



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Vicky Hinstridge

## **Councillors Present**

John Homersley, Nancy Matthews, Frances Rosedale, June Perrin, Carl Jackson and Luisa Citra

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

Councillors, Chris Bradshaw, Michael Meadway Vicki Shinks and Marjorie Thomson

## **In Attendance**

On this occasion Councillor Kevin Hughes gave his apologies for absence to the Council.

### **2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor**

Councillor Vicki Shinks had sent her apologies for none attendance at the meeting to the Members, therefore Councillor Shinks was unable to sign the Declaration of Office of Councillor, this will be undertaken at the next Council meeting.

### **3. Members Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest**

The Clerk outlined to the Members their responsibility to declare any such interests that they may have with regard to discussion items and any actions determined that may influence decisions taken on Agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest given by Councillors for this meeting.

### **4. 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.

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

6; 2019, 02, with regard to defibrillators and first responders within the community Councillor Vicky Hinstridge suggested to the Members that an invite be put forward to Jacqueline Jepson to attend a monthly coffee morning in order to outline and explain the forthcoming training sessions to all present, this was put to the Members and agreed. In addition to this proposal Councillor June Perrin provided for the Members information relating to the amount of donations obtained so far by the coffee morning initiative, the moneys gained would go towards the purchase of a mannequin for the defibrillator training sessions.

6. **Defibrillators and First Responders within the community**

Previously in her capacity as a Councillor, Jacqueline Jepson had outlined to the Members the slow progress of the training process due to insurance issues, these had now been resolved and following specific training and acceptance of the guidelines Jacqueline Jepson would be nominated as the Community Awareness Trainer. This will continue with the Trust providing advertising materials, banners etc. With respect to resuscitiannies (mannequins used for resuscitating training purposes) the Clerk informed the Members that he had received the awaited invoice and that this had been paid but the Council was still awaiting delivery of the equipment.

With respect to the advertising of the training sessions Councillor June Perrin stated that the information would continue to be given out at the scheduled monthly coffee mornings and Councillors agreed that the Gwernymynydd/Cadole Facebook site would also continue to be used as a vehicle to promote the endeavour. Members were informed that the first training session would be held on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Centre.

7. **Federated CP Schools (Gwernymynydd and Gwernaffield), Governors Report to the Council**

Councillor Nancy Matthews on behalf of Councillor Kevin Hughes reported to the Members that all was going well with the newly formed School Federation, previous staffing issues had now been resolved amicably and issues involving the after-school club had been resolved and everything was now working well.

Councillor Nancy Matthews reminded the Members that there would be a 'Quiz Night' to be held in the Plas Hafod Hotel on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February with prizes donated by ASH Waste Services, everyone would be welcome to this fund-raising event and it is hoped that it will be well supported by the community.

8. **Gwernymynydd Community Council's Website**

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge up dated the Members on the progress of the Website and related that Councillors would be welcome to add information to the site via Councillor Vicki Shinks. The Members agreed that a meeting of all interested parties would be of benefit to ensure that the Website had all the necessary information to display to the communities of Gwernymynydd and Cadole. A suitable date and time for the meeting would be arranged in the near future. Councillor Hinstridge informed the Members that the 'old website' will be closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> March thus avoiding any confusion to users trying to access the website.

9. **Local Democracy and Boundary Commission, the Review of Electoral Arrangements**

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received no further information on the proposals put forward by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission. Should additional information come forward to the Council the Clerk stated that he would inform Members accordingly.

10 **Police Matters and Member Reports**

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received an apology for absence from PCSO Emma Owen , the Clerk also reminded everyone that PCSO 2932 Emma Owen's, contact e-mail was; [Emma.Owen@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Emma.Owen@nthwales.pnn.police.uk).

As stated above there was no Police presence at the meeting and no submitted report to the Council.

**Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; Swan Lane; 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 in part still causing a nuisance. With reference to the latter, the parking problems have been exacerbated due to the poor surface area of the car park near to the entrance of Minffordd Fields, vehicles were now parking at the top of Blaen Wern and causing a nuisance to the residents. Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members of the obstructive nuisance of vehicles being parked half on the pavement and half on the road; **Cadole**; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge related her concerns to the Members about the problems caused by the recent snowfall, members of the public had again, as in previous years, started to cause nuisance by indiscriminate parking and being abusive to local residents. Councillor Hinstridge informed the Members of the action taken to curb this problem and stated that it would continue in order to resolve the said issues. **Ruthin Road (A494)**; Members were informed that a local resident had frequently placed a plank of wood near to the kerb in order for to gain access across the pavement to a parking space. Members raised their concerns about this activity and resolved to pursue the matter with Streetscene, Flintshire County Council and North Wales Police.

**Member Area Reports.**

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

**Swan Lane**, overhanging trees and bushes were still causing a nuisance and interference, Councillor Kevin Hughes and Mr. Andrew Lightfoot of Streetscene were still pursuing this matter with Scottish Power and B. Telecom, also vehicles parking on the A494 directly opposite to the Swan Lane junction were again causing a nuisance and obstruction, the effect being a difficulty in negotiating the road junction, both access and egress. Councillor Luisa Citra related to the Members her concerns regarding the obstruction of the pavement opposite to the Swan Lane junction caused by the parking of vehicles, the problem exacerbates the issue of pedestrians trying to negotiate past the vehicles without venturing onto the A494, Councillor Citra also related her concerns regarding a nearby grid located on the pavement, the grid being a hazard to pedestrians walking along the pavement; **Glyndwr Road**, Councillor Nancy Matthews complimented Deco Lighting for responding to her requests to repair streetlighting along the road.

With reference to the complaints of vehicles being parked indiscriminately and causing obstruction the Clerk was again requested to write to PCSO Emma Owen outlining the concerns of the Council on these matters.

