



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2017 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Vicky Hinstridge

Councillors Present

Frances Rosedale, Keith Taylor, Jacqueline Jepson, Kevin Hughes and Carl Jackson

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Karen Jones John Homersley, Heidi Jackson and Marjorie Thomson

In Attendance

Councillor Nancy Matthews and Mr. Andrew Lightfoot, Flintshire County Council, Streetscene.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. Andrew Lightfoot who proceeded to respond to the many complaints he had received from Councillors and members of the public in relation to the poor condition of the A494, Ruthin Road and its associated pavements. Mr. Lightfoot stated that he had been in contact on a regular basis with the Trunk Road Agency regarding the received complaints and its responsibility. With reference to Flintshire County Council Mr. Lightfoot added that Streetscene employed a 6-week working cycle for sweeping but he was hopeful that this may be reduced due to the circumstances at this moment in time. Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the meeting that she had been in contact with ASH Waste Services, Cambrian Quarry about the complaints and the company had responded positively by addressing problems with the internal haul roads and the wheel washes. With respect to the Rainbow housing development Mr. Lightfoot stated that he had been in contact with the builder and raised his concerns regarding soil/mud carry over onto the A494, Ruthin Road. Concerning complaints from members of the public about the soil/mud on the road and pavements Mr. Lightfoot requested that a log, time/date, be kept and reported in order that remedial action may be taken to resolve the problems.

Councillor Keith Taylor related to the meeting that he had been approached by a member of the public who was willing to provide a road sweeper free of charge from his respective company in order to help resolve the reported problems on the A494, Ruthin Road. The Councillors were appreciative of the offer and Mr. Lightfoot stated that he would pursue the matter with the Trunk Road Agency.

It was reported that some streetlights on the A494, Ruthin Road were still out, however Mr. Lightfoot stated that Flintshire County Council were aware of the problems and were pursuing the matter.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that Flintshire County Council's Minerals and Waste Department had responded to Mr. Bond's complaints, outlined in previous Council Minutes, and that the respective Officers were pursuing the matter.

With regard to dog fouling and associated literature and 'dog bins' Mr. Lightfoot outlined to the Members the up to date situation and that he hoped to have the bins available for siting in suitable locations in the near future.

The Chairman and fellow Councillors thanked Andrew Lightfoot for coming along to the Council meeting and for being so helpful and informative.

2 Co-option of a new Councillor

The Clerk reported to the Members that he had not received any applications nor any enquiries regarding the vacancy for a Councillor. This vacancy will therefore be kept open pending such a time that someone may be interested in filling the post.

3 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.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

2017; 01, Councillor Keith Taylor had previously informed the Members that the North Wales Wildlife Trust would be taking over the Visitors' Centre at the former Aberduna Quarry in the near future and that Mr. Andrew Lloyd Jones would like to come along to a Council meeting to outline the work the Trust will be undertaking at the former Quarry. Councillor Taylor related to the Members that following discussions with Mr. Lloyd Jones he confirmed his availability for attendance at the March meeting. Councillor Taylor also raised the complaint of the blocked gutters/drains in the Llys Enfys area, he stated that the area needs to be brushed and cleared.

Members reported that the recent Gwernymynydd Pantomime had been a great success and that the show had been a sell out every night. The Members congratulated the Group, actors, helpers and organisers, for the excellent work undertaken. With regard to the Pantomime the Clerk was requested to write to the Group thanking them all for the first class production.

5. Gwernymynydd CP School, Governors Report to the Council

Councillor Kevin Hughes reported to the Members that the school's Headteacher, Mrs Louise Williams had sent a letter out to all the parents informing them that she would be leaving the school in July 2017 to take up a post at a bigger school in Overton.

Councillor Hughes stated that Louise had been a really good and efficient Headteacher in the time she had been at the school and that the Governors would be sorry to see her leave. The Members concurred with Councillor Hughes' opinions and as such they requested the Clerk to write to Louise congratulating her on her new post.

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that he had been nominated to be Vice-Chairman of the Governors, a role he was willing to accept.

Councillor Hughes provided an update of what was happening at the school, pupil numbers were creeping up and this again was seen as a positive step towards being renowned as an excellent school which was greatly appreciated by the community. Councillor Hughes informed the Members that the school would be celebrating World Book Day and that there would be a coffee morning in the school during the week. Also Councillor Hughes stated that he had spoken with the Deputy Headteacher with reference to entering the Flintshire County Council's Best Communities Competition, the theme being 'the growing of vegetables for the local community'.

Councillor Kevin 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.

