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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Marjorie. Thomson.

### **Councillors Present**

Karen Jones, Anita Thomas, Keith Taylor, Shirley Hughes, Vicky Hinstridge, Kevin Hughes, John Homersley, Andrew Crabtree and Carl Jackson.

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Nancy Matthews

#### **2. Election of Chairman, 2014/15**

Councillors Kevin Hughes and Keith Taylor were proposed and seconded for the post of Chairman of the Gwernymynydd Community Council. Following on from a show of hands Councillor Keith Taylor was elected Chairman.

Thanks were given by the Members to the retiring Chairman for all the good work done during her term of office. In response Councillor Marjorie Thomson thanked everyone for their kind words and for their support during the year.

#### **3. Election of Vice-Chairman, 2014/15**

Councillors Kevin Hughes and Carl Jackson were proposed and seconded for the post of Vice-Chairman of the Gwernymynydd Community Council. Following on from a show of hands which resulted in an even vote, the Chairman Councillor Keith Taylor used his casting vote in favour of Councillor Carl Jackson who was consequently elected Vice-Chairman.

#### **4. Co-option for the Vacant Seat on the Community Council**

The Clerk reported to the Members that the Council had received interest from two local residents for the vacant seat on the Community Council.

The Clerk was requested to invite the people concerned to the next meeting of the Council.

**5. Adoption of the Council's Existing Standing Orders & Financial Regulations**

The Members agreed to adopt the above Orders and Regulations without alteration.

**6. To Approve the Minutes of the April Meeting**

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

**7. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**5. 2014; 08, Swan Lane;** Previously, the Clerk had reported to the Members that he had been in contact with Flintshire County Council and that a 'dog litter' bin had been ordered, the Clerk informed the Members that Flintshire County Council are awaiting a delivery of the 'bins'. The Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with Streetscene Management.

**5. 2014; 18,** Councillor Carl Jackson had informed the Members that motor cyclists were using the footpaths and causing a nuisance in the sheltered housing area, Blaen Wern. Councillor Jackson reported that he had pursued the matter to completion and satisfaction.

**11. 2014; 20,** Councillor Kevin Hughes had related to the Members that interest had been shown by residents with regard to having allotments within the grounds of the Village Centre. Also, interest had been shown concerning a community garden at the Centre, an initiative to brighten up the outlook of a village amenity.

Members were informed that flowers had been purchased to fill the planters located at both 'ends' of the village (A494) and Councillor Keith Taylor had volunteered to cut back the now dead spring flowers.

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed everyone that the working group formed to investigate the popularity of such ventures for the Centre and the village would still pursue the previous agenda.

Signage for the BMX Cycle Track, the Clerk had been requested to pursue the matter with Palm Prints, Greenfield Business Park, he informed the Members that the cost quoted for the respective signage was £445. As stated previously Members had agreed in principle to finance the respective signage at a figure of £500. The Clerk was given to pursue the matter further had to obtain a proof of the sign for agreement by the Council.

**9. 2014; 19,** Councillor Nancy Matthews had raised the issue of the Gwernymynydd Development Plan complimenting the Flintshire County Council Local Development Plan; in this there was a need to establish the Village Envelope in order to outline permitted development which would be in sympathy with the outlook of the village. The Clerk reported that the 'Envelope Plan' had not been obtained for this meeting; he stated that he would pursue the issue with Flintshire County Council's Planning Department in order that discussions can take place to look at the situation and to agree a way forward with Flintshire County Council.

**10. 2014; 19** Councillor Shirley Hughes again informed the Members that preparation for the Summer Fayre was well in advance, the CP School and the Village Lunch Club working together towards a village event. Posters and leaflets were now ready for distribution and information about the event would be published in the village newsletter. The event is scheduled to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 at the Village Centre starting at 12 noon and running to about 3.00 in the afternoon.

With reference to the fund raising event in aid of Cancer Research, an afternoon tea, that took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the Village Centre between 2.30 and 4.00 PM, Members reported that the event had been well supported and funds raised were in the region of £1,000.

Councillor Shirley Hughes reported to the Members on the actions taken with regard to a red car abandoned/parked outside number 21 Godre'r Coed. The vehicle is not road worthy and has not moved for years but it has a road tax disc which on closer inspection refers to a different car registration number. The Police and the DVLA are now aware of this situation and are investigating further. The car itself has now been removed.

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

An apology for absence had been received from PCSO Chey Arrowsmith. In his absence PCSO had submitted a report to the Members which the Clerk had circulated via e-mail to everyone. For the Councillors who had been unable to receive the information the Clerk read out the report to the meeting.

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

**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;**

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

**Cadole;** Councillor K. Taylor reported that the proposed improvement to the triangular area and road junction located at the Cadole/Gwernaffield end of Village Road was still being pursued with Flintshire County Council. The proposal for match funding with the Cefn Mawr Quarry to improve lighting along Gwernaffield Road was given to be a positive response. The gullies had been cleared and jet washed by Flintshire County Council and that the improvement requested for the style along the footpath, near to Debra's Well was being looked at.

