



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Keith Taylor

## **Councillors Present**

Karen Jones, Anita Thomas, Marjorie Thomson, Shirley Hughes, Carl Jackson and Nancy Matthews.

Councillor Keith Taylor welcomed to the meeting PCSO Jonathan Knowles.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Vicky Hinstridge, John Homersley, Andrew Crabtree and Kevin Hughes.

### **2. 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.

### **3. Co-option for the Vacant Seat on the Community Council**

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received an application to fill the vacancy of Councillor to the Gwernymynydd Community Council; the applicant being Mrs. Francis Rosedale, of Bryn Tirion, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.

The Chairman, Councillor Keith Taylor welcomed Mrs. Rosedale to the meeting and introduced her to the Members.

Mrs. Rosedale was co-opted to fill the vacant post of Councillor and signed the 'Undertaking to Observe the Code of Conduct' document for a Councillor in accordance with the Regulations.

Councillor Francis Rosedale then took part in and contributed to the Council's discussions and deliberations.

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

**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’. The Clerk was again requested to pursue the matter with Streetscene Management.

**14. 2014; 26, Sub-Committees;** Signage for the BMX Cycle Track, the Clerk had been requested to pursue the matter with Palm Prints, Greenfield Business Park, he reminded the Members that the cost quoted for the respective signage was £445. As stated previously Members had agreed in principle to finance the respective signage at a figure of £500. The Clerk was requested to pursue the matter further and to obtain a proof of the sign for agreement by the Council.

**10. 2014; 19** Councillor Shirley Hughes informed the Members that the Summer Fayre had gone extremely well, it had been a success with good support from the village. The event had raised approximately £1,700 and the organising committee had received good feedback from many people. The Members thanked the CP School and the Village Lunch Club for working together towards this well supported and successful village event.

On behalf of the Summer Fayre organising committee Councillor Shirley Hughes thanked the Community Council for providing a donation towards the initial costs.

**14. 2014; 26, Reports;** Councillor Kevin Hughes, in his absence, provided for the Council his report relating to his attendance at the recently held County Forum. The Clerk read out to the Members the contents of the report:-

‘Briefly, I have spoken with Cllr Nancy Matthews regarding the issue of grass cutting at the homes of tenants who are unable to do it themselves and the fact they are being charged by the county. This was an issue brought up by Mostyn who complained that several elderly people are being charged extortionate amounts to have their lawns cut. I have asked Nancy to establish if we have any village residents that are having to pay so we can see if we can address the issue and find a better solution.

Other issues discussed included Community Asset Transfers. This is something that the Village Centre Management Committee is already looking into.

We had a presentation of Fracking which doesn't really effect the village although we could see drilling along the Dee Estuary.

Mostyn also complained about their lack of a youth club. I raised the point that we have also lost our youth club due to financial issues. I was promised that the person in charge of youth services would contact the community council in due course with some answers.

I also raised the issue of speeding and our frustration over the lack of support from North Wales Police and the Trunk Road Agency in tackling it and reducing the accident rate.’

Councillor Hughes also requested that the County Forum be put onto the agenda for the next Council meeting in order to enable him to give a more in depth account of the proceedings. He additionally emphasised the point of the Council’s participation at the County Forum. The Council needs to be represented at such important meetings and in particular to such proceedings as the recent Quarry hearing at County Hall and the Siglen Ucha public inquiry.

Councillor Nancy Matthews echoed Councillor Kevin Hughes comments regarding the County Forum, this Council does need to be part of such important discussions/debate with Flintshire County Council.

Councillor Matthews also provided a critical outline of Flintshire County Council's grass cutting programme, improvements in the service will be forthcoming.

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

An apology for absence had been received from PCSO Chey Arrowsmith, the Council welcomed PCSO Jonathan Knowles who deputised in his absence. PCSO Knowles informed the Members that apart from a reported ASBO incident and a domestic dispute there was very little police action within the community.

However, PCSO Knowles did comment on a reported incident whereby the police had received concerns and a complaint regarding what was considered to be a discharge of firearms locally. An armed response unit attended to the report and the police made a thorough search of the area but nothing came of the alleged incident.

Councillor Keith Taylor thanked PCSO Knowles for his report and for coming along to the Council meeting.

