



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2013 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Keith Taylor (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Present

Nancy Matthews, Karen Jones, Anita Thomas, Anu Beadle and Carl Jackson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Homersley, Shirley Hughes, Robert Sheppard, Marjorie Thomson, Kevin Hughes, PC Gary Aldous and PCSO Chey Arrowsmith.

2. To Approve the Minutes of the February 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

5. 2012; 37, Llys Enfys; With reference to the sign warning of children playing erected by a local resident at Llys Enfys/Bryn Eithin, Councillor K. Taylor again expressed his concern regarding the slow progress of an official recognised Flintshire County Council sign being placed at the site. Members discussed the issue and resolved to request permission from Flintshire County Council for the Council to purchase such a sign and to get it placed in the respective area.

5. 2013; 02, Tros y Wern; With reference to dog fouling in and around the Godre'r Coed, Godre'r Mynydd areas, the Clerk related to the Members that he had been in contact with Mr. Richard Blake in Public Protection, Flintshire County Council with regard to obtaining information concerning fouling and 'Dog Watch' notices to be placed on lamp posts. With respect to the Council's invitation to Mr. Blake to attend a Council meeting the Clerk confirmed this request and hopefully at the meeting a way forward can be determined as to what can be done to reduce the dog fouling nuisance.

9. 2013; 03, Councillors discussed a proposal to brighten up the approach to Gwernymynydd and Cadole by having daffodils and other spring time flowers in planters near to the village road signs. Councillor K. Taylor agreed to pursue this matter following an improvement in the recent bad weather.

2. 2013; 06, With respect to Mr. Colin Everett's meeting with the Council and to the points of concern raised regarding traffic issues within the village the Clerk reported to the Members that Mr. Everett had made contact with the Highway's Department, Flintshire County Council for Officers to discuss the said problems at a site meeting. The Clerk was requested to arrange the meeting, Councillors Nancy Matthews, Anita Thomas and the Chairman Marjorie Thomson to attend the site meeting. If possible former Councillor Ian Joseph may be able to represent residents in Cadole, the Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Joseph.

As a reminder to Members the points raised are as follows:-

1. Speeding vehicles along the housing estate roads, particularly near to the school, Councillors would like to have a 20 mph restriction along Uwch y Dre, Godre'r Coed and Heol y Wern. This would then lend itself to the project 'safer routes to school' and also to the recent request submitted to Flintshire County Council for the installation of a Pelican Crossing on the A494 at the top of the Gwernymynydd Hill near to the Rainbow Inn to serve residents at the upper end of the village.

2. Traffic control in Cadole's Village Road, e.g. an access only restriction, this would then assist in the issue of overspill parking in Loggerheads. Also re-design of the Village Road/Gwernaffield Road junction to discourage vehicles entering onto Village Road, using it as a 'rat run'.

5. 2013; 08, Member Area Reports: Minffordd Fields, the Members discussed Councillor Anu Beadle's concerns regarding the maintenance of street lighting on the estate. Members concurred with the concerns expressed by Councillor Beadle but were aware of the problem of none adoption of the estate by Flintshire County Council. The consequence of this situation being that the estate cannot be maintained by Flintshire County Council, responsibility of maintenance lies with the developer, Mr. J. Edgar. However the Members suggested that the residents, on an individual basis, may pursue Flintshire County Council with the aim of persuading the Council to adopt the estate as it has done so in other areas of Flintshire. Councillor Beadle agreed to pursue the issue.

6. 2013; 08, Neighbourhood Watch, Gwernymynydd, Councillor Nancy Matthews reported that there had been no interest shown to date on re-forming a Neighbourhood Watch group within the village. It is hoped that interest will begin to develop in the future.

4. Vacant Seat on the Council

The procedure to be undertaken to fill the vacancy for a Councillor was explained to the Members by the Clerk. The final date for contact with the Returning Officer is given to be the 24th April 2013.

5. Police Matters

Apologies for absence were received from PC. G. Aldous and PCSO. C. Arrowsmith.

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; concerns were expressed by the Members with regard to the snow and freezing weather conditions prevailing at the present, in addition to those concerns the following issues were also discussed.

