



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Vicky Hinstridge

Councillors Present

Frances Rosedale Heidi Jackson, Keith Taylor, Karen Jones, Kevin Hughes and John Homersley

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Shirley Hughes, Marjorie Thomson and Carl Jackson.

In Attendance

Councillor Nancy Matthews and Andrew Lightfoot (Streetscene Co-ordinator)

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. J. Bond who had come along to the Council meeting to outline his concerns with regard to speeding traffic along the A494, Ruthin Road and to aggregate spillage arising from lorries traveling quickly down the Gwernymynydd hill. Mr. Bond also described an incident that had occurred recently whereby a car had failed to stop at the pelican crossing nearly hitting two elderly persons attempting to cross the A494. Mr. Bond referred back to his previous visit to a Council meeting and again requested the assistance of the Council in gaining a speed restriction on the A494 and also control of speeding vehicles.

Councillors emphasised that all such incidents involving traffic along the A494 need to be logged with the police in order to provide a background history that can be taken forward to NMWTRA (Trunk Road Agency) to obtain means of curbing the speed of vehicles.

Andrew Lightfoot requested information relating to approximate times of the incidents in order for him to take the reports forward to the Go-Safe Team for them to investigate and action accordingly. He also stated that he would contact NMWTRA with the information for the respective officers to consider and action.

Councillors thanked Mr. Bond for coming along to the Council meeting and for providing the relevant information.

Andrew Lightfoot proceeded to provide Councillors with his update report; there being no feedback at the present from the Housing Department of Flintshire County Council with regard to the paved area at Heol y Wern and the surface water gullies and kerbs in the area were scheduled for repair works. Arrangements have been made with ASH Waste Services for a more frequent sweeping of the A494 utilising Flintshire County Council's Johnson Sweeper under hire.

Andrew Lightfoot explained the issues regarding traffic calming measures along Cadole Village Road; the set standards for such proposals do not meet the criteria for road safety. Councillor Vicky Hinstridge emphasised the statement that the T-Junction, Village Road/Cadole Road should be a priority as the improvement would result in having a traffic calming effect. Councillor Hinstridge reported a pot hole requiring attention, this being located at the corner of Cadole Road. With regard to the newly installed Cadole Village signs Councillor Keith Taylor reported that he had received complaints stating that one sign had been placed in too high a position; could this be lowered?

Councillor Heidi Jackson reported that trees/bushes had been cut or damaged along Swan Lane, Councillor Nancy Matthews reported similar damage along Glyndwr Road and as such questions were posed to Mr. Lightfoot. In his response he stated that Flintshire County Council were not responsible but he would investigate the 2 complaints.

Councillors thanked Andrew Lightfoot for coming along to the Council meeting and for his valuable input and response to the complaints given to him.

2. **The Clerk to inform the Members of the procedures to be followed to fill the vacancy of Councillor**

The Clerk explained to the Members the procedures that had been followed.

3. **To Appoint a Councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Sarah Cromey-Jones**

The Clerk reported to the Members that he had received an application from Jacqueline Jepson, her respective letter having been distributed for consideration to all Members.

All Members approved her selection as Councillor and as such she was invited to attend the meeting of the Council. The Clerk informed the Members that unfortunately Jacqueline was away at the time but she had accepted the position of Councillor and would be available for the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 25th October 2016.

4 **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.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

6.2016; 44DJM/055302; Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the swap out and relocation of the existing 10m high monopole for a 12.5m located at Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided for the Members an update with regard to the planning application.

11.2016; 45 To discuss means of placing Council and Village news in the local newspapers; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge informed the Members that she had tried to contact the Chester Chronicle but had little success. Councillor Kevin Hughes offered his assistance with this matter and hopefully the issue can progress.

10. 2016; 45 Gwernymynydd Community Council's Action Plan, 2016/17; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge informed the Members that Mr. Chris Bradshaw was willing to come along to a meeting of the Council to discuss issues around updating the Gwernymynydd Development Plan.

