



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Marjorie Thomson

## **Councillors Present**

Nancy Matthews, Keith Taylor, Kevin Hughes, Shirley Hughes, Karen Jones, Vicky Hinstridge, John Homersley and Carl Jackson.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anita Thomas and Robert Sheppard.

### **2. To Approve the Minutes of the November and December Meetings**

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

### **3. Vacancy for a Councillor on the Community Council**

The Clerk to provide information to the Members on the procedure to be followed; he informed the Members that the deadline date for application to the Returning Officer, Flintshire County Council, for an election for the vacancy was the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014, to date no application had been received.

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

**8. 2013; 23,** With reference to the insertion of a window into the bus stop shelter, the Clerk reported to the Members that the work had been completed to satisfaction and to a very high standard. The invoice for the said work has been received and there is no increase in costs to the estimate previously submitted.

**5. 2013; 45, Cadole;** Members had previously been informed that the post box had been stolen, 29/30<sup>th</sup> September in the early morning; Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the Members that she had now received notification from Royal Mail that the post box would be replaced within the next 6 weeks.

**5. 2013; 50, A494; Ruthin Road;** Members discussed issues with regard to speeding vehicles on the A494 and in particular in the area near to 4, Maes y Wern. Members had previously received an earnest request from Mr. J. D. Bond for help and assistance in resolving the problem of speeding vehicles following a severe road traffic accident outside his property whereby a car had crashed into his parked car. Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the Members that she had pursued the matter with NMWTRA and had met officers on site with the hope of coming to an amicable resolution. In the interim period Councillor Matthews related to the meeting that speed counters had been placed across the A494 by NMWTRA in order to gain traffic flow/speed information. Councillor Matthews related to the Members that she would keep everyone informed of the situation.

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that he had met with Mr. Bond following the previous Council meeting; Councillor Hughes had conducted an interview with him and the corresponding concerns had been published in the local newspapers.

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

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

**Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; Swan Lane; Ruthin Road; Cadole 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.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed Members that burglaries had taken place in the Maeshafn and Nercwys areas whereby garden sheds and garages had been broken into with the theft of an ATV, bicycles and tool kits. Members were requested to relate the information to the community.

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

**Cadole;** Councillor Vicky Hinstridge related to the Members the problems that were being caused by inconsiderate motorists illegally parking their vehicles on the grass verges in and around Cadole, Loggerheads and alongside the A494. Councillor Hinstridge stated as anticipated parking on the verges and pavements had again started to become an issue on the A494 between Cadole and Loggerheads, despite the yellow lines and signs. She related to the Members that over recent weekends, when the weather was reasonable, people were again parking their cars in the area in an inappropriate manner, Sunday the 19th January being particularly bad. On this occasion Councillor Hinstridge had telephoned N Wales Police to report the problem and her concerns (Incidence no. R008770). The issue of concern has always been the confusion as to who is responsible for parking enforcement and ticketing for parking on the pavement and verges. The problem is now to be pursued more vigorously by Denbighshire County, Flintshire County Council, North Wales Police and the NMWTRA.

**Ruthin Road;** Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that she had reported 2 loose manhole covers for resetting to Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru.

## **6. Planning Matters**

To receive feed back from the Flintshire County Council's Planning and Development Committee reference to the Cambrian Quarry planning application and responses to the Council's objections to the proposal.

**HJP/050695, Restoration of Cambrian Quarry, Gwernymynydd by the importation and recycling of inert materials, Town and Country Planning (Environmental Assessment) Regulations 1999.**

The Members welcomed to the meeting Mr. C. Bradshaw who had come along to discuss issues relating to the decision of Flintshire County Council to permit the proposal.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson opened the discussion by drawing reference to ASH's commitment to Community Liaison, to the Company's stated dedication to community funding and to the involvement of the Council to that respective Committee. Flintshire County Council had given permission for the development in the Quarry to proceed by a Planning Development Committee vote of 12 for and 8 against but now this Council needs to go forward and to ensure what is best for the community through the committed Cambrian Quarry Liaison Committee made up by representatives of the Council and local residents. Councillor Nancy Matthews suggested that the Cefn Mawr Quarry Liaison Committee would be a good exemplar; this was put to the Members and approved.

The proposed Liaison Committee will be:-

Councillors Keith Taylor, Kevin Hughes, one resident from Llys Enfys, one from Glyndwr Road (Mr. C. Bradshaw), representatives from the Bat Society, Geological Committee, Natural Resources Wales and the Local Member (Councillor Nancy Matthews)

Mr. C. Bradshaw addressed the Council expressing his extreme disappointment with Flintshire County Council and the fact that despite its intimate cooperation with this Council in the production of the Gwernymynydd Development Plan main elements were ignored in favour of ASH's Quarry's proposal. Mr. Bradshaw gave a brief overview of the Plan highlighting the specific areas ignored by Flintshire County Councillors. Mr. Bradshaw identified the traffic flow issues, the large number of lorry movements and the concerns of local residents with regard to access/egress into and out of the Glyndwr Road/A494 road junction and the Quarry itself.

Members thanked Mr. Bradshaw for coming to the meeting, for his support and also for his involvement in rallying local residents to object in numbers to the proposals laid out by the Company ASH.

