



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2014 at the Village Centre,
Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Keith Taylor (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Present

Kevin Hughes, Shirley Hughes, Anita Thomas, Vicky Hinstridge, John Homersley
and Carl Jackson.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received the resignation of
Councillor Robert Sheppard, consequently the set procedure for advertising for a
replacement Councillor will again be put into motion.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nancy Matthews, Karen Jones
and Marjorie Thomson.

2. To Approve the Minutes of the January Meeting

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

3. Vacancy for a Councillor on the Community Council

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received two applications to fill the vacancy
of Councillor to the Gwernymynydd Community Council. The two applicants were given to
be; Mr. Andrew Crabtree of 8, Minffordd Fields and Mrs. Janette Wynne-Jones of
The Cot, Cadole.

The Members fully discussed the two applications and by a vote they resolved to appoint
Mr. Andrew Crabtree to fill the vacant post of Councillor.

**Mr. Andrew Crabtree accepted the position of Councillor and signed the Declaration
of Acceptance of Office of Councillor.**

Councillor Crabtree then took up his position and participated in the Council meeting.

With reference to resignation of Councillor Robert Sheppard the Clerk again provided 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 would be the 20th March 2014, if no such applications were received then the Council could again fill the post by co-option.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. 2013; 45, Cadole; Members had previously been informed that the post box had been stolen, 29/30th September in the early morning; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge reported to the Members that residents in Cadole were still awaiting the arrival of the post box.

5. Police Matters and Area Reports

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

Members expressed their concerns in relation to Gwernymynydd about the lack of information and police reports provided by North Wales Police. The Clerk was requested to write to North Wales Police for an answer to this situation and to ask for regular reports relating to the community of Gwernymynydd.

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.

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

Cadole; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge had previously related to the Members the problems that were being caused by inconsiderate motorists illegally parking their vehicles on the grass verges in and around 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 and now the said problems involved Cadole Village as a 'knock-on' effect of the restricted parking. Also there were problems with vehicles speeding along the Village Road and at the Gwernaffield end of the Village the grassed triangular area was being churned up and rutted because of vehicles using this section as a turning point.

Councillor Hinstridge stated that she would monitor the above issues relating to North Wales Police and that she had arranged a site meeting with Mr. Neil Cockerton the Head of Assets and Transportation, Flintshire County Council to discuss the problems where Flintshire County Council has a responsibility.

Councillor Hinstridge informed Members of concerns of dog fouling in Cadole, to combat the issues and hopefully stem the nuisance she has been in contact with Mr. Richard Blake, Environmental Protection Officer, Flintshire County Council.

Ruthin Road; Members were informed that Councillor Carl Jackson had cleaned the seats in the Bus Shelters, Members thanked Councillor Jackson for undertaking the said work on a voluntary basis. **Swan Lane;** Members raised concerns about dog fouling, the Clerk was requested to discuss the matter with Flintshire County Council with the view to obtaining a dog litter bin at a suitable location in Swan Lane. **Minffordd Fields;** Councillor Andrew Crabtree raised the problem of car parking in the dedicated car park near the housing estate, unfortunately parking is on a first come basis without control.

6. Planning Matters

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

This application had been received by the Council on the 30th January 2014, observations and comments were requested from the Planning Sub-Committee at the Council meeting.

AGREED

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.

Members were informed that the Appeal to this application would be undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate, Wales on the 4th March in the Village Centre, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd. Councillor Kevin Hughes related to the Members that he would represent the Council at the Appeal; Councillor Hughes requested that all the available information relating to the Council's objection to the proposed development be forwarded to him in good time.

7. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for February the details of which can be found on page 2014; 10.

8. A494, Ruthin Road

Members again 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 had reported to the Members at the previous meeting that she had pursued the matter with NMWTRA and had met officers on site with the hope of coming to an amicable resolution. Also in the interim period Councillor Matthews had related to the Members that speed counters had been placed across the A494 by NMWTRA in order to gain traffic flow/speed information. To date it was reported that Councillor Matthews was awaiting the relevant information on the situation from NMWTRA.

Councillor Kevin Hughes proposed to the Members that the Council should approach the 'Arrive Alive' team with the view to monitoring/curbing speeding motorists along the A494 Gwernymynydd. This was put to the Council and agreed. The Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with North Wales Police.

9. 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.

10. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Members were reminded that the Gwernymynydd Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, would be taking place next week. There are still tickets available could Councillors please promote the event.

With reference to Councillor Kevin Hughes' proposed and agreed 'village clean-up/litter pick' the event to involve all organisations within the village plus volunteers from the community, Councillor Hughes informed Members that he had received positive financial responses from Allan Morris Transport and ASH Waste Services. Tesco had also been approached but to date it was still considering how to participate; Flintshire County Council will assist with relevant clean-up materials.

The planned 'clean-up/litter pick' a Community Day, will take place in the villages of Gwernymynydd and Cadole and will culminate at the Village Centre for a village party. The agreed date for the event will be Thursday the 17th April 2014 and volunteers from organisations in the village will be requested to help with catering for the village party.

11. Reports

Outside Bodies

There were no items for discussion.

Sub-Committees

Signage for the BMX Cycle Track, Members proposed to discuss the item at the next meeting of the Council.

As a reminder, 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 and 4 were received by the Council.

13. Late Correspondence

The following information was received by the Council:-

One Voice Wales, renewal notification for membership, this proposal was put to the Members and agreed.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 20th February 2014

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	367.70
	Postage	6.00
	Clerk's Allowance	54.50
		<u>428.20</u>
One Voice Wales	Annual Membership	135.00
		<u>563.20</u>