



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2013 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Marjorie. Thomson.

Councillors Present

Anita Thomas, Keith Taylor, Shirley Hughes, Anu Beadle, Nancy Matthews, Vicky Hintridge, Kevin Hughes, and Carl Jackson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Karen Jones, Robert Sheppard and John Homersley.

Councillor Robert Sheppard submitted a request to the Council for a short leave of absence because of work commitments. This was put to the Members and agreed.

2. Gwernymynydd CP School

An apology for absence was received from Mr. E. Owens, Chairman of the CP School Board of Governors.

With reference to **4. 2013; 17**, 'The Clerk related to the Members that he had been in contact with Mr. E. Owens regarding regular reports from the Gwernymynydd CP School Governors meetings and that Mr. Owens would be willing to come along to a Council meeting to give regular updates on events etc. taking place. The Members were appreciative of the recently sent Governors Report and requested the Clerk to ask Mr. Owens if he could come along to the next meeting of the Council to provide information as to what has been achieved by the school over the last year.' The Clerk distributed to the Members the report received from Mr. E. Owens.

Councillors Marjorie Thomson and Nancy Matthews provided information to the Members regarding the workings of the Board of Governors and also explained the involvement of the Local Education Authority.

The Council was very appreciative of the report given by Mr. Owens and resolved to work closely with the CP School in future initiatives.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the May 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

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 and that meeting could now be arranged to discuss the problems. Councillors Anita Thomas, Vicky Hinstridge and Kevin Hughes volunteered to meet with Richard Blake.

The Clerk reported to the Council that the meeting had now taken place and that a good response from Flintshire County Council on the issues had been received.

9. 2013; 03, With reference to the proposal to brighten up the approach to Gwernymynydd and Cadole by having spring/summer time flowers in planters near to the village road signs, Councillor K. Taylor informed the Members that the planters had now been put in place but their location was marred by overgrowth.

Subsequently Flintshire County Council cleared/trimmed the bushes and the grass verges near to the planters however it was noted that most of the tidying up of the area close to the planters had been undertaken by local residents. For this undertaking the Council was most appreciative of the work carried out by Mr and Mrs Hinstridge and Mr. Gwyn Jones.

8. 2013; 23, With reference to the insertion of a window into the bus stop shelters the Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with a local contractor. Councillor Kevin Hughes offered his assistance with this issue.

Councillor Shirley Hughes reported to the Members that the recently held Summer Fayre went extremely well with over 500 people attending the event, an approximate amount of £1,000 plus was raised which will go towards the Village Lunch Club's future outings.

Councillor Kevin Hughes thanked everyone for the good promotion and receipt of pictures and photographs, some of which were donated from people outside of the Village.

5. Police Matters and Area Reports

Gwernymynydd and Cadole; Police Area Reports (no Police in attendance)

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.

Members discussed the forthcoming 'Gallon Walk' and noted that on this occasion there had been no prior advertising of the event. It was hoped that previous Police presence would have a discouraging effect on this year's event and Members were aware that North Wales Police had plans in hand to curb any anti-social behaviour.

Members discussed the recent burglaries that had occurred within the Village, concern was expressed that although the perpetrators had been caught the lack of information coming from the Police did cause distress within the community. The Council resolved to write to the Police Commissioner with regard to its concerns.

Member Area Reports;

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

Cadole; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge requested an update with reference to proposed additional street lighting. **Ruthin Road;** Councillor Anu Beadle raised the issue of traffic counters on the road and as to who will have the information at the end of the trial. **Blaenwern;** Councillor Karen Jones, in her absence, had sent a letter to the Council requesting attention to particular issues. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that 23, Blaenwern had been dealt with and that responsibility for the benches and pavement area in Heol y Wern was being pursued.

6. Planning Matters

There were no planning applications received by the Council.

Information received regarding Cambrian Quarry.

Ref: HJP/050695, Restoration of Cambrian Quarry by the importation of recycling of inert materials.

With reference to representatives of the Council attending the Planning Committee to outline the Council's objections to the proposal, the Clerk requested nominated attendees. Councillors Kevin Hughes, Keith Taylor, Marjorie Thomson and Shirley Hughes agreed to attend the meeting, when scheduled by Flintshire County Council, depending upon individual work commitments.

7. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for June, the details of which can be found on page 2013; 34.

8. Gwernymynydd Development Plan and Action Plan

Councillor Marjorie Thomson outlined to the Members the Transport and Roads Policies. The Gwernymynydd Development Plan Review included original policies with dates followed by actions linked to those policies.