The Members discussed the Gwernymynydd Development Plan further and concurred that the Plan was a series of views given by the community and not a legal document as such. However it does provide clear evidence of what Gwernymynydd sees as a definitive contribution towards the Flintshire Local Development Plan.

**LEJ/051694, Extension to existing dwelling located at Parc Arthur House, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.**

This application was received by the Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014, observations and comments are requested from the Planning Sub-Committee.

**LEJ/048850 Amended Plans; Erection of 18 in number of dwellings with associated roads, sewers and open spaces located on Land adjacent to Siglen Ucha, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.**

Councillor Nancy Matthews related to the Members that she had received letter from the Planning Inspectorate, Wales informing her that the Inspector who had undertaken the Siglen Ucha hearing was unable to complete his report due to illness. As a consequence of this situation a complete new hearing will be undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate, Wales in early March.

**7. 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 2014; 06.

To determine the Council's Precept and budgetary requirements for the Municipal Year 2014-15 based upon the Council Tax Base Band 'D' Equivalent Properties calculation of 556.13.

The Clerk recommended to the Council that a £14,000.00 Precept, in line with previous years' budget requirements and spending criteria, be accepted by the Members.

Following an explanation by the Clerk of the anticipated expenditure for the forthcoming Municipal Year, 2014-15, Councillors resolved to accept the proposal and agreed the £14,000.00 Precept. This amount for Gwernymynydd equates to a reduction in the Community Council's element of the total Council Tax by £0.29 as calculated for Band 'D' Equivalent Properties.

**8. Gwernymynydd Development Plan and Action Plan**

The Members agreed that the Development Plan should be reviewed in October 2014, the Plan to be kept as an Agenda Item and for Members to consider short term identified initiatives.

**9. Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Youth Council**

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the Youth Club would unfortunately remain closed there being no progress made with regard to finding a solution to the issues that resulted in the closure.

**10. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

Councillors John Homersley and Carl Jackson informed the Members that due to circumstances the Gwernfest organising Committee had unfortunately come to the decision to cancel the planned 2014 event. Consequently the cheque for £250, the donation given to the Committee by the Council was returned.

Councillors thanked the Gwernfest Committee for all the hard work that had been done and applauded the Committee for taking the drastic but brave decision to cancel the event before it had become too burdensome.

Councillor Kevin Hughes proposed to the Council that a 'village clean-up/litter pick' be organised, the event to involve all organisations within the village plus volunteers from the community. The planned 'clean-up/litter pick' would take place in the villages of Gwernymynydd and Cadole and would culminate at the Village Centre for a village party. The proposed date for the event would be Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

The proposal was put to the Members and was unanimously agreed.

Councillor Karen Jones provided an up date on the Gwernymynydd Pantomime; the dates to note for the performances are, February 27, 28 and Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**11. Reports**

**Outside Bodies**

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Councillor Nancy Matthews provided an update of information for the Members; they were advised of the scheduled improvements to the Centre in line with the requirements needed for access/egress for persons with a disability. The works at the Centre will commence within a few weeks.

Councillors Marjorie Thomson and Nancy Matthews reported to the Members the salient points of the meeting held to discuss the Review of Community Boundaries. With regard to Gwernymynydd there was no boundary change proposed.

**Sub-Committees**

BMX Cycle Track, Gwernymynydd, Councillor Marjorie Thomson informed the Members that she had now obtained the related costs from Treuddyn Community Council and the installation contractor reference to appropriate signage for users of the facility. Councillor Thomson provided details of the signs in use at Treuddyn.

Councillor Kevin Hughes agreed to adapt the wording of the proposed signs in line with the requirements of Gwernymynydd Community Council. Members agreed in principle to finance the respective signage at a figure of £500.

**12. Correspondence**

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

With respect to the following items:-

2. Flintshire County Council, information received regarding Match Funding Improvements to children's play areas. The Council resolved not to pursue any proposals for 2014-15.

3. Flintshire County Council, information received reference to the Summer Playscheme, 2013 and also 2014. Members expressed concern with regard to a possible cancellation of the 2014 scheme due to funding being withdrawn, however the Members agreed to maintain an amount in the Budget in order to jointly finance the scheme with Flintshire County Council should funding become available.

**13. Late Correspondence**

The following information was received by the Council:-

Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group, a letter of request for financial assistance, this was put to the Members and a grant of £250 was approved.

Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group, due to a clash of dates with the next meeting of the Community Council and the Thursday performance a request was submitted by the Group for the Council to reschedule its monthly meeting. Councillors considered the request and resolved to move the February meeting of the Council to **Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> February**.

One Voice Wales, notification of the Flintshire and Wrexham Area Committee meeting, to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.00 PM at AVOW, 21, Egerton Road, Wrexham.

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	379.56
	Postage	10.00
		<b><u>389.56</u></b>
Councillor Marjorie Thomson	Chairman's allowance	150.00
Mr. J. Seddon	Council's website fee	70.00
Deeco Lighting	Street light maintenance charge	276.67
Gwernymynydd Pantomime Group	Donation	250.00
CMS Ltd	Insertion of windows, Bus Shelter	400.00
Scottish Power	Street light energy charge	190.51
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