



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at the Village Centre,  
Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Keith Taylor

## **Councillors Present**

Anita Thomas, Marjorie Thomson, Carl Jackson, Vicky Hintridge, Kevin Hughes  
Frances Rosedale, John Homersley and Nancy Matthews.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Karen Jones,  
Shirley Hughes and Andrew Crabtree.

### **2. To Approve the Minutes of the June 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; the  
correct spelling of Councillor Frances Rosedale's name.

### **3. 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;** The Members were informed that the signage for the  
BMX Cycle Track has now been completed and purchased, the Clerk has informed  
Palm Prints, the manufacturer, to contact Councillor Carl Jackson with regards to the  
delivery of the signage to the Village Centre. With respect to the grounds maintenance  
of the Track, Councillors Carl Jackson and John Homersley informed the Members  
that they had cut/strimmed the overgrown grass on the Track. The Clerk informed the  
Members that he had discussed the matter of maintenance with Flintshire County  
Council's Streetscene, the grass cutting/strimming of the Track has now been placed  
on the respective maintenance schedule.

**5. 2014; 30, Llys Enfys,** With reference to the concerns outlined by Councillor Shirley Hughes, the report 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. The Clerk reported to the Members that he had received no information to date with regard to the light nuisance from the Environmental Health Department, Flintshire County Council.

**5. 2014; 30, Blaen Wern,** Councillor Carl Jackson had previously reported a loose surface water grid for attention; this complaint was forwarded to Flintshire County Council and is still outstanding

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

There was no Police presence at the meeting.

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

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided information to the Members with regard to thefts that had taken place within the locality. Chain saws, building materials and tools, heating oil and car theft and been stolen in Ffordd Bryn Gwyn, Nercwys Road and Glyndwr Road. Councillor Matthews also brought to the attention of Members the OWL messaging provision, an Online Watch Link with North Wales Police and Crime Stoppers, which gives valuable information on related incidents.

Councillor Keith Taylor related that there had been suspicious vehicles seen in the Bryn Eithin/Llys Enfys area, however no report had been given to the Police on this observation.

Councillor Nancy Matthews requested the Members to let people know about the incidents and to be alert about anything they perceive to be suspicious.

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

**Cadole;** Councillor K. Taylor reported that he had met with David Hanson MP with regard to the proposed improvement to the triangular area and road junction located at the Cadole/Gwernaffield end of Village Road. This was still being pursued with Flintshire County Council and David Hanson MP stated that he would help to obtain the said proposed improvement works. Councillor Taylor also related to the Members an incident whereby a dog in the village had attacked another dog; the matter is being investigated further. **Blaen Wern,** Councillor Carl Jackson reported that dog litter was still causing a nuisance in the area. **Ruthin Road,** In her absence and on behalf of Councillor Karen Jones, it was reported that grounds maintenance, the control of roadside weeds, was required on the A494. Also the Members raised their concerns regarding the lack of road sweeping along the A494 and the overgrowth obscuring the village and AONB signs; the Clerk was requested to approach Flintshire County Council on the matter.

## **5. Planning Matters**

### **ADW/052180, Construction of a strategic flood alleviation scheme for the town of Mold, located at Cae Bracty and Maes Bodlonfa, Mold**

**AGREED**

Proposed development sites within Gwernymynydd, reference to the Flintshire County Council's UDP; Councillor Nancy Matthews drew reference to the village envelope and outlined the possible sites that may be included. These were given to be; the site behind the 'old war memorial' site, Godre'r Coed and Swan Lane. This item to be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided an up date to the Members with regard to the Cambrian Quarry; the badger sett issue is resolved with the badgers appearing to be happy and the newt ponds are now complete.

With regard to the resident bats ASH will construct a new 'cave' in an old building on a site to the left of the old haul road, this will mean that in order to preserve an air flow through the existing mine which regulates the air temperature there will be plant on site for about 10 days to undertake the necessary excavation works to bury a pipe to ensure an air flow through the mine.

## **6. 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; 38.

The Clerk having previously provided for the Members an explanation of the auditing process, the next step that followed was to forward the Annual Accounts to the external Auditor, Hacker Young, Chartered Accountants who act on behalf of the Wales Audit Commission. The Clerk reported to the Members that he had now received the report from the external Auditor. The Clerk was pleased to inform the Members that the external Auditor, Hacker Young, Chartered Accountants had given a clean Report of the Council's Annual Accounts and that there was no action to be taken.

## **7. County Forum**

With reference his previous report, Councillor Kevin Hughes provided for the Members a more detailed account of the items discussed at the County Forum.

Fracking for the extraction of methane gas, Councillor Hughes outlined the presentation that had been given at the Forum and he proposed to the Members that the Council could ask Flintshire County Council to provide a similar presentation. This was put to the Members and agreed. The Clerk was requested to pursue the matter.

Community Asset Transfers, Councillor Hughes related that Flintshire County Council was investigating such issues as a means of not only reducing its costs but also in providing Town and Community Councils with more responsibilities. With regard to Gwernymynydd, this is something that the Village Centre Management Committee is already looking into with the opportunity of obtaining access to more funding streams.