6 Police Matters and Member Reports

There was no Police presence at the meeting and no submitted report at that time. However, the Clerk informed the Members that he had received a late Police report from PCSO Chey Arrowsmith (a day after the Council meeting). PCSO Arrowsmith stated in the said report that there were 2 incidents to note; 1. A suspicious vehicle with 4/5 occupants and towing a trailer was observed in the locality; 2. Storm Doris had wreaked havoc in the area with trees, hedgerows, fences and powerlines being affected.

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.

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

Ruthin Road, Councillors reported a series of streetlights for attention along the A494; also concerns were raised with regard to the filthy/dirty condition of the pavements within the village. Councillor Nancy Matthews in her reply to the Members reported that the sweeping schedule was on a 6-week cycle and was due in the village shortly, this being confirmed during the discussions previously noted with Mr. Andrew Lightfoot, Flintshire County Council, Streetscene; **Llys Enfys,** Councillor Keith Taylor again related to the Members that the storm drains near to the former Rainbow Inn were blocked with fallen leaves, in reply to this complaint Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that work to clear the debris was scheduled to be undertaken shortly;

7. Planning Matters

Ref: BMK/056527, Extension and re-modelling of existing dwelling located at Bod Arthur, Ruthin Road, Cadole.

Councillors present at the meeting submitted their comments/observations about this planning application and resolved to accept the opinions of the Planning Sub-Committee when all the said Members were able to look at the application.

The Members submitted the following comments to Flintshire County Council.

The above planning application which was discussed by Councillors at the recent Planning Sub-Committee meeting and in full Council; the Council raised no objection in principle to the proposal, however Members did outline their concerns with regard to a shared access to the property and to the access during the construction/modification stages.

Those stated concerns relate to vehicle movements at the property. The Community Council and residents in the village of Cadole wish you to take into consideration the points raised by the Councillors.

DJM/056287, Swap out and relocation of the existing 10m high monopole for a 12m high alpha monopole, installation of 3 equipment cabinets and associated development located at land opposite to Fair Haven, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.

Councillors Kevin Hughes and Nancy Matthews reported to the Members the outcome of the recently held meeting of the Planning and Development Control Committee, Flintshire County Council. The above application was discussed and the objections raised by Gwernymynydd Community Council were heard, unfortunately the said application was approved by the Committee.

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

8. 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 2017; 13.

The Clerk informed the Members that the Council had now been accepted into the Clwyd Pension Scheme and that the Clerk was recognised as the Council's Responsible Officer for contact.

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

The Members resolved to discuss the Action Plan in more detail at future meetings of the Council following the Town/Community Council elections on the 4th May 2017.

With reference to dog fouling within the village, although requests to dog owners to pick up and bag the faeces is repeatedly made in the Village Newsletter fouling of the pavements and verges still continues to be a nuisance. The Members resolved to action the printing of flyers and their distribution throughout the village in order to ask residents to be vigilant and to report inconsiderate dog owners to Flintshire County Council's Enforcement Team and to request considerate dog owners to continue 'poop scooping'.

10. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Councillor Kevin Hughes raised the issue of organising the annual village litter pick, Members were in full agreement with the initiative and resolved to hold the event on Maunday Thursday, the 13th April 2017. As in previous years sponsors will be sought to help finance the litter pick in order to provide Easter Eggs for the children taking part and also to have refreshments available at the end of the event.

Councillors put their names forward to help organise the event.

Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that another Car Boot Sale will be taking place in the near future, the sale to be held in the car park of the Village Centre.

11. Reports

Outside Bodies

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

Councillors Frances Rosedale and Heidi Jackson put their names forward to attend the forthcoming County Forum which will take place on the 28th February 2017 in the Mold Town Hall starting at 6.30 pm.

Councillor Vicky Hintridge informed the Members that she had met with Jason Parry from the Cefn Mawr Quarry Management Team, the discussions that took place concerned a request from the Quarry to the Council for the company to get more involved with the local community. Various items were outlined, e.g. the lowering of the speed limit on Cadole Road and also improvements to street lighting along sections of the road.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

12. Correspondence

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

With reference to Flintshire County Council's Best Kept Communities Competition 2017 Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that on behalf of the Council he would again be looking into entering the competition, Councillor Hughes to keep the Members informed in due course.

13. Late Correspondence

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

1. One Voice Wales, notification of the Flintshire/Wrexham Area AGM;
2. By e-mail, Review of Older People's Mental Health Care; One Voice Wales/SLCC joint event to take place at St. David's Hotel, Ewloe on the 12th July 2017; Communities First; County Forum, Agenda and Minutes; One Voice Wales, February Edition.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 27th February 2017

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	391.81
	Postage	10.10
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
		<u>458.31</u>
One Voice Wales	Annual subscription	148.00
Welsh Audit Office	Audit charge	234.90
Gwernymynydd Village Centre	Hire charge	50.00
Councillor Vicky Hinstridge	Chairman's allowance	150.00
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	115.39
		<u>1,156.60</u>