



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2015 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Keith Taylor

Councillors Present

Carl Jackson, Frances Rosedale, Karen Jones, Marjorie Thomson, Heidi Jackson
John Homersley and Nancy Matthews.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anita Thomas,
Vicky Hinstridge, Kevin Hughes and Shirley Hughes

2. To Approve the Minutes of the March Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. 2015; 12, County Forum, 26th February. Councillor Marjorie Thomson
requested an update on the proceedings of the Forum. Councillors provided for
Councillor Thomson the main points discussed. Councillor Nancy Matthews
outlined for the Members additional information regarding proposed alterations to
Council Tax payments.

6. 2015; 13. Swan Lane; Previously Councillors had reported to the meeting that the
requested Dog Litter Bin had been sited in the wrong location, the Bin had then been
removed as requested by the Council and was now awaiting replacement.
Councillor John Homersley reported to the Members that he had discussed the
matter with Mr. Fraser Roberts of Flintshire County Council and an agreement had
been reached regarding the Dog Litter Bin's location.

4. Gwernymynydd CP School, Governors Report to the Council

The Clerk provided for the Members Councillor Kevin Hughes' report; regarding the
School's Governing body. 'Councillor Hughes has attended one full meeting and a
second discussion group which raised concerns about promoting and marketing the
School. Also, Councillor Hughes stated in his report that shortly he will be
undertaking Governor Training.'

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Councillor Matthews again outlined the issue of a lack of signage identifying the location of the School, the Members in response agreed with her statement.

5. Police Matters and Area Reports

There was no Police presence at the Council Meeting.

Gwernymynydd and Cadole; Police Area Reports.

Cadole; Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; Swan Lane; Ruthin Road and Tros y Wern. In these areas there were no items for discussion.

Llys Enfys and Blaen Wern; as previously stated indiscriminate vehicle parking was still causing a nuisance.

Member Area Reports;

Minffordd Fields; Llys Enfys and Swan Lane in these areas there were no items to report for discussion.

Cadole. Previously Councillors had reported a streetlight for attention, located on the A494 near to the Cadole shop. Flintshire County Council, acting as contractor to NMWTRA stated that the light's brightness could not be lowered but a shield would be fitted in order to reduce nuisance to the nearby householder, to date this issue was still outstanding. Councillor Vicky Hinstridge had reported to the Clerk that residents in Cadole would like to pursue the production/construction of a play area for the children living in the village. Residents had reported to Councillor Hinstridge that the Cefn Mawr Quarry Management were in favour of donating an area of lane for the venture but they were looking towards the Council for help and guidance on the project. Members discussed the issue and agreed to put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting. **Ruthin Road.** Councillor Keith Taylor informed the Members that one of the previously reported street lights was still not working; the identified number was given as 27, the Clerk was requested to inform Flintshire County Council about the complaint. With reference to a streetlight located near to the Swan Inn Councillor Karen Jones reported to the Members that similarly to the light in Cadole this one was also causing a nuisance with its brightness; the Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with Flintshire County Council. **Glyndwr Road.** Members reported that a streetlight near to the Rainbow Garage had been hit by a lorry, the light was awaiting repair. **Tros y Wern.** Councillor Kevin Hughes in his report to the Members raised his concern regarding broken glass in the children's play area, in response Councillor Nancy Matthews had also looked into this complaint and had contacted Flintshire County Council with regard to cleaning up the play area. Councillor Hughes brought to the attention of the Members a complaint he had received concerning nesting crows and the nuisance caused by the birds. The Members discussed the matter and were of the opinion that the nesting area and associated nuisance was an issue for the respective landowner.

Blaen Wern. Councillors Carl Jackson and Karen Jones raised their concerns regarding dog litter on the pavements and irresponsible dog owners. Members were requested to 'look out' for such offenders in order that they may be reported to Flintshire County Council.

Members reported that there had been a change in the waste collection service for the village and that very little information had been imparted to the residents. Councillor Nancy Matthews stated that she would pursue the matter ASAP with Flintshire County Council.

With reference to the proposed extended permissive path, Cadole to the Pant y Buarth crossroad, Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the Members that very little action had taken place, however she was glad to inform everyone that the Gwernaffield Community Council fully supported the proposal. Regarding Debra's Well, Cadole, Councillor Matthews informed the Members that she had reported the issues of concern for remedial action.

