



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Marjorie Thomson

## **Councillors Present**

Kevin Hughes, Anita Thomas, Vicky Hinstridge, Nancy Matthews, Andrew Crabtree, Keith Taylor and Carl Jackson.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Karen Jones, Shirley Hughes and John Homersley

### **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. Vacancy for a Councillor on the Community Council**

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received one application to fill the vacancy of Councillor to the Gwernymynydd Community Council. The applicant in question was given to be Mrs. Janette Wynne-Jones of The Cot, Cadole.

The Members fully discussed the submitted application and by a unanimous vote they resolved to co-opt and appoint Mrs Janette Wynne-Jones to fill the vacant post of Councillor.

The Clerk was accordingly requested to inform Mrs. Wynne-Jones of the decision of the Council.

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

**5. 2013; 45, Cadole;** Members had previously been informed that the post box had been stolen, 29/30<sup>th</sup> September in the early morning; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge reported to the Members that residents in Cadole were still awaiting the arrival of the post box.

**5. 2014; 08, Swan Lane;** The Clerk reported to the Members that he had been in contact with Flintshire County Council and that a 'dog litter' bin had been ordered and would be installed as soon as possible.

**5. 2014; 08, Minffordd Fields;** Councillor Nancy Matthews confirmed that the car park adjacent to the entrance/exit was dedicated to residents in Maes y Wern.

**8.2014; 09, A494;** Councillor Kevin Hughes had proposed to the Members that the Council should approach the 'Arrive Alive' team with the view to monitoring/curbing speeding motorists along the A494 Gwernymynydd. The Clerk reported to the Members that following his contact with North Wales Police the Force still considered the A494 through Gwernymynydd to be a low risk with regard to speeding vehicles. Members disagreed with this statement and Councillor Kevin Hughes requested that the Police be contacted again with the view to having in depth discussions about speeding vehicles and the concerns of the Council. Councillor Hughes volunteered to be the Council's contact in this matter.

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

### **Gwernymynydd and Cadole; Police Area Reports.**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting PCSO Chey Arrowsmith and stated that the Council was thankful for his attendance. In his report to the Members PCSO Arrowsmith stated that within the dates 26/02/2014 to 27/03/2014 there had been no reported crimes or issues in the community area.

PCSO Arrowsmith outlined to the Members the North Wales Police initiative called PARTICIPATION TASKING.

The Police have determined to make contact with Community Councils to obtain a list of no more than three areas within the respective community ward which the council would like the Police to concentrate on over the coming quarter. It MUST cover one of the below issues:-

1. Reduce crime and ASB that impacts on our communities.
2. Provide a quality of service that delivers confidence within our communities.
3. Protect people and reduce harm.

The examples given by PCSO Arrowsmith were *Protect people and reduce harm* - Speeding could, if the council decided, fall into this category. If this was the case, he would then dedicate a certain amount of time, per week and concentrate on speeding in the designated area, then feedback results after the quarter.

*Provide a quality of service that delivers confidence within our communities* – This could include reassurance/high visibility within the community.

*Reduce crime and ASB that impacts on our communities* – This could include targeted patrols in problematic locations.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson requested comments from the Members on the initiative outlined to them by PCSO Arrowsmith. Councillors identified a high visibility presence within the village, in their opinion a walk around and talking to residents about their concerns would reassure the community. Members also raised the issue of speeding vehicles both on the A494 trunk road and local lanes and estate roads. Councillor Carl Jackson raised the concern of suspicious persons that some months ago were observed in the area near to the sheltered housing (pensioners') bungalows, a visit to the area would provide reassurance.

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge outlined residents concerns in Cadole and Loggerheads, these related to speeding vehicles and indiscriminate nuisance car parking. Councillor Nancy Matthews reported her concerns in connection with speeding vehicles and impatient drivers creating motoring hazards on the day that the Flintshire County Council refuse collection/recycling service visits Gwernymynydd. Councillor Matthews suggested a Police presence on a Monday would help to reduce the identified hazard.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson in her summing up of the items discussed thanked PCSO Chey Arrowsmith for coming along to the meeting; she requested Members to consider the points outlined in PCSO Arrowsmith's presentation and to forward identified concerns to the Clerk.

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

**Cadole;** With reference to the previous meeting Councillor Vicky Hinstridge reported back to the Members the result of the site meeting held with Mr. Neil Cockerton the Head of Assets and Transportation, Flintshire County Council. The meeting was organised to discuss the problems experienced where Flintshire County Council has a highway responsibility relating to Cadole Village Road (at the Gwernaffield end of the Village). The issues of concern apply to the grassed triangular area which is being churned up and rutted on a regular basis because of vehicles using this section as a turning point. Councillor Hinstridge confirmed that the given response by Mr. Cockerton was positive and that a feasibility study would be initiated as a way of moving forward.

## **6. Planning Matters**

**1. BMK/051783; Erection of a single storey extension located at 8, Bryn Eithin, Gwernymynydd.**

**AGREED**

**2. APW/051765; Construction of a new ramp access to existing Village Centre including proposed DDA power assisted double doors located at the Village Centre, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.**

**AGREED**

**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.**

A feedback of information to the Council was given by the Members who attended the Appeal to the proposed development at Siglen Ucha. Councillor Kevin Hughes reported that members of the public present at the meeting had made very good and valid points of objection to the proposed development and that these items were taken on board by the Planning Inspector along with the objections of the Council. Councillor Hughes stated that the Appeal was well attended by residents of the village but unfortunately there were few Councillors present. To this he suggested that the Council plans well in advance in similar situations to ensure that Councillors are able to be present and to be seen by constituents in the community. The results of the Appeal will be announced in due course.