### **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;**

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

**Cadole;** Councillor K. Taylor reported that the proposed improvement to the triangular area and road junction located at the Cadole/Gwernaffield end of Village Road was still being pursued with Flintshire County Council. **Llys Enfys,** Councillor Shirley Hughes reported to the Members that she had received complaints from residents regarding a proliferation of cameras and floodlights at a house in the street. The lights in particular were causing a nuisance. A full discussion ensued and Councillors related historic incidents regarding the cameras, however it was considered that the floodlights were a nuisance and as such could be reported to the Environmental Health Department, Flintshire County Council. **Blaen Wern,** Councillor Carl Jackson reported a loose surface water grid for attention, this complaint to be forwarded to Flintshire County Council. **Ruthin Road,** Councillor Francis Rosedale outlined her concerns regarding the positioning of a central reservation bollard, A494, near to the junction to the access to Bryn Tirion. Members agreed with the concerns related by Councillor Rosedale and resolved to pursue the matter with the Trunk Road Agency (NMWTRA).

## **6. Planning Matters**

**1. LEJ/052074, Erection of a workshop/store and a garden room extension located at Waverley, Twmpath, Paddock Way, Gwernymynydd.**

**AGREED**

**2. NAP/052207, Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 13 and 31 attached to planning permission, reference 050695 relating to the Cambrian Quarry, Gwernymynydd. AGREED**

**3. NAP/052281, Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 18 attached to planning permission, reference 050695 relating to the Cambrian Quarry, Gwernymynydd. AGREED**

**4. NAP/052282, Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 6 attached to planning permission, reference 050695 relating to the Cambrian Quarry, Gwernymynydd. AGREED**

**5. PXR/052220, Prior notification, the installation of BT cabinet located near to Tir-y-Coed, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd. AGREED**

**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 2014; 33.

The Clerk related to the Members that he had received the Council's Accounts back from the Council's Internal Auditor, Mr. David Griffiths and that he was pleased to state that it was a clean report. The Clerk informed the Members of the comments received about the Accounts from Mr. Griffiths and he outlined the explanations given.

The Clerk provided for the Members an explanation of the auditing process, the next step to follow is to forward the Annual Accounts to the external Auditor, Hacker Young, Chartered Accountants who act on behalf of the Wales Audit Commission. It is anticipated that the external Auditor will provide a full report to the Council of the accounts in October 2014.

**8. A494, Ruthin Road**

To discuss issues relating to speeding traffic, access/egress into/onto the trunk road and parking problems on the A494, Cadole/Loggerheads.

Members still expressed their concerns about speeding vehicles and again they reluctantly accepted the results given by the police, reference to the 'Go Safe' speed detection mobile.

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

To consider the Village Envelope proposal and identified short term initiatives outlined within the Development Plan.

Previously, reference to Minute Number; **9. 2014; 19**, Councillor Nancy Matthews had raised the issue of the Gwernymynydd Development Plan complimenting the Flintshire County Council Local Development Plan; in this there was 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 Clerk provided for the Members drawings of the existing Village Envelope, following on from this Councillors discussed in depth the issues of concern regarding housing development within the boundary of Gwernymynydd.

**10. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

Members reported that to date there were no village events taking place apart from the early stages of planning for the Village Pantomime.

**14. Reports**

**Outside Bodies**

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, Councillors Anita Thomas provided an update of information for the Members.

Gwernymynydd CP School Governors, Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that he had attended the recent meeting as an observer, Councillor Jackson stated that he found the topics discussed both interesting and challenging and that he looked forward to becoming more involved with the School in his capacity as a School Governor.

**Sub-Committees**

BMX Cycle Track, the issue of signage had been discussed in Matters Arising.

**15. Correspondence**

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

**16. Late Correspondence**

The following information was received by the Council:-

Flintshire County Council, Summerfun 2014, an information booklet of events for young people and families; Ombudsman Report 2014.

Clwyd Community Chest, notification of its AGM, with reference to the invitation to attend the AGM on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Councillor Carl Jackson offered to represent the Council at the meeting.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	379.56
	Postage	14.00
	Stationery	28.50
		<b><u>422.06</u></b>
Alan Owens	Repair to the Council's laptop	67.03
Clwyd Community Chest	Annual subscription	10.00
		<b><u>499.09</u></b>