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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at the Village Centre,  
Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Marjorie Thomson

### **Councillors Present**

Anita Thomas, Nancy Matthews, Keith Taylor, Kevin Hughes and Shirley Hughes.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. David Griffiths the Council's Internal Auditor.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anu Beadle, Robert Sheppard, Vicky Hintridge, John Homersley, Karen Jones and Carl Jackson.

#### **2. To Discuss the Council's Financial Risk Assessment 2013/14**

In compliance with the recommendations set by the external auditor the previous year's Risk Assessment Report was provided for the Members to consider. The Council's Internal Auditor, Mr. David Griffiths was then able to take the Members through the individual points of the Assessment.

Minor changes were identified within the Assessment and Mr. Griffiths agreed to set out those said alterations for the Council to approve at its next meeting.

#### **3. 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.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**8. 2013; 23,** With reference to the insertion of a window into the bus stop shelters, this issue is still held in abeyance.

**10. 2013; 32,** With reference to the requested Gwernaffield Road speed restriction and the road junction improvement, Cadole Village Road/Gwernaffield Road Councillor Nancy Matthews related to the Members the contents of the letter of reply she had received from Flintshire County Council.

The items laid out in the letter did not correspond to the Council's request and as such it was a reply of confusion. Councillor Matthews informed the Members that she would pursue the matter with Flintshire County Council.

With regard to the issue of a 'licence' for a permanent access onto the FIT (NPFA) Field the Members agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson raised the issue of Village Events and their emphasis within the Council's Minutes, a separate and regular Agenda Item would enable Councillors to discuss and promote such matters for the benefit of the community.

Remembrance Sunday, Councillors discussed how the event would proceed and who would be involved. Councillor Keith Taylor outlined what had been organised and Councillor Anita Thomas related the involvement and use of the Village Centre and its Management Committee.

Councillor Keith Taylor informed the Members that he had purchased 500 daffodil bulbs as agreed at the previous meeting. The Members again discussed the issue of brightening up areas of the village with the planting of the said daffodil bulbs, such areas were identified and planting could now proceed accordingly, e.g. the grass verge near to the Eagles and Crawford Depot, Cadole and the 'old chapel' site on the A494 Ruthin Road.

## **5. Police Matters and Area Reports**

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

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

**Cadole;** Members were informed that the post box had been stolen, 29/30<sup>th</sup> September in the early morning, both the Post Office Crime Unit and North Wales Police were investigating the matter, also in Cadole it was noted that a quad bike (ATV) had been taken. With reference to these thefts Members agreed that information and a warning should be placed in the Village Newsletter, a warning of please be vigilant.

**Llys Enfys and Blaen Wern;** Indiscriminate vehicle parking was still causing a nuisance.

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

## **6. Planning Matters**

**Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended), Section 78 Appeal, Planning Application Reference 048850, Appeal Reference APP/A6835/A/13/2195313 with respect to Wainhomes Ltd, the erection of 18 dwellings located on land at Siglen Ucha, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.**

Councillors Marjorie Thomson and Nancy Matthews informed the Members of the procedures that were adopted by the Planning Inspector at the Appeal and as to how it proceeded both in the Village Centre and the site visit. Councillor Thomson related that it had been a very good attendance by members of the public and it was gratifying to observe that the Inspector took time to listen to their points of view and objections to the planning application.

The Planning Inspector informed all present that he would look into all the objections submitted and of the points of view of the appellant and that after full consideration he would issue his report and the result most probably within 4 to 5 weeks.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed Members of the Mold Flood Alleviation Scheme exhibition that was taking place in the Ebenezer Chapel, Mold. Councillor Matthews was most concerned that very little information/advertising about the event had been published; however she had submitted a complaint accordingly as the scheme may have an effect on Gwernymynydd.

Councillor Nancy Matthews updated the Members on the Cambrian Quarry application, this new submission will be issued on the 7<sup>th</sup> November and as such the Council will be consulted. Councillor Matthews related that the major concerns/issues had not been addressed and that the Council would again have the opportunity to voice its objections.