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

Llys Enfys (Bryn Eithin); Councillor Keith Taylor reported a street light requiring attention.

6. Planning Matters

There were no planning applications received for discussion, however it was noted that an application was awaiting validation by Flintshire County Council, following this action the application would then be sent out for the Council's observations in due course.

With regard to the application; Ref: LEJ/048850; Amended Plans; Erection of 18 in number of dwellings with associated roads, sewers and open spaces located on Land adjacent to Siglen Ucha, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd and to the Members complaint regarding the very short notice received from Flintshire County Council for attendance at the Planning Committee, the inaccuracies in the received letters informing the Council of the Committee Meeting and to the none notification of the scheduled site meeting, the Clerk reported that he had received a letter of apology for the said issues. This apology was received by the Council.

Concerning the above planning application the Clerk reported to the Members that he received notification of refusal of the application.

Members expressed their concerns regarding the future of the Rainbow Inn, although it was known that the Inn had been sold by Punch Taverns its very existence was a worry to the local community. A brief discussion took place however Members concurred that the Council could only take an outline view of the issue at this moment in time; this may alter in due course as the Inn's future becomes clearer.

7. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for March, the details of which can be found on page 2013; 15.

8. Gwernymynydd Development Plan and Action Plan

The Members agreed to discuss the Agenda Item at the next meeting of the Council.

9. Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Youth Council

Councillors were informed that there had been a reasonable attendance at the recent meeting of the Club, 20 members turning up and all enjoyed a night of games and activities. Councillor Karen Jones gave further details to the Members of the Club's proposed activities.

10. Gwernymynydd/Cadole, Road Safety and Road Improvements

The Council was informed that the A494 Trunk Road (Loggerheads Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2013 had now been made.

With reference to the A494 and the Prohibition of Waiting Order, Members related that the painting of the yellow lines had also been undertaken. It is hoped that with the completion of the Order and the painting of prohibition yellow lines on the road then this would improve pedestrian and highway users' safety and ease the problem of indiscriminate parking of vehicles in the area.

11. Reports

1. Outside Bodies

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Members were given an update of planned events and of bookings taken.

Flintshire County Forum, 28th February 2013, the Clerk provided information to the Members on the following items discussed at the Forum.

Charter Action Plan, Update and Developments; **Betsi Cadwalader Service Review Update**, an explanation of the outcomes of the Service Review, the transition plan and future arrangements; **CCTV Project**, Update from Julian Sandham, Regional CCTV Project Manager and Colin Everett, Chief Executive, FCC, the provision of an update on the final business plan, which is to be presented to all 6 councils for approval; **Welfare Reform Update**, Sian Peters, Interim Manager, FCC, the provision of an update on the County's preparation for Welfare Reform; **County Priorities (Local Service Board)**, Colin Everett, Chief Executive, FCC; **Community Ward Boundary Review Update**, Colin Everett, Chief Executive, FCC, information relating to the review.

2. Sub-Committees

The Clerk informed the Members that the specification for the BMX Cycle Track was now completed and that the relevant documents had been sent out to 4 contractors who would then submit their quotations to the Council in sealed envelopes for the Members to look at and agree which contractor would be selected to undertake the required work. As a reminder the Council's Contractor's Selection Group will consist of Councillors Karen Jones, Anita Thomas, Shirley Hughes, Marjorie Thomson, Carl Jackson, Keith Taylor and John Homersley.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received an information update relating to the Flintshire County Council/Gwernymynydd Playscheme 2013. The cost of the scheme to the Council of £898.20 would only fund 3 weeks play activities as opposed to previous years of 5 weeks. To extend the Playscheme to 5 weeks would cost an additional £1,200 of the Council's budget. The Members discussed the issue in detail and resolved to keep within its allocated budget costs which would only permit a 3 week Playscheme.

12. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

13. Late Correspondence

The following information was received by the Council:-

One Voice Wales, relating to the Council's annual subscription.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 28th March 2013.

T. M. Richardson	Clerk's Salary	364.06
	Postage	13.00
		<u>377.06</u>