6. Planning Matters

Ref: APW/053480, Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission; Ref: 048946, to allow a further time period for submission of reserved matters located at Smith's Haulage Yard, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.

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Ref: 053325, Outline planning permission for the erection of 10 dwellings located at Siglen Uchaf, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that there had been no progress made to date on the application

Ref: LEJ/053332, Erection of 1 Number dwelling located on land adjacent to Siglen Ucha, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd, Mold, CH7 5LG. The Clerk reported to the Members that he had received notification that the application may go to the Planning and Development Committee, if this arises then a Councillor(s) would be needed to outline the Council's objections to the application. Members would be sought to represent the Council as required.

7. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for April, the details of which can be found on page 2015; 23.

With reference to the Council's Insurance the Clerk informed the Members that he was pursuing quotations from the existing insurers (Zurich Municipal) and AON. To date the Zurich Municipal quotation was the more favourable.

As stated the Clerk informed the Members that he had received notification from the Wales Audit Office regarding the Annual Audit Submission for the year ending, 31st March 2015. This matter will be pursued and the Council kept informed.

8. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Councillors related that the Village Spring Clean had been a success with the Community coming together to litter pick throughout the village Councillors Nancy Matthews and Kevin Hughes (via his written report to the Clerk) thanked everyone involved in the venture with special thanks being given to the caterers on the day.

Councillor Kevin Hughes in his report to the Members related a forthcoming event, 'an Auction of Promises' to be held at the Plas Hafod Hotel on the 22nd May. This is in memory of Sarah Jepson who died so tragically and the funds raised would be donated to the North Wales Emergency Doctors Service. A request for support for the event was given by Councillor Hughes.

With reference to future planned events Councillor Karen Jones outlined a proposal for a community charity walk, with possible sponsorship and run and organised by the Council. The Members discussed the proposal in full and agreed to investigate the matter further at the next meeting where suggestions could be submitted for consideration.

9. Reports

Outside Bodies

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, an update of information was provided for the Members. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members of the progress being made with reference to Asset Transfer and negotiation with Flintshire County Council over a lease agreement and control of the Centre and its associated land area.

In his report to the Members, Councillor Kevin Hughes requested that the Council looks into the previous proposal of involving the CP School in the Village's Remembrance Service at an early stage. After discussing Councillor Hughes request the Members determined that the Remembrance Service would be an Agenda item on the Council's July meeting. With reference to the recently held Village Centre AGM, Councillor Hughes requested the Council to consider as an Agenda item on a future meeting, financial support for events that include the use of the Village Centre's facilities. This proposal was put to the Members who agreed to Councillor Hughes' request. With respect to the Village Newsletter Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that its new format was a success with many compliments being received. However Councillor Hughes also outlined his concern regarding the need for more Advertising to supplement the financial needs of the Newsletter.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson related to the Members the main items discussed at the recently held One Voice Wales meeting, a Review of Local Government Reform. Councillor Thomson outlined Welsh Government's intent to reduce the number of Unitary Authorities to a more workable number coupled with the proposal to transfer some existing services to Town/Community Councils. Councillor Thomson related that Council elections could match the 5-year cycle of the National Assembly for ease of simplicity and electorate understanding. Councillor Thomson also informed the Members that compulsory training for all elected Councillors was being considered along with a proposal to limit the length of elected service to 12 years. Councillor Thomson informed the Members that Welsh Government was considering a proposal to invest resources into One Voice Wales as the representative body for Town/Community Councils in order that it may be in a position to support the process of the Review.

Sub-Committees

There were no items for discussion.

10. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

11. **Late Correspondence**

The Clerk reported to the Members on the following received item:-

Ombudsman, information received regarding revised guidance on the Code of Conduct. No hard copies have been produced but the guidance can be downloaded from the website, www.ombudsman-wales.org.uk.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 30th April 2015

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	379.56
	Postage	10.50
		<u>390.06</u>
Councillor Nancy Matthews	Spring Clean Banner	27.00
Councillor Kevin Hughes	Village Spring Clean, Easter Eggs	63.00
Deeco Lighting	Street light maintenance	283.58
Scottish Power	Street light energy charge	186.35
		<u>949.99</u>