## **LDP Flintshire County Council, Delivery Agreement Approval, a Call for Candidate Sites for Development.**

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided information for the Members with respect to the above.

### **APW/051898; Erection of a two storey rear extension and a single side extension located at Tan yr Allt, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.**

This planning application was received on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014; the submission was passed onto the Council's Planning Sub-Committee for its observations/comments. The Clerk advised the Members that the deadline date for replying to Flintshire County Council expires before the next meeting of the Council.

#### **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 2014; 16.

#### **8. A494, Ruthin Road**

As previously outlined in Agenda Item, 4, Matters Arising, Members again discussed issues with regard to speeding vehicles on the A494 and in particular in the area near to 4, Maes y Wern. For information, Members had previously received an earnest request from Mr. J. D. Bond for help and assistance in resolving the problem of speeding vehicles following a severe road traffic accident outside his property whereby a car had crashed into his parked car. Councillor Nancy Matthews had reported to the Members at the previous meeting that she had pursued the matter with NMWTRA and had met officers on site with the hope of coming to an amicable resolution. Also in the interim period Councillor Matthews had related to the Members that speed counters had been placed across the A494 by NMWTRA in order to gain traffic flow/speed information. To date it was reported that Councillor Matthews was still awaiting the relevant information on the situation from NMWTRA.

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

The Members had agreed at a previous meeting that the Development Plan should be reviewed in October 2014, it was agreed that the Plan would be kept as an Agenda Item and for Members to consider short term identified initiatives.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson outlined the identified initiatives as follows:-

**Social and Community Development Policies;** The Community Council view the Internet as the future primary means of community correspondence. Specifically it will designate a Member of the Council as co-ordinator to promote this potential whilst not ignoring the requirements of any residents who cannot use the internet. The co-ordinator will also lead any communication with existing or alternative broadband providers to improve quality of service throughout the area. Councillor Kevin Hughes commented that the website needs to be updated; it needs to contain more interesting topics to encourage local participation.

**Transport and Roads Policies;** The Community Council will accept the 40mph on the A494 on the advice of the North 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. Also, 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.

**Housing and Land Development Policies;** The Community Council will specifically and rigorously oppose any proposed development, of whatever nature, in the land separating Gwernymynydd from Mold. Also, the Community Council will look to provide a facility to match residents with accommodation to let with those potential residents who may be seeking it.

With reference to the Village Newsletter and the provision of information to local residents Councillor Kevin Hughes emphasised that there was a need to obtain additional sponsorship and advertisements in order to maintain the existing financial support stream. A request to all Councillors was submitted to seek out such financial support.

With respect to the Development Plan and the Short Term Initiatives such items will be further discussed at future meetings.

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

With reference to the Gwernymynydd Spring Clean 2014 scheduled to take place on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> April, the Clerk provided for the Members photo copies of the proposed poster produced by Councillor Shirley Hughes. Members were fully appreciative of the work done on the poster by Councillor Hughes and agreed unanimously to approve its distribution following the agreed time of everyone involved in the litter pick meeting at the Village Centre at 10.30 AM. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that all the equipment needed for the event had been obtained from Flintshire County Council and was kept at her address ready for the 'Spring Clean'. The Clerk related to everyone that total financial sponsorship of £300 had been received from Allan Morris Transport and ASH Waste Services, with regard to the request for Tesco to provide Easter Eggs for the participating children Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that he was hopeful but was still awaiting a response.

As stated previously the planned 'clean-up/litter pick' a Community Spring Clean Day, will take place in the villages of Gwernymynydd and Cadole and will culminate at the Village Centre for a village party. For the celebrations in the Village Centre at the end of the clean-up Councillors Shirley Hughes, Anita Thomas and volunteers confirmed that they would be undertaking the catering.

Councillors Anita Thomas and Shirley Hughes provided an outline of the Gwernymynydd Summer Fayre which is scheduled to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014, the CP School and the Village Lunch Club have pledged their support for organising the event.

## **11. Reports**

### **Outside Bodies**

Councillor Anita Thomas provided information to the Members with regard to the Village Centre and the events booked. The Caravan Club is scheduled to arrive in May and the regular organisations hiring the Centre continue to be well supported.

### **Sub-Committees**

Signage for the BMX Cycle Track, Members proposed to further discuss the item at the next meeting of the Council.

As a reminder, Councillor Kevin Hughes agreed to adapt the wording of the proposed signs in line with the requirements of Gwernymynydd Community Council. Members agreed in principle to finance the respective signage at a figure of £500.

**12. Correspondence**

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were received by the Council.

**13. Late Correspondence**

The following information was received by the Council:-

Flintshire County Council, Playscheme 2014, confirmation stating that funding from Families First had been approved to match fund the Summer Playscheme. For Gwernymynydd the amount needed from the Council was quoted as £898.20 for a 3-week scheme, additional weeks were given to cost £250 per week. The Members as per the previous year resolved to support a 3-week Playscheme, the Clerk was requested to inform Flintshire County Council accordingly.

One Voice Wales, notification that the next meeting of the Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee will take place at the Mold Town Hall on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.00 PM.

Flintshire County Council, information received regarding Town and Community Councils and footway/street lighting. Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would attend this meeting as representative of the Council.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	379.56
	Postage	10.00
	Clerk's underpay (Feb)	11.86
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