



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2013 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Keith Taylor (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Present

Anita Thomas, Nancy Matthews, Vicky Hinstridge, Kevin Hughes, and Carl Jackson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anu Beadle, Karen Jones, Robert Sheppard, Shirley Hughes, Marjorie Thomson and John Homersley.

2. Streetscene, Gwernymynydd Area

A question and answer opportunity to discuss relevant issues/concerns with the Flintshire County Council's Streetscene Supervisor, Mr. Fraser Roberts.

Councillor K. Taylor welcomed Mr. Fraser Roberts to the meeting and following on from introductions questions were posed to Mr. Roberts. Councillor Carl Jackson reported lights for attention in Blaen Wern and also in the associated garage area. Councillor Vicky Hinstridge requested an update on the agreed proposal to improve the access into Cadole from the Gwernaffield direction. This proposal is listed by Flintshire County Council but is held in abeyance due to a lack of funding. Councillor K. Taylor reported the obstruction by hedge overgrowth of the 30 mph and County boundary sign located at Loggerheads, Mr. Roberts stated that he would attend to this issue. Councillor K. Hughes inquired about the legislation/control of tall and maintenance neglected trees which cause an obstruction and nuisance, in reply Mr. Roberts outlined what could be done by Flintshire County Council and in particular the Highways Act.

With reference to public footpath 34, near to Bryn Eithin, Councillor K. Taylor reported that the path was obstructed by overgrowth and needed to be made accessible. Mr. Roberts stated that he would contact the Footpaths' Officer, Flintshire County Council, in order to remedy the issue.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the June Meeting

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

8. 2013; 23, With reference to the insertion of a window into the bus stop shelters the Clerk reported that Flintshire County Council would consider replacing the Bus Shelter opposite to the Village Centre with the type installed throughout the County. The Members considered the suggestion but agreed to keep the existing Shelter and pursue the already agreed insertion of a window, facing upwards.

5. 2013; 31, With reference to Councillor Vicky Hinstridge's request for an update to proposed additional street lighting in Cadole, the Clerk informed the Members that he had received an estimated cost for 2 street lights to be located along the Gwernaffield Road, the amount quoted was in the region of £7,500. The Members agreed to consider the proposal at a later date following completion of the BMX Cycle Track project.

8. 2013; 31, Gwernymynydd Development Plan TR5; Car Sharing, with reference to the comment 'all agreed that this was not a feasible suggestion' the Clerk reported to the Members that he had received information to the contrary, the scheme is up and running, it is feasible and it is well used despite it not being widely advertised. The Members agreed to maintain the car sharing proposal and to help promote the initiative more prominently.

10. 2013; 32, Gwernaffield Road speed restriction, the Clerk was requested to write to Cefn Mawr Quarry Management for support in helping to persuade Flintshire County Council to reduce the limit down to 40 mph.

With respect to the existing Cadole footpath Councillor Nancy Matthews requested the assistance of the Council in pursuing an extension of the said path towards the Pantybuerth crossroads. The Members fully supported Councillor Matthews' initiative and agreed to help in anyway possible.

Regarding the existing footpath concern was expressed about the lack of a gate near to Debra's Well. The present style arrangement being considered a hazard and a risk, Councillor Matthews' stated that she would pursue with Flintshire County Council a replacement gate at the Well.

The Clerk informed the Members that the Blaen Wern Estate had received a commendation with regards to the Flintshire Awards, Best Kept Communities Competition, Senior Citizens' Estate.

5. Police Matters and Area Reports

Gwernymynydd and Cadole; Police Area Reports (no Police in attendance)

With respect to the above the Clerk was requested to ask North Wales Police for a monthly area report in order that relevant information maybe imparted to the community of Gwernymynydd on a regular basis.

Cadole; Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; Swan Lane; Tros y Wern and Ruthin Road 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; Swan Lane; Tros y Wern; Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; Cadole; Blaen Wern and Llys Enfys in these areas there were no items to report for discussion.

Ruthin Road; Councillor Keith Taylor raised the issue of the Rainbow Inn and inquired as to whether planning permission for development of the area had been discussed or submitted. In reply Councillor Nancy Matthews stated that Flintshire County Council had not received any such proposals.

Members reported ‘dog faeces’ had been placed on boundary walls in the village; Councillors deplored this action and resolved to investigate the matter further.

