



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Keith Taylor (Vice-Chairman)

## **Councillors Present**

Shirley Hughes, Nancy Matthews, Karen Jones, Robert Sheppard, Anita Thomas  
Ian Joseph and Carl Jackson.

### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marjorie Thomson,  
Anu Beadle, John Homersley, Kevin Hughes, PC Gary Aldous and  
PCSO Chey Arrowsmith.

### 2. **To Approve the Minutes of the November Meeting**

The Minutes of the above had been distributed and were confirmed as a true record of  
the business transacted at the meeting.

### 3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**5. 2012; 37, Llys Enfys;** With reference to the sign warning of children playing  
erected by a local resident at Llys Enfys/Bryn Eithin, Councillor K. Taylor expressed  
his concern regarding the slow progress of an official recognised Flintshire County  
Council sign being placed at the site. Members discussed the issue and resolved to  
request permission from Flintshire County Council for the Council to purchase such a  
sign and to get it placed in the respective area.

**Godre'r Mynydd;** A request submitted by residents to Councillor Anita Thomas for  
a salt/grit bin to be obtained in order to ensure road and pavement safety for motorists  
and pedestrians at times of icy/snowy weather. The Members resolved to pursue the  
matter with Flintshire County Council.

### 4. **Police Matters**

Apologies for absence were received from PC. G. Aldous and  
PCSO. C. Arrowsmith.

## **Gwernymynydd and Cadole; Police Area Reports.**

Councillor Ian Joseph related to the Members the problems that had been experienced at Loggerheads and Cadole following the recent snowfall. The area was inundated with visitors wishing to enjoy the winter sports of sledging and skiing on the local slopes and consequently this had resulted in indiscriminate parking of vehicles along the A494 and Village Road in Cadole. Councillor Joseph informed the members of the resultant damage to the grass verges and fences and of the actions taken by local residents in their pleas to the police.

**Glyndwr Road; Tros y Wern; Minffordd Fields and Swan Lane** in these areas there were no items to report for discussion.

**Llys Enfys and Blaen Wern;** Indiscriminate vehicle parking was still causing a nuisance;

### **Member Area Reports:**

**Cadole; Swan Lane; Ruthin Road; Llys Enfys and Blaen Wern** in these areas there were no items to report for discussion.

**Glyndwr Road;** Regarding the Cambrian Quarry proposal Councillor Nancy Matthews provided an update to the Members.

**Tros y Wern;** With reference to Godre'r Coed, Godre'r Mynydd Members again reported that dogs were fouling the pavements; inconsiderate owners were not clearing up the mess.

**Minffordd Fields;** Councillor Anu Beadle reported via e-mail her concerns regarding the maintenance of street lighting on the estate and the none salting/gritting of the road. Members concurred with the concerns expressed by Councillor Beadle but were aware of the problem of none adoption of the estate by Flintshire County Council. The consequence of this situation being that the estate cannot be maintained by Flintshire County Council, responsibility of maintenance lies with the developer, Mr. J. Edgar.

## **5. Planning Matters**

Ref: KS/050352, Erection of a ground floor extension to provide bedroom with en-suite and extended driveway to provide further parking space, located at 18, Godre'r Coed, Gwernymynydd.

**AGREED**

## **6. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for January, the details of which can be found on page 2013; 04.

With reference to the need to consider the Council's Budget for 2013-14 and the requirement to determine the Council's Precept based upon its financial pressures, commitments and the calculated Tax Base of Equivalent Band 'D' properties of 549.88 the Clerk presented to the Members the Financial Statement.

The Clerk recommended to the Members that the Precept amount, as determined by the said Financial Statement, should remain at £14,000.00.

This proposal was put to the Members and approved.

## **7. Gwernymynydd Development Plan and Action Plan**

Councillor K. Taylor gave a brief outline of the Development Plan and its objectives to the Members, reference to the Plan Policy, Section 3; The Environment.

Councillor Taylor drew reference to the Policies **E1** to **E6**.

**E1**, The Community Council will look to identify and develop a suitable “focal point” for the village. **E2**, Where it does not compromise safety, the Community Council would welcome a reduction in the level of night lighting, particularly on the A494. **E3**, The Community Council will continue its cooperative relationship with local quarries, taking where appropriate firm action to limit the damage from future developments. **E4**, The Community Council will oppose any use of redundant quarries for landfill. **E5**, The Community Council welcomes any initiatives to encourage and make provision for more people to come to visit our village and surrounding country areas. **E6**, The Community Council supports and looks to develop further recycling schemes and all community beneficial sustainable initiatives.

The above Policies were given a time window of 2010 to 2030 and were to be considered as a rolling programme of initiative.

## **8. Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Youth Council**

Members were informed that there had been a reasonable attendance at the recent meeting of the Club. Councillor Karen Jones gave a brief outline to Members of the Club’s proposed activities.

## **9. Gwernymynydd/Cadole, Road Safety and Road Improvements**

With reference to the A494 and the Prohibition of Waiting Order at Loggerheads, Members were informed that the painting of the yellow lines would soon be undertaken. It is hoped that the Order would improve pedestrian and highway users safety and ease the problem of indiscriminate parking of vehicles in the area.

Councillors discussed a proposal to brighten up the approach to Gwernymynydd and Cadole by having daffodils and other spring time flowers in planters near to the village road signs. This proposal was put to the Council and agreed.

## **10. Reports**

### **1. Outside Bodies**

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Councillor Karen Jones provided an information update to the Members.

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided information to the Council relating to the decision taken by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board regarding Mold Community Hospital. The retention of the X-ray Unit and its refurbishment was well received by everyone in the community.

## 2. Sub-Committees

The Clerk informed the Members that the specification, once agreed, would be sent out to at least 4 contractors who would then submit their quotations to the Council in sealed envelopes for the Members to look at and agree which contractor would be selected to undertake the required work. The Contractor's Selection Group to consist of Councillors K. Jones, A. Thomas, S. Hughes, M. Thomson, C. Jackson, K. Taylor and J. Homersley.

## 11. Correspondence

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were received by the Council.

With reference to Item 2, Flintshire County Council and Civil Parking Enforcement the Council were of the opinion that should parking charges be imposed then those charges must be implemented County wide in all the town/village car parks.

## 12. Late Correspondence

The following information was received by the Council:-

Flintshire County Council, Best Kept Communities Competition 2013.

**Chairman**.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

T. M. Richardson	Clerk's Salary	364.06
	Postage	11.00
		<b><u>375.06</u></b>
Councillor M. Thomson	Chairman's Allowance	150.00
Deeco Lighting	Street light maintenance	267.31
Flintshire County Council	Youth Club recharge	165.06
Tamic Publications	Council's website	60.00
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