**Swan Lane;** Councillor Marjorie Thomson again reported her concerns with regard to speeding vehicles within the narrow lane.

## **9. Planning Matters**

With reference to the Planning Inspectorate's Report to the proposed development at Siglen Ucha, **LEJ/048850 The erection of 18 in number of dwellings with associated roads, sewers and open spaces located on Land adjacent to Siglen Ucha, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.**

The details of the decision taken, the appeal was dismissed; the Clerk provided for the Members copies of the Inspector's Report.

**Ref: APW/051349, the construction of a hardstanding area for the storage of agricultural machinery located at Bryn Ffynnon, Glyndwr Road, Gwernymynydd.**

**AGREED**

**Ref: 21/2014/0335, Change of use of Aberduna Quarry Offices/Associated Building to enable use by North Wales Wildlife Trust as offices, car park, public engagement and small scale sales.**

**AGREED**

**10. A494, Ruthin Road**

To discuss issues relating to speeding traffic, access/egress into/onto the trunk road and parking problems on the A494, Cadole/Loggerheads.

Members still expressed their concerns about speeding vehicles; however they reluctantly accepted the results given by the police, reference to the 'Go Safe' speed detection mobile.

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge informed the Members that vehicle parking in Cadole/Loggerheads was still causing a nuisance however it was noticeable that enforcement was taking place.

**11. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for May, the details of which can be found on page 2014; 27.

To receive and confirm the Council's Annual Accounts prior to submission and examination by the Council's Internal Auditor. The Clerk presented the said Accounts to the Council. The Members approved the Accounts which were duly signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk informed the Members that the Council's Accounts would now go forward to Mr. D. Griffiths the Council's Internal Auditor for assessment and verification.

Councillor Kevin Hughes proposed to the Members that the Council supports the initiative taken by Mrs Jepsom in fund raising for NWEDS in memory of her daughter Sarah Jepsom. The Council resolved to donate the sum of £50.

Councillor Kevin Hughes proposed to the Members that the Council supports the Llangollen International Music Festival. The Council resolved to donate the sum of £50.

Councillor Shirley Hughes thanked the Council for the financial support given to the Village Lunch Club/Gwernymynydd CP School initiative. The Members also thanked Councillor Kevin Hughes for the support given by his reports to the local media and for the photographs taken.

**12. Gwernymynydd Development Plan and Action Plan**

To consider the Village Envelope proposal and identified short term initiatives, the Members resolved to discuss this item at the next meeting.

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**13. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

Members were reminded of the planned village events and were requested to give them full support and to advertise them far and wide.

**14. Reports**

**Outside Bodies**

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Councillors Kevin Hughes and Anita Thomas provided an update of information for the Members.

The Clerk informed the Members that the next scheduled meeting of the Flintshire County Forum is on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 6.00 PM in the Council Chamber, Flint Town Council.

**Sub-Committees**

BMX Cycle Track, the issue of signage had been discussed in Matters Arising.

With reference to Member representation on both Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees Councillor Shirley Hughes requested that an update be provided for the Members.

The respective representation refers to; Aberduna Quarry Liaison Committee, Cefn Mawr Quarry Liaison Committee, One Voice Wales, Gwernymynydd Village Centre Management Committee, Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Council, Council's Website, Planning Sub-Committee and Play Areas.

**15. Correspondence**

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

With reference to Item 2; a letter received from Gwernymynydd CP School regarding an appointment of Community Governor to succeed retiring School Governor, Mr. Elwyn Owens. Councillors Shirley Hughes and Carl Jackson were proposed and seconded for the position and following a show of hands giving a tied result the Chairman used his casting vote to give Councillor Carl Jackson the nomination. The Clerk was requested to respond to the Headteacher, Gwernymynydd CP School informing her that Councillor Jackson was the appointed Community Governor.

**16. Late Correspondence**

The following information was received by the Council:-

Membership Certificate, FLVC; Flintshire County Council, an invitation received for the Council's Chairman to attend the Civic Service, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Hawarden; Member information promoting the work of Flintshire Refurbs.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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| T M Richardson                             | Clerk's Salary                   | 379.56                 |
|  | Postage                          | 14.00                  |
|  | Clerk's Allowance                | 54.50                  |
|  |                                  | <b><u>448.06</u></b>   |
| Gwernymynydd Village Centre                | Support grant                    | 2,000.00               |
| Gwernymynydd CP School                     | School support grant             | 600.00                 |
| Councillor Anita Thomas                    | Village litter pick, Easter Eggs | 71.09                  |
| Gwyn Jones                                 | Flowers for the village planters | 26.00                  |
| Custom Cakes                               | Village litter pick refreshments | 190.00                 |
| NWEDS                                      | Sarah Jepsom, fund raising       | 50.00                  |
| Llangollen International Music<br>Festival | Donation                         | 50.00                  |
| Village Centre                             | Hire for Events                  | 110.00                 |
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