6. Planning Matters

The following applications were received and discussed by the Members.

1. Ref: 050970, Erection of a field shelter for the storage of a tractor and animal feed located at Bryn Tirion, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.

AGREED

2. Ref: 050957, Part demolition, alteration and an extension located at Hen Dyddyn, Hafod Road, Gwernymynydd.

AGREED

With reference to the receipt of a late planning application, **Ref: 051023,** Erection of a timber garden shed/summer house located at Oak Alyn Cottage, Village Road, Cadole, observations/recommendations of the Planning Sub-Committee were requested.

7. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for July, the details of which can be found on page 2013; 39.

The Clerk reported to the Members that a national agreement (National Association of Local Councils) had been reached with regard to an increase in the pay of Local Government employees and Part-Time Council Clerks. The Members agreed to implement the agreement as per Spinal Column 23 for an 8 hour working week for the Clerk.

8. Gwernymynydd Development Plan and Action Plan

Councillor Keith Taylor outlined to the Members the Environment Policies, E1 through to E6; the identified short, medium and long term initiatives.

The Gwernymynydd Development Plan Review included original policies with dates followed by actions linked to those policies.

E1; Medium Term 2012-20

The Community Council will look to identify and develop a suitable “focal point” for the village. Items for consideration are the seats located at Heol y Wern and the apron area outside of the Village Centre car park

E2; Ongoing 2010- 30

Where it does not compromise safety, the Community Council would welcome a reduction in the level of night lighting, particularly on the A494.

E3; Ongoing 2010-30

The Community Council will continue its cooperative relationship with local quarries taking where appropriate firm action to limit the damage from future developments.

E4; Ongoing 2010-30

The Community Council will oppose any use of redundant quarries for landfill. The Cambrian Quarry proposal has motivated all concerned into action to oppose the development with the principal of E4 firmly in the forefront.

E5; Ongoing 2010-30

The Community Council welcomes any initiatives to encourage and make provision for more people to come to visit our village and surrounding country areas. Tourism may be promoted via the Council's website where local walks and local historical features can be shown

E6; Ongoing 2010-30

The Community Council supports and looks to develop further recycling schemes and all community beneficial sustainable initiatives. This can be demonstrated by litter pick initiatives undertaken with the help of Flintshire County Council, the target areas being well known within the village.

9. Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Youth Council

Councillor Karen Jones informed the Members by e-mail that she would provide details of the previously outlined Youth Club trip scheduled to take place in September and financially supported in principle by the Council.

Councillor Anita Thomas informed the Members that the July meeting was well attended and that there would be no meeting in August but the Youth Club would start again September.

10. Reports

Outside Bodies

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Councillor Anita Thomas provided an update of information for the Members. Councillor Thomas again provided details to the Members of the Vegetable Co-Op venture and requested the support of everyone in this initiative.

With respect to the recently held Flintshire County Forum the Clerk provided for the Members a report prepared by Councillor Marjorie Thomson. The salient points discussed at the Forum were, Town/Community Council Websites, the Flintshire Local Development Plan (LDP), Flintshire County Council's Improvement Plan 2013-4 and the Community Review.

Sub-Committees

BMX Cycle Track, the Clerk reported that work on the project was proceeding satisfactorily and that the anticipated completion date would meet expectation.

With respect to the proposal for a Village Event to take place and to be similar in subject matter to those of the Jubilee and the Royal Wedding celebrations the Members agreed to pursue a Christening Party theme for William and Kate's baby, Prince George of Cambridge. This would then help to maintain continuity of Village involvement with a party atmosphere.

The Members approved in principle to finance memorabilia to commemorate the Christening and to help fund the village event, an amount of £500 was agreed.

11. Correspondence

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were received by the Council.

12. Late Correspondence

The following information was received by the Council:-

Flintshire County Council, prior notice of the Chairman's Civic Dinner to take place on the 14th March 2014; information regarding a licence agreement by FIT (NPFA) with regard to the King George V Playing Field; Clwyd Community Chest, a request to renew the annual subscription.

With respect to the latter the Members agreed to renew the annual subscription.

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Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 25th July 2013.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary, July and August	728.12
	Postage	13.00
	Clerk's Allowance	53.96
		<u>795.08</u>
Deeco Lighting	Street light maintenance	276.67
Clwyd Community Chest	Support grant	10.00
		<u>1,081.75</u>

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