6. Gwernymynydd CP School, Governors Report to the Council

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that inspection of the school had been completed and that the result given in August showed the school to be very good with no additional advice needed from the Inspectors.

Councillor Hughes related to the Members that school activities had taken place at the Colomendy Centre with great success, Councillor Hughes also informed the Members that he had taken many photographs of the events and that these would be available at the school. With regard to promoting the school Councillor Hughes proposed to the Members that the school's success in the recent inspection should be advertised within the village, to this Councillor Hughes suggested a banner be displayed at the entrance to the Village Centre. This was put to the Members and agreed unanimously.

Councillor Hughes again stated that the Governors' continue to promote the school through the local media and the Village Newsletter in efforts to increase pupil numbers.

7 Police Matters and Member Reports

There was no police presence at the Council meeting and no police report given to the Clerk for the members to consider and discuss. The Members raised their concerns with this issue and requested the Clerk to pursue the matter further.

1. Gwernymynydd and Cadole; Police Area Reports.

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

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

Member Area Reports.

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

Swan Lane; Councillor John Homersley reported to the Members that overhanging trees/bushes were still causing a nuisance, the Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with Flintshire County Council, Streetscene. Councillor Heidi Jackson informed the Members that vehicles parked opposite to the Swan Lane junction were causing a traffic hazard, this matter to be reported to the police. **Tros y Wern** Councillor Kevin Hughes again informed the Members that crows congregating in the nearby trees were causing a substantial nuisance to residents.

Cadole, Councillor Keith Taylor related his concerns to the Members with regard to the Cadole Permissive Pathway and to a lack of kissing gates/safety gates. To this Councillor Vicky Hinstridge informed the Members that she would delicately pursue this issue with the Cefn Mawr Quarry Management at the next Liaison Meeting.

8. Planning Matters

SCB/DS/055587; notification to fell 1 ash tree within the Cadole Conservation Area located at 1, Leete Mews, Village Road, Cadole.

JZP/055908; erection of an extension to the side of a dwelling located at Top Farm, Hafod Road, Gwernymynydd.

The Planning Sub-Committee raised no objections to the applications and recommended approval to the Council. This action was agreed by the Members.

By e-mail, Planning Weekly List, reference to decisions taken by the Planning authority.

9. 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 2016; 54.

The Clerk reported to the Members the result of the 2016-18 National Salary Award, the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had reached agreement on new pay scales 2016-17 and recommended that they be implemented as soon as possible and back dated to the 1st April 2016. The Clerk presented the figures to the Members who unanimously agreed to the said salary award.

The Clerk related to the Members the contents of the report issued by the External Auditor BDO LLP. The Auditor raised minor issues, comments on the budgetary process, minuting approval, certificate of documents for audit and minuting of the annual return. All the items outlined were discussed in detail and the Council resolved to accept the criticism and to take heed of the submitted comments. The Clerk was requested to adhere to the recommendations given by BDO LLP.

The Members approved and accepted the report issued by the External Auditor.

The Members wished to raise the profile of the Village Centre and to this they discussed a proposal to have a banner on clear display stating that the Centre was now under the complete control of the Centre Management Committee and as such the village itself. Members approved the finance of obtaining such a banner.

10. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Action Plan, 2016/17

With reference to the Gwernymynydd Community Council's Development Plan Councillor Shirley Hughes had provided for the Members a work sheet outlining the individual areas that now needs to be reviewed in order to give an Action Plan for the Council to pursue. Title headings include Social and Community Development, Transport and Roads, The Environment and Housing and Land Development. Councillor Hughes had identified parts in the Council's Development Plan that need to be updated, e.g. information relating to individual Councillors and a need to keep the Council's website accurate.

The Members agreed with the points outlined in the document and resolved to address the issues outlined section by section to provide the Council's Action Plan.