The main road (A494) through Gwernymynydd follows a route that goes back to ancient times. In the last 50 years however it has changed dramatically from being a country lane to become one of the busiest of the West-East trunk road routes through North Wales.

TR1; Short Term.

The Community Council will accept the 40mph on the A494 on the advice of the North and Mid-Wales Trunk Road Agency and North Wales Police as the most appropriate. It will continue to campaign for enforcement and improved traffic management with the objective of lowering the actual speed of motorists. To date, working with the NMWTRA improvements have been made on the A494 through the Village.

TR2; Short Term.

The Community Council will look towards introducing a Community Speedwatch scheme which will specifically target speeding motorists on both the A494 and the minor country and estate roads. The Council has met with both the NMWTRA and Flintshire County Council with the view to promoting the scheme, this is ongoing.

TR3; Medium Term.

The Community Council will press for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on all local estate roads. This has been pursued and agreed with Flintshire County Council, the Council is now awaiting the erection of the advisory 20mph signs.

TR4; Ongoing.

The Community Council will always look to encourage the greater use of public transport by residents. Improvements to the bus shelters within the Village have already been done in part and also will continue in order to help and assist bus users.

TR5; Short term.

The Community Council will look to introduce a facility to bring together residents who have similar daily commuter runs and might be interested in car sharing. The Members concurred that although the proposal was an ideal solution to help and assist local residents with transport issues; all agreed that this was not a feasible suggestion.

TR6; Ongoing.

The Community Council would welcome the introduction of “cycle lanes” along the A494 as part of any future road re-construction. It would also welcome further designated “cycle paths” along the country lanes. This matter will be pursued with both NMWTRA and Flintshire County Council.

9. Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Youth Council

Councillor Karen Jones requested by letter that the Council financially supports the Youth Club in organising a trip out in the school summer holidays. The Members discussed the request and resolved to support the proposal in principle. The funding to be released to the Youth Club organisers of the trip pending further information to the Council.

10. Gwernymynydd/Cadole, Road Safety and Road Improvements

With reference to the A494 and the Prohibition of Waiting Order, Members again related that the painting of the yellow lines appear to be working. It is hoped that the Prohibition Order continues to be effective as this would improve pedestrian and highway users’ safety and ease the problem of indiscriminate parking of vehicles.

Members related their concerns about the neglect of the ‘Boundary Stone’ which lies on the boundary between Flintshire and Denbighshire. The Council resolved to write to both counties requesting that some ‘TLC’ be given to the monument.

11. Reports

Outside Bodies

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Councillor Anita Thomas provided an update of information for the Members. Councillors were informed of a themed 40's night scheduled for the 12th October 2013 in support of the Mold Community Hospital. Councillor Thomas also provided details to the Members of the Vegetable Co-Op venture and requested the support of everyone in this initiative.

Councillor Keith Taylor informed Members that judging in the Flintshire Best Kept Senior Citizens' Estate Competition was due to take place next week and that residents were working hard in Blaenwern to achieve success.

With respect to the Council's street lighting Councillor Marjorie Thomson informed Members that One Voice Wales had arranged a meeting with the Head of Streetscene, Flintshire County Council to discuss all issues relating to responsibility of community lighting within Flintshire. The meeting will take place on the 18th September 2013 at 2.00 PM in County Hall, Mold. Councillors Marjorie Thomson and Shirley Hughes to attend on behalf of the Council.

Sub-Committees

BMX Cycle Track, there being no information given with regard to a starting date on the project, the Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with the successful Contractor, Brian Davies Ltd.

12. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

13. Late Correspondence

The following information was received by the Council:-

Denbighshire County Council, notification of adoption of the County Council's Local Development Plan up to 2021.

Additional Item by permission of the Chairman.

Councillor Shirley Hughes asked for clarification regarding Councillor Kevin Hughes' request for Members to consider supporting a Village Event in August similar in theme to those of the Jubilee and the Royal Wedding celebrations. Councillors were asked to give suggestions for the event, the aim being to maintain continuity of Village involvement with a party atmosphere, one proposal given was to celebrate the birth of William and Kate's baby.

Councillor Shirley Hughes thanked everyone for the kind words given to her and her family with regard to the sad news she had received of late.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 20th June 2013.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	364.06
	Postage	6.60
		<u>370.66</u>
One Voice Wales	AGM and Conference	65.00
Gwernfest	Support grant	250.00
		<u>685.66</u>