Councillor Shirley Hughes informed the Members that due to increased work commitments she would not be able to continue as Lead Councillor for received Planning Applications. Councillor Marjorie Thomson volunteered to accept the role on a temporary basis until Councillors considered whether or not he/she wished to take on the responsibility.

## **7. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for October, the details of which can be found on page 2013; 48.

The Clerk had submitted a request to the Members reference to the National Association of Local Councils for Local Government employees and Part-Time Council Clerks to increase his pay as per Spinal Column 24 for an 8 hour working week. The members gave full consideration to the request and agreed to the increase in salary for the Clerk.

## **8. Gwernymynydd Development Plan and Action Plan**

The members resolved to discuss the Housing and Land Development Policies, H1 through to H6, the identified short, medium and long term initiatives at the next meeting.

## **9. Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Youth Council**

Councillors were informed that Youth Club had now closed; Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that she had pursued the matter with the Director of Life Long Learning with the request of obtaining a relief Youth Leader to take control of the Club. Councillor Matthews reiterated that the Council and community of Gwernymynydd had worked hard to get the Youth Club up and running again and it was sad to receive such news of a closure. With regard to a threat of permanent closure it was hoped by all concerned that this possibility did not occur.

## **10. Reports**

### **Outside Bodies**

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Councillor Anita Thomas provided an update of information for the Members; they were informed of future events and activities at the Centre.

Councillors were informed about the Macmillan coffee morning and Councillor Anita Thomas related to the Members that the Company, Global Lift had offered to sponsor a Senior Citizens' afternoon tea/lunch to the amount of £300. Members discussed the proposal and resolved to consider the matter with perhaps an event to take place in January 2014

The Council had received an e-mail from Councillor Anu Beadle regarding the annual Family Christmas Fayre, Members were requested to consider giving a donation towards the event; this would take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM. The Council resolved to determine the request at its next meeting.

Councillors discussed the recent 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party celebrations that had taken place at Ty Coch, Ruthin Road. The event's fireworks display having caused widespread alarm and concern. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members of the actions she had taken to resolve the issue and the Council agreed to put a request in the Village Newsletter asking residents to consider others if a firework display is to take place and to inform as many people as possible about such a planned event.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson provided information to the Members from the recently held meeting organised by One Voice Wales concerning street lighting and responsibilities of Town/Community Councils. The salient point arising out of the meeting being that Flintshire County Council would consider the adoption of street lights within the County provided they were at an acceptable operating standard. Additional information was imparted whereby a cost reduction in energy charges could be obtained by Town/Community Councils joining with Flintshire County Council to purchase the energy from the one provider.

Flintshire County Council, County Forum, Councillor Marjorie Thomson briefly outlined to the Councillors some of the topics discussed at the meeting. These related to Community Review and Boundary Commission, Education Review and Local Educational Opportunities, Presentation on Anti Social Behaviour Policy from Helen Grant, Neighbourhood Housing Manager and the Website Support Grant to improve or to establish a Town/Community Council Website.

One Voice Wales, Councillor Marjorie Thomson outlined briefly some of the issues discussed at the recently held AGM.

Councillor Keith Taylor informed the Members that he had been nominated and accepted as a Trustee on the Gwernymynydd Village Hall Trust.

### **Sub-Committees**

BMX Cycle Track, the work on the project was now complete and has been handed over to the Council. A formal opening of the Track was discussed by the Members along with obtaining suitable signage for its use. This is to be discussed further by Councillors.

#### **11. Correspondence**

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

#### **12. Late Correspondence**

The following information was received by the Council:-

There were no items of Late Correspondence.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	367.70
	Postage	13.00
		<b><u>380.70</u></b>
Hacker Young	Audit fee	180.00
Scottish Power	Street light energy charge	190.51
Councillor Keith Taylor	Poppy wreath and daffodil bulbs	45.00
		<b><u>796.21</u></b>