Due to the absence of Councillor Shirley Hughes the Members resolved to continue the Action Plan at the next meeting of the Council. Members will still pursue the said sections in order to provide the Council's Action Plan. In addition to this the Members had agreed to form a Sub-Committee in order to progress the issues and to hopefully regain interest from the local community. Councillors Heidi Jackson, Frances Rosedale and Vicky Hinstridge agreed to initiate the Sub-Committee.

11. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge related to the Members the success of the 'Bike Marking and Family Activity Day', the police marked over 40 bikes and everyone present had a truly wonderful day.

Councillor Hinstridge informed the Members of the success of the girls' only bike ride, the family buggy walk, kidz fit multisport taster sessions, bike and BMX skills advice and the refreshments made available by Fodder Field mobile catering. Donations received on the day were £11.10, this amount to be given to a nominated charity. The Members requested the Clerk to write letters of thanks to the lead organisations for giving up their time to come along to this village event and making it such a success.

Councillor John Homersley informed the Members of the success of the recently held car boot sale; another is planned for the future and Councillor Homersley stated that again that it will be widely advertised and hopefully well supported.

Councillor Nancy Matthews related to everyone that there would be coffee afternoon on Friday the 30th September 2016 at the Village Centre, all proceeds to go to the Macmillan Nurses organisation.

Members were requested to consider what the Council can do for the village this coming Xmas, a plea for ideas was put to the Councillors.

12. Remembrance Sunday 2016

Members discussed the format of the Service and also to related problems that had occurred in previous years. With regard to the use of a PA System Councillor John Homersley informed the Members that he would approach Mr. Barry Makin for assistance in the matter and that he would also provide a gazebo for shelter. Members outlined their concerns regarding traffic noise and resolved to shield the Service from the road by means of a suitable sheet.

Councillor Keith Taylor confirmed that he had contacted the Church with regard to the Rev. Mary Brotherston conducting the service and also he had made moves to obtain the Council's wreath. Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would contact the School's Headteacher Louise Williams with regard to what part the schoolchildren could play in the Service.

With reference to who would lay the Council's wreath at the Memorial the Members had agreed that in memory of former Councillor and Chairman Elwyn Owens, his widow, Jane Owens be approached to act on behalf of the Council. The Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with Jane Owens and that she had agreed to lay the Council's wreath, the details of the order of service was required to be given to Jane.

13. Reports

Outside Bodies

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, an update of usage information was provided for the Members.

Councillors Kevin Hughes and Keith Taylor reported to the Members on the recently held Cambrian Quarry Liaison Meeting; the few related complaints had been resolved and the recently provided notice board was being used to full effect to relay information to residents. The Quarry Management informed the Liaison Meeting that due to a change in material arriving at the quarry the company's crusher unit was not being used as frequently as previous and also that a tree planting project will be initiated shortly, this comprising of approximately 350 native trees.

The Members concurred that the company ASH Waste Services was working well in collaboration with the Council and the community and as such needs to be congratulated. The next Liaison Meeting is scheduled for the 23rd March 2017.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

14. Correspondence

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

With reference to the invitation from Theatre Clwyd to Town and Community Councils to send a representative to its 40 years celebration, Councillor Kevin Hughes provided a full report to the Members.

15. Late Correspondence

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

South Flintshire Police Consultative Meeting, Tuesday the 6th December 2016 at the Mold Town Hall, 6.00 to 7.30 PM; The Urdd Gobaith Cymru Bryn Terfel Scholarship, 2016

By e-mail; information received from Andrew Lightfoot relating to Cadole; Stakeholder Reference Group, Betsi Cadwaladre; EOI windows for RDP Wales Schemes

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 29th September 2016

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	391.81
	Postage	10.10
	Back pay to April 2016	61.25
		<u>463.16</u>
T M Richardson	Microsoft Office, Council's computer	79.99
FLVC	Council's Printing	20.16
Deeco Lighting	Streetlight maintenance (x2)	578.50
Gwernymynydd Village Centre	Hire charge for the Family Day	55.00
		<u>1,196.81</u>