directly above a radiator, the Council consider purchasing a shelf to be erected above the radiator which would alleviate the heat emanating directly onto the television unit.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to purchase a 'Floating Shelf' to sit above the radiator.

- (F) The Clerk read out to Members an e-mail received from Gaynor Griffith, which provided an update to work completed within the Town, including the provision of plants.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to discuss with Gaynor Griffith her thoughts as to the Council purchasing a strimmer to assist with the difficult weed removal together with protective clothing / items.

7(C). 147/23

WALES AUDIT:

The Clerk advised that the Community and Town Councils in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2022 had been received.

Members were shown a copy of the return on screen and perused the report. The Clerk advised that he had requested the Audit Office to review the contents taking into consideration a number of further documents and information supplied. The Clerk confirmed that the Wales Audit Return for year ended 31st March 2021 had still not been received from Wales Audit.

Members agreed the following: Thanked the Clerk for supplying Wales Audit with further documents, whereby Council will await their decision.

7(D). 148/23

TO CONFIRM: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON / MAYOR (ADJ FROM MAY MEETING)

The Clerk recollects Members to the decision in the May Council meeting whereby Councillor Steve Cople was provisionally appointed as Deputy Mayor.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed Councillor Steve Cople as Deputy Mayor for the Council Term of Office 2023 to 2024.

7(E). 149/23

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

The Clerk advised in relation to the following concern(s) that had been reported to StreetScene, since the last Council meeting:

- No matters of concern had been received and reported since the last Council meeting.

The Clerk provided the following update from Mr. Neil Hickie (StreetScene) Officer

- No update in relation to previously reported concerns had been received from Street Scene.

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) Holywell Road, Caerwys: Deep pot hole near junction with Bryn Aur (previously reported)

- (2) Lon Y Ysgol, Caerwys. Hedge still causing concern for a disabled resident (reported previously and understood to have been reported to the School)
- (3) South Street, Caerwys. Blocked drain opposite The Beeches and just past the small cottage
- (4) North Street, Caerwys: Blocked drain outside the Chemist and adjoining cottage
- (5) Drovers Lane, Caerwys: Traffic sign badly rusted - at top of Drovers Lane and junction with Pen Y Cefn Road (reported previously)
- (6) Lon Yr Ysgol and junction with Lon Sir Herbert, Caerwys: Large pot hole (no footpath in this area and dangerous during darkness)

The Clerk advised that the above concerns would be brought to the attention of StreetScene.

8. 150/23

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor, Councillor Jayne Morris, advised Members of their attendance at the following:

- (i) Caerwys Football Club Annual Presentation Night
- (ii) Mayor of Buckley Civic Service
- (iii) Caerwys Agricultural Show
- (iv) Mayor of Rhuddlan Civic Sunday

9. 151/23

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CLLR STEVE COPPLE)

County Councillor Steve Copple, provided Members with the following report:

Main Council Events

- AGM held in MAY where a new council leader Cllr Healey was voted for, labour leader remains the same.
- All committees had new chairs appointed with vice chairs to be appointed as they meet.
- Independent group tried to form new agreement with minor parties but no success.
- Some push to identify empty houses called voids.
- FCC responses to calls is still reported as problematic, lack of staff.
- Work starts on the 2024 budget for Labour and opposition.

Local matters

- ❖ Working with FCC housing to resolve issues in Lys-y-Goron.
- ❖ Missed bin collections chased with a promise of improvement.

- ❖ Boundary disputes and asbestos issues.
- ❖ Contacted Police Inspector for more action on poor parking.
- ❖ Chased FCC on the state of the Old Court (no response as yet).
- ❖ Set up regular meetings with housing officer to help resolve matters.

The following additional items were discussed:

- (i) Road closure on Caerwys Hill between 26th and 30th June.
- (ii) Councillor Copple has requested an Air Quality Survey in the centre of Caerwys.

10. 152/23

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

There were no reports specific to the Local Committees and Outside Bodies schedule, or Council Members who had attended meetings on behalf of the Council.

11(A). 153/23

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application(s) were considered by Members at the meeting:

No planning applications received.

11(B). 154/23

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions have been received from Flintshire County Council:

- (i) Application number: TCA/000366/23 – to fell leylandii tree, at 2 Stone Cottages, Caerwys. No objection
- (ii) Application number: FUL/000343/23 – for single storey extension to rear at 2, Bryn Llwyd, Caerwys. Approved
- (iii) Application number: 064447 – for application for approval of details reserves by condition No's 27, 34, at Maes Mynan Quarry, Afonwen. Approved

12. 155/23

TO CONSIDER: INVITING HANNAH BLYTHYN MS (WELSH GOVERNMENT) TO JULY COUNCIL MEETING (CLLR STEVE COPPLE)

Councillor Steve Copple discussed with Members the parking difficulty in particular, in the Town Square and adjoining street areas. Councillor Copple referred to the pending legislation proposed by the Welsh Government in relation to the enforcement of non-parking on pavements. The attendance of Hannah Blythyn MS would be beneficial in enlisting the support of Hannah as there will be other areas in Wales with similar concerns and to also discuss additional parking facilities in the area.

The Clerk advised that he had been in contact with Hannah Blythyn's office, who had confirmed, that should the Council agree to Hannah's attendance she would be able to attend the meeting in person, as the Welsh Government will be in recess.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to formally invite Hanah Blythyn MS to the 18th July 2023 Council meeting at 7.00pm.

13. 156/23

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>Payments made – to be confirmed (Paid by BACS):</u>			
	Cllr Gwen Jones (Councillor Allowance) Paid: 18/05/2023	208.00		208.00
	Currys – DGS (LG television) Paid: 23/05/2023	823.34	164.67	988.01
	Flintshire Aerials (Wall bracket and installation of above television in Llys Y Goron Community Meeting Room) Paid: 31/05/2023	250.00		250.00
	SPY CCTV (Installation of camera in Town Square area) Paid: 08/06/2023	178.00		178.00
	(Above invoices authorised for payment by two Councillor Bank signatories)			
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for May) Payments dated 01/06/2023			
	<u>Payments for confirmation and consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (May - Street Lighting Electricity Account) Payment due 20/06/2023)	352.78	17.64	370.42
	Gaynor Griffith (Environmental Services for May / June) plus additional hours	170.00		170.00
	R P Parry – Clerk. Re-imburement of IT cables for above referred to television – as per receipts	17.04	2.50	19.54

14. 157/23

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	No applications received	

15. 158/23

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts as listed.

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AS CHAIR.....

DATE OF APPROVAL.....