



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Marjorie Thomson

## **Councillors Present**

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

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

An apology for absence were received from Councillor Karen Jones,

### **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 subject to the following amendment:-

**10. 2014; 15,** Councillor Anita Thomas 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.

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

The Clerk informed the Members that due to an unforeseen personal circumstance Mrs. Janette Wynne-Jones of The Cot, Cadole, had declined the offer given to take up the position of Councillor.

The Clerk reported to the Members that he would now re-introduce the Co-option process, the results of which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

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

**5. 2013; 45, Cadole;** Members were informed that the post box, previously stolen in September, in Cadole had now been installed.

**5. 2014; 08, Swan Lane;** Previously, the Clerk had reported to the Members that he had been in contact with Flintshire County Council and that a 'dog litter' bin had been ordered, the Clerk informed the Members that Flintshire County Council are awaiting a delivery of the 'bins'.

**8.2014; 09, A494;** With reference to Councillor Kevin Hughes' previous proposal to the Members that the Council should approach the 'Arrive Alive' team with the view to monitoring/curbing speeding motorists along the A494 Gwernymynydd, Councillor Hughes informed the Members of the discussion held with North Wales Police and of the results obtained by the 'Arrive Alive' team. The report back stated that based upon the fact that the average speed was 37mph (3mph below the posted speed limit) the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 42.5mph (3.5mph below adoption & prosecution threshold) and only one offence was recorded in nearly two hours of enforcement, Gwernymynydd does not present a situation that requires speed attention.

**10. 2014; 15,** The planned 'clean-up/litter pick' a Community Spring Clean Day, took place in the villages of Gwernymynydd and Cadole. Members reported the event to be a success, with children and adults taking part to pick up discarded litter and to enjoy the after event refreshments. Thanks were given to the sponsors ASH Waste Services and Allan Morris Transport and also to North Wales Police and Environmental Services of Flintshire County Council for attending the event and taking time out to talk to the children and adults.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson thanked all the Councillors and helpers who gave up their own time to help make the 'litter pick' event such a success.

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

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

There was no member of the Police present at the meeting. However, with reference to the previous Council meeting and to PCSO Arrowsmith's presentation to the Members regarding the North Wales Police initiative called PARTICIPATION TASKING. The Clerk informed the Members that he had been in contact with PCSO Arrowsmith and as such had reported the concerns outlined in the meeting with regard to speeding vehicles within the community, to a request for higher visual police presence and also to a feedback of information if any crime or ASB was reported in the community in order that such concerns could then be put in the Village Newsletter.

**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, Councillor Keith Taylor stated that he would arrange a site visit with PCSO Arrowsmith to look at the problems. In Blaen Wern Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that motor cyclists were using the footpaths and causing a nuisance in the sheltered housing area. Councillor Jackson stated that he would pursue the complaint.

### **Member Area Reports;**

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

**Glyndwr Road;** Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members of the up to date situation regarding Cambrian Quarry. The planning conditions still need to be resolved but some tree felling work will commence shortly. **Ruthin Road;** Councillor Keith Taylor reported streetlights for attention on the A494. **Llys Enfys;** Councillor Taylor informed the Members about the streetlight replacement initiative being taken by Flintshire County Council, letters to households had been distributed outlining the work to be undertaken.

## **6. Planning Matters**

### **1. 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 had been received on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014; the submission was passed onto the Council's Planning Sub-Committee for its observations/comments.

**AGREED**

### **2. APW/051966; Conversion of shop and store to 2 number dwellings with off-street parking located at the Pioneer Stores Village Road, Cadole.**

**AGREED**

## **7. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for April the details of which can be found on page 2014; 21.

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

With regard to speeding vehicles and the report given by North Wales Police, the 'Arrive Alive' team, the Members still maintained that there were issues to resolve, Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would consult with the Police on the given results from 'Arrive Alive'.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that she had not received any update from the NMWTRA with regard to the A494 through Gwernymynydd.

## **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 Nancy Matthews raised the issue of the Gwernymynydd Development Plan complimenting the Flintshire County Council Local Development Plan; in this there is a need to establish the Village Envelope in order to outline permitted development which would be in sympathy with the outlook of the village. The Members agreed that discussions should take place under this Agenda item in order to look at the situation and to agree a way forward with Flintshire County Council.

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

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

Councillor Shirley Hughes informed the Members that preparation for the Summer Fayre was well in advance, the CP School and the Village Lunch Club working together towards a village event.

To date 15 stalls had been booked, possibly more, with other stall holders expressing an interest. The event is scheduled to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 at the Village Centre starting at 12 noon and running to about 3.00 in the afternoon.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed Members that a fund raising event in aid of Cancer Research, an afternoon tea, would be taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the Village Centre between 2.30 and 4.00 PM. Admittance is £3, pay at the door.

Members were requested to give full support to the planned events and to advertise them far and wide.

Councillor Kevin Hughes related to the Members that interest had been shown by residents with regard to having allotments within the grounds of the Village Centre. Also, interest had been shown concerning a community garden at the Centre, an initiative to brighten up the outlook of a village amenity. Councillor Hughes informed everyone that a working group would investigate the popularity of such ventures.

## **11. Reports**

### **Outside Bodies**

Councillor Anita Thomas provided information to the Members with regard to the Village Centre and the events booked. The Centre Management Committee will be holding its AGM the following week and there will be a Charity Fund Raising Event taking place in memory of Sarah Jepson, proceeds to go to the Air Ambulance and to Stoke Hospital. Councillor Thomas informed the Members that a sponsored walk by local children to the Moel Famau summit had been organised, Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that the details of the walk would be published in the forthcoming Village Newsletter.

Councillor Anita Thomas raised the issue concerning the planters that were purchased last year and to replenishing them with flowers. The Members were in full agreement about the suggestion to replenish the planters and all wished the proposal to proceed.

Councillor Nancy Matthews outlined her proposal for the Cambrian Quarry Liaison Committee, consideration for local representation to be from Glyndwr Road, the Old Chapel, Bat Conservation Group, Natural Resource Wales, the Community Council, the Local Member and Llys Enfys/Bryn Eithin. A list of suitable representatives will be drawn up with the view to working closely and amicably with ASH Waste Services. Nominations will be sought from the list outlined in order to progress the Liaison Group.

### **Sub-Committees**

Signage for the BMX Cycle Track, the Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with Palm Prints, Greenfield Business Park, when further information becomes available Members can then discuss the item at a 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 and 4 were received by the Council.

**13. Late Correspondence**

The following information was received by the Council:-

Fields in Trust (FIT), information regarding ‘Having a Field Day’; Fields in Trust (FIT) the Impact Report, 2013.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014

T M Richardson	Clerk’s Salary	379.56
	Postage	10.00
		<b><u>389.56</u></b>
Zurich Municipal Insurance	Council’s Insurance	578.46
Deeco Lighting	Streetlight maintenance	276.67
Scottish Power	Streetlight energy charge	186.35
FLVC	Annual subscription	25.00
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