



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

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

## **Councillors Present**

Anita Thomas, Nancy Matthews, Vicky Hinstridge, John Homersley, and Karen Jones

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anu Beadle, Kevin Hughes Robert Sheppard, Shirley Hughes, Marjorie Thomson and Carl Jackson.

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

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

With reference to the October meeting the Clerk reminded Members that the Council's Financial Risk Assessment would be an item on the Agenda (in compliance with the recommendations set by the external auditor), the previous year's Risk Assessment Report was provided for the Members to consider.

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

**8. 2013; 23,** With reference to the insertion of a window into the bus stop shelters, this issue is still held in abeyance.

**10. 2013; 32,** With reference to the requested Gwernaffield Road speed restriction, the Clerk informed the Members that he had written to the Cefn Mawr Quarry Management for support in helping to persuade Flintshire County Council to reduce the limit down to 40 mph. To date he had not received a reply.

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge related to the Members that she had met with Mr. Ian Joseph who on behalf of the residents in Cadole had informed her that the Quarry Management also supported the initiative to reduce the speed limit to 30/40 mph. This issue of full support will be taken forward to Flintshire County Council. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Council that a review of the County's 'C' roads would be undertaken in the near future and it is hoped that the Gwernaffield Road would be given earnest consideration for a speed reduction to 30/40 mph.

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.

With regard to the issue of a 'licence' for a permanent access onto the FIT (NPFA) Field the Members agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

#### **4. Police Matters and Area Reports**

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

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

**Llys Enfys and Blaen Wern;** Indiscriminate vehicle parking was still causing a nuisance. **Ruthin Road;** Councillor Anita Thomas reported to the Members that there had been a series of tool thefts e.g. a chain saw, from garden sheds, the police were in the process of investigating.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that vehicle tax discs had been stolen in the Nercwys area; local residents were requested to ensure that their vehicles were secure and locked.

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

**Cadole;** Councillor Vicky Hinstridge again emphasised that residents were most concerned about the lack of movement to the proposed and agreed improvement of the junction, Village Road/Gwernaffield Road. All in Cadole were of the opinion that the present situation was an accident waiting to happen as a result of speeding vehicles and thoughtless driving. Councillor Nancy Matthews again outlined Flintshire County Council's position on the matter.

#### **5. Planning Matters**

The following applications were received and discussed by the Members.

**1. Ref: 051023,** Erection of a timber garden shed/summer house located at Oak Alyn Cottage, Village Road, Cadole.

**AGREED**

**2. Ref: 051047,** Erection of a detached single garage located at Ty Gwyn, 2, Paddock Way, Gwernymynydd

**AGREED**

Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended), Section 78 Appeal, Planning Application Reference 048850, Appeal Reference APP/A6835/A/13/2195313 with respect to Wainhomes Ltd, the erection of 18 dwellings located on land at Siglen Ucha, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.

**Notification from the Planning Inspectorate, Welsh Government, of the Appeal to be held in the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013.**

**6. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for September, the details of which can be found on page 2013; 43.

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

The members resolved to discuss the Housing and Land Development Policies, H1 through to H6, the identified short, medium and long term initiatives at the next meeting.

In readiness to the next meeting Councillor Keith Taylor briefly outlined to the Members the Housing and Land Development Policies, H1 through to H6, the identified short, medium and long term initiatives.

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided information to the Members on Flintshire County Council's LDP and up dated everyone on the Rainbow Inn site and also the Cambrian Quarry application.

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

Councillor Karen Jones informed the Members that the Youth Club had not been 'open' for 2-weeks however members had turned up and had been disappointed by the closure. On the Tuesday the Club was open and 10 members attended. It was sadly noted that Paul would be leaving the Youth Club however it was hoped that a replacement would be found. With regard to a threat of permanent closure it was hoped by all concerned that this possibility did not occur.

**9. Reports**

**Outside Bodies**

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Councillor Anita Thomas provided an update of information for the Members; they were informed of future events and activities at the Centre.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that funding had been obtained to improve access for disabled persons and also for toilet facilities.

With regard to the Village Newsletter, Members were informed that the next edition would be published in a week's time.

The Members discussed the issue of brightening up the village with the planting of spring flowers and daffodil bulbs, the proposal was given full support and Members resolved to look into the matter at the next meeting.

With reference to the Gwernymynydd CP School, the Clerk provided for the Members the latest report from Mr. Elwyn Owens, the salient points of the report were given as follows:-

There are 56 children on the role at the start of the new term. Last year there was 51. The School Development Plan for 2012/13 was implemented successfully and Gwernymynydd is now identified as a "good school" by the external assessor who monitors performance.

During 2013/14 the school will focus on: The numeracy and literacy framework, the foundation phase, ICT and the outdoor environment. Also the school intends to achieve the Quality Mark Bronze award for Governing Bodies and a portfolio addressing all the 49 criteria will be submitted during 2014. The award is regarded as a celebration of the success of a governing body and its role within the school in raising standards.

Concerning Remembrance Sunday the Members discussed the Service and Councillor Keith Taylor informed the meeting that he and Councillor Carl Jackson would pursue the day's agenda and report back accordingly to the Members at the next meeting. Councillor Taylor also informed the members that he would meet with the Headteacher, Gwernymynydd CP School with regard to involving the children in the Remembrance Service.

### **Sub-Committees**

BMX Cycle Track, the Clerk reported that work on the project was now complete and ready for handover to the Council.

With regard to the Tros y Wern Play Area, Members reported that the soft landing surface matting was in need of repair/replacement. The Clerk was requested to inform the Play Unit, Flintshire County Council accordingly.

#### **10. Correspondence**

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

#### **11. Late Correspondence**

The following information was received by the Council:-

There no items of Late Correspondence.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	367.70
	Postage	14.00
	Clerk's Back Pay	18.21
		<b><u>399.91</u></b>
Scottish Power	Street light energy charge	188.37
Brian Davies Ltd	BMX cycle track	11,820.00
		<b><u>12,408.28</u></b>