**11. Best Kept Communities Competition 2019**

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge reported to the Members the salient points of the meeting held by FLVC in relation to the above Competition 2019. Councillor Hinstridge outlined to the Members the proposal given at the meeting which could provide a gift of trees to communities for planting within their respective areas. Members discussed the proposition and resolved to pursue the gift of trees, these to be planted around the Village Centre's boundary. In addition to the gift of trees Members agreed to pursue with Councillor Michael Meadway the purchase of fruit trees, these to compliment areas within the Centre's boundary.

Councillor Luisa Citra outlined to the Members the 'Be Friendly Scheme' whereby flower seeds could be obtained for planting and in addition at a low-cost propagation sets could be purchased. The Members agreed to the proposal and resolved to involve the CP School in the initiative. Councillor Citra agreed to progress the proposal.

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge related to the Members that she had obtained the relative application forms for the Best Kept Communities Competition and that by targeting a date before June 2019 all the above proposals would be in advance and would be at a suitable stage for admittance in the Competition alongside the established dog walking area and the War Memorial garden.

**12. Cadole Noticeboard**

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge informed the Members that she had received complaints from residents in Cadole regarding the siting of the Cadole Notice Board. Residents had requested its relocation nearer to the village. Members discussed the issue and Councillors John Homersley and Carl Jackson resolved to investigate suitable locations for re-siting the Notice Board and to action the request.

**13. Planning Matters**

The Clerk informed the Members that to date he had received no planning applications for the Members to discuss and comment upon.

**14. 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 2019; 14.

**15. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Action Plan, 2018/19**

Members were reminded that to progress the Development/Action Plan and its review a Sub-Committee would be established, that consultation with the community should again take place and that the Council would commence this initiative as soon as possible.

Councillor Chris Bradshaw had volunteered to lead the Sub-Committee and as such he would be calling an initial meeting to discuss taking the Plan forward to meet its commitment to the community. The Plan will be progressed in 2019 and full consultation with the community will be undertaken.

## **16. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

The Members again discussed possible events to take place in 2019/20, the Annual Litter Pick was identified and Members agreed to look at what the Council would undertake at a date in April and coinciding with the Easter holidays. Members after full discussion agreed to the 18<sup>th</sup> April as the date for the village litter pick. Members reported on the Village Pantomime, this to take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> February and March the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 and Members reported on the continued success of the monthly coffee mornings and thanked Councillor June Perrin on the initiative.

## **17. Reports**

### **Outside Bodies**

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

Councillor Marjorie Thomson reported via e-mail to the Members the salient points of the Flintshire County Forum held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### **1A Local Boundary Review – Colin Everett**

FCC responded at the end of January to the consultation. 3 categories – Green - strong consensus; Amber – some agreement; Red – differences of opinion. GCC is in the amber category. FCC has argued where councils are near the threshold of constituents ie. 25%-30% they have requested they remain as they are. Would lose 6/7 County Councillors – it is considered important to get the areas right – ie. as workable units. Boundaries will be set by 2021.

#### **1B Council Plan 2019/2020 - Karen Armstrong**

Draft will be published in May. Aligns with Well-being Plan. Includes housing programmes, school modernization, waste and recycling, community safety, environmental mapping, residential/dementia care homes, managing Universal Credit changes, domestic abuse and sexual violence and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

#### **1C Community Resilience - Neil Ayling/Cher Lewney**

Sustained ability to meet challenges. Includes strategies to combat poverty, crime, substance misuse etc. Mention of food hubs, Community benefits, Social Value - area based projects – The Holway, Holywell; Flint, Shotton, Daniel Owen Centre, Mold – people centric programme.

#### **1D Budget Strategy - Colin Everett**

At beginning of cycle 15 million gap in 260 million budget. FCC will probably have to put up Council Tax – could be 8-8.5% rise whilst protecting services. In English counties the likely rise is similar BUT they are cutting Adult and Children's Care Services. Request for us to be advocates to plead for additional funding for Flintshire. 31 Councillors travelled to the Senedd (self funded) to argue the case)

#### **1E StreetScene Service Requests - Barry Wilkinson**

Community Councillors encouraged to continue to send in queries, requests etc. Our rep is Andy Lightfoot 01352701234

1F Third Sector Support using DEWIS Cymru - Ann Woods (FLVC)

DEWIS is the national portal for wellbeing information in Wales – giving people choice and control over their own wellbeing. Request to link all services offered within the village ie. by Community Council/Village Centre Committee/any Voluntary or Community groups to DEWIS – www.dewis.wales; www.dewis.cymru; or contact FLVC 01352744000

1G Local Toilet Strategy – Barry Wilkinson

By May local authority needs to have a strategy in place in the county. Out to consultation have had 147 responses so far- request to look at strategy and respond to consultation.

Future meetings

Tuesday 25th June 2019 6.30-8.30pm Venue: TBA

Monday 7th October 2019 6.30-8.30pm Venue: TBA

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge provided for the Members an information update relating to the quarrying activities taking place at the Cefn Mawr Quarry. Councillor Hinstridge also informed the Members of the commitment of the Quarry Management to work closely with the Council and the Gwernymynydd CP School to re-develop Debra’s Well.

**Sub-Committees**

There were no additional items for discussion.

**18. Correspondence**

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

**19. Late Correspondence**

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

By e-mail; North Wales Police and Crime Commission, a Charity Concert; HMO, Developer Advice Note; Hannah Blythyn AM information for the Members relating to the promotion of the Leadership Programme

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary, February	391.81
	Postage	6.40
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
		<b>454.61</b>
One Voice Wales	Annual Subscription	164.00
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	115.78
T. M. Richardson	Council's Stationery	19.50
Wales Audit	Audit Fee	495.00
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