

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING
Held on the 20 January 2016 in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Chair –Deputy Mayor – Miss Nia Jones

Mayor –Miss Penny Andow

Mrs Carol Gell

Mr Chris Jones

Mr Gareth Wyn Jones

Mrs Christine Roberts

Mr Gareth Roberts

Mr Glenn Robinson

Mr Tim Scott

OFFICER: Ms E Shepherd Town Clerk & RFO

ABSENT: Mrs Tamzin Hopwood

297. IN ATTENDANCE SIMON ALLEN, MODERN MATRON FOR TY LLEWELYN MSU, ROBYN JONES, MATRON REHABILITATION UNIT MH & LDS DIVISION AND JANE STERRIKER MODERN MATRON FOR LEARNING DISABILITY.

The Chair welcomed all three to the meeting. The Mayor gave a brief background to the present position. Following the incident the liaison group had been set up and three meetings have been held to date. The group consists of BCUHB Staff, NW Police, County Councillors, Town Councillors, Llys y Coed Representative, Ysgol Pant y Rhedyn & Ysgol Babanod Headteacher. Under discussion is renewing and updating the Leave Policy and Procedures.

Simon Allen thanked members for the invitation and stated it was an opportunity to update on what other services there are on Bryn y Neuadd Hospital site and not just Ty Llewelyn, as well as welcoming an open discussion.

Robyn Jones stated that Carreg Fawr is an eight bed recovery unit part of a 32 bed rehabilitation service across North Wales. Patients are referred following a robust assessment subject to a Mental Health care plan. Average length of stay varies up to 9 months in some cases. Recovery is the key focus and covers all aspects of care and help to manage own care through education, work placements etc. A care plan continuity is in place following discharge.

Simon Allen stated that Ty Llewelyn Medium Secure Unit is a Forensic Psychiatric Unit not a service that is widely publicised, as mental illness is not a subject that is talked about. Forensic pertains to the law, high risk criminal behaviour. Ty Llewelyn was opened 18 years ago and is a 25 bed unit with 2 wards of 10 beds and one 5 bed that is for more acute patients that require more treatment. Majority of the patients come from North Wales with some from South Wales. Admission of patients are 80% direct from prison, and the other 20% either from High or Medium Secure Hospitals or other Units. There is a robust Ministry of Justice directive pre-admission package for every patient. The unit has its own gym and large garden. Patients stay approximately 2-3 years. Therefore the work is a long term holistic rehabilitation care, teaching life skills to patients that have not had previous opportunities. Staff include a high ratio of nursing, as well as medical, therapist and admin, many of whom live in Llanfairfechan. He himself has worked there for 14 years starting as a Staff Nurse and working up to present post. The work can be very challenging as well as rewarding. Following the incident there are things to be learned and an opportunity to review the leave process policy and procedures is one. There is a need to build relations with the community and the first process is the Liaison Group meetings. Before applying for leave the Ministry of Justice has to approve the decision, it's a long process that can take up to 12 months. Reports are detailed including risk assessment and management planning. The starting point is with time limited escorted leave in the grounds of Ty Llewelyn followed by unescorted leave again in the grounds. Every leave is risk assessed and approved by the Ministry of Justice. Leave into the village is important towards rehabilitation of patients. There have been no instances or reports of problems when patients have been on escorted or unescorted leave in the past. Since the incident all leave has been stopped for all patients. Patients are extremely vulnerable. It was stated that the Press coverage of the incident was extremely negative; social media and the public

meeting had also highlighted concerns and it was felt that it is important that patients and staff are not put at risk. Robust care and rehabilitation plans are put in place when the patients finally leave Ty Llewelyn some to be rehomed back to their community or other units. It was stressed that the Ministry of Justice is involved at every stage.

Jane Sterriker stated that there has been a Learning Disability Hospital on Bryn y Neuadd site for many years. There are 24 beds over 3 wards. Patients are referred due to placement breakdown or behaviour issues. Work team is similar to other units. The public feel less threatened by Learning Disability Unit as there has always been one on site and patients have become part of the community. This was highlighted recently as many local residents attended the funeral of a well know character from the unit. This was very much appreciated by members of staff.

Members thanked all three for attending and for an open and informative discussion.

298. **TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** 5 minutes per speaker within 20 minutes framework or at the discretion of the Chair.

- 1) Concerns of resident whose house adjoins the Cartrefi Conwy new housing site on Penmaenmawr Road – members were informed that there is damage to their property caused by the heavy vehicles visiting the site and requested assistance from the Town Council. It was also stated that the pavement has been damaged and traffic lights had been installed. **RESOLVED the Mayor would visit the site and report back to Council.**

299. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** **RESOLVED to receive and note apologies from Councillors Andrew Hinchliff, Mrs Delohne Merrell, Geraint E Jones and Miss Sarah Jones**

300. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR’S INTEREST** – Code of Local Government Conduct (Members are reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of their declared personal interest).

Name of Member	Details of Personal interests	Details of the Council business to which it relates	Withdraw / Take Part
Christine Roberts	Work related	Presentation BCUHB Bryn y Neuadd site	Withdraw

301. **TO APPROVE PAYMENT**

- 1) Direct Debit notice from Information Commissioner’s Office regarding renewal of Data Protection Registration - £35. **RESOLVED to receive and note.**

	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
2)	22/01/16	N&MWALC	lunch for one representative attending quarterly meeting	£15	101884

RESOLVED to approve payment

	Invoice No	Payee	Reference	Amount	Cheque no.
3)	20/01/16	CASH	Petty Cash Account	£50	101885

RESOLVED to approve payment

- 4) Wages to the Town Clerk for January 2016 **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheque no 101886**
- 5) Wages to the Environmental Operative for January 2016 **RESOLVED to approve payment and sign cheque no 101887**

302. **PLANNING – REFERENCE 0/42361**

APPLICANT: Mr Oliver Rault

PROPOSAL: Certificate of existing lawful use to confirm that a material start has been made on planning permission granted under code ref 4/23/187C for the erection of a dwelling

LOCATION: Land behind Wern Farm Garden Centre, Llanfairfechan, LL33 0HR

RESOLVED to have no objections to the above application.

303. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS/COMPLIMENTS**

- 1) Street Lights Penmaenmawr Road –reported that lights are off along the eastbound side as you enter the town off Junction 14 of the A55.
- 2) Promenade – reported that drain pipes along the promenade wall are full of grit and that the RV's are blocked.
- 3) Environmental Operative – compliments from residents had been received regarding the excellent work that the Town Council's employee carries out.
- 4) Asbestos – it was stated that the asbestos dumped in Station Road Car Park has been safely removed.
- 5) Aber Road – Welcome to Llanfairfechan sign reported that reflexion from vehicle headlights blinds motorists at night due to the angle of the sign.
- 6) The 75 Bus Service – information was provided that a Bus User's Surgery has been arranged in the Llanfairfechan Community Library to review, with users, the 75 service on Tuesday 26 January between 10 and 11am.
- 7) The Heath, CCBC – Members were informed that Cabinet resolution is to dispose of the building. Awaiting ERF Board direction re timing prior to going to market. Use of site could be in whole or in part for housing purposes, subject to market sentiment.
- 8) Queens 90th street party – email had been received stating that local resident would like to arrange a street party on the Promenade. Members stated they had no objections.
- 9) 2016 Fireworks Display – members were informed that Thursday 3 November 2016 was the best date due to the low tide predictions. Members agreed to hold the event on this date at 6.30pm.

304. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Full Council Meeting held on the 3 February 2016 at 7pm

CLOSE - The meeting closed at 9pm

Signature



Date

3-2-16