Councillor Hughes outlined the concerns of Mostyn Community Council which complained about the lack of a youth club. This appeared to mirror the concerns of this Council and Councillor Hughes was promised that the person in charge of youth services would contact the Council in due course with some answers.

Digital inclusion, the Community on line, Councillor Hughes proposed that the Council should investigate this issue; this was put to the Members and agreed.

With respect to more in depth involvement between the Community Council and residents in Gwernymynydd and Cadole, Councillor Hughes proposed that a survey be undertaken to obtain the opinions of people within the locality. The Members discussed the proposal and wholeheartedly supported the initiative, including the cost of printing the survey forms. Councillor Hughes stated that he would obtain sufficient leaflets to undertake the survey and Members all agreed to distribute them and to discuss the issues outlined with members of the public.

## **8. Member Representation on both Outside Bodies and Sub-Committees**

The respective representation refers to:-

**Outside Bodies;** Aberduna Quarry Liaison Committee, Cefn Mawr Quarry Liaison Committee, One Voice Wales, Gwernymynydd Village Centre Management Committee, Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Council, and the Council's Website.

**Sub-Committees;** Planning Sub-Committee and Play Areas.

The available vacancies on the above relate to the Planning Sub-Committee and the Village Centre management Committee.

Councillor Frances Rosedale was nominated for the vacant position on the Planning Sub-Committee and Councillor Carl Jackson was nominated to fill the vacant position on the Village Management Committee. Both Councillors were accepted by the Members to fulfil the said positions.

## **9. A494, Ruthin Road**

With respect to the previous Council meeting where discussions ensued regarding the positions of the bollards/new markings that were put in and on the road the drive to Bryn Tirion located next to the drive for Hendre Aled were not taken into consideration. Members concurred that his omission has resulted in an hazardous traffic situation which has caused numerous 'near hits' when residents turn into the driveway.

This aspect coupled with the prospect of increased lorry traffic from the quarry on Glyndwr Road would exacerbate an already dangerous traffic issue.

The above concerns were related to NMWTRA who in response stated that NMWTRA was unlikely to be able to fund an amendment to the road layout until it was time to resurface the road again, or place additional measures unless a significant collision problem was to arise at the location concerned.

NMWTRA further stated that it would take a look at the Council's submitted request as soon as it can and see what would be feasible within the current financial climate.

With reference to the concerns expressed with regard to the street lighting along the A494/Ruthin Road Councillor Nancy Matthews provided for the Members an up date on the situation.

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

Members agreed that the Gwernymynydd and Cadole Community Council Survey, as agreed, would compliment the Development Plan and would enable it to move forward into 2014/15.

Also there was a need to consider the Village Envelope proposal and identified short term initiatives outlined within the Development Plan.

The Development Plan would compliment 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.

## **11. 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.

## **12. Reports**

### **Outside Bodies**

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

Councillor Nancy Matthews related to the Members the discussions she had undertaken with Flintshire County Council regarding the Village Youth Club. Councillor Matthews had expressed dismay over the slow response to requests for the re-establishment of the Youth Club stating its previous success and the need for such a Club within the Village. Following on from Councillor Matthews persistence Flintshire County Council has responded with the request to the Council for financial assistance to fund an Assistant Youth Worker.

The Members discussed the proposed financial request and agreed unanimously to the proposition. The Clerk was requested to contact the Flintshire County Council Youth Service with the response of the Council.

One Voice Wales, Councillor Marjorie Thomson reported to the Members the salient points discussed at the recently held meeting of the Wrexham/Flint Area Committee.

Presentation to the meeting by Ken Skates AM discussing, skills and employment, technical skills would be enhanced via super fast broadband with 96% of Wales already being connected to the service. The remaining 4% short fall meeting the service through additional funding provided by Access Cymru. Councils and Councillors would be encouraged to come together to arrange customised training modules. Also training would be provided (now developed) to support Councils who have considered and were moving towards taking responsibility for assets or services via the devolution process. Concern was expressed at the meeting with regard to possible problems that may emerge due to the ending of bus subsidies, some service routes being sacrificed to meet the cost cuts.

With respect to devolution of services from the County Councils and the provision of joint arranged training packages for Town and Community Councils the Members agreed to pursue this issue, the Clerk to further investigate the matter.

## Sub-Committees

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

### 13. Correspondence

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

### 14. Late Correspondence

The following information was received by the Council:-

Flintshire County Council, submitted details regarding the Summer Playscheme; One Voice Wales, notification of the AGM, to take place the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Llanellwedd, the Royal Welsh Showground; a letter from Sandy Mewies AM with regard to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration proposals for the regeneration of Town High Streets; an invite to Councillors from the Chairman of the Leeswood Community Council to attend the Civic Service to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014; a request submitted by Mr. Geraint Roberts to either refurbish or purchase a new seat, located at/near the Gwernaffield Road/A494 junction at Cadole in memory of his late mother, with respect this item the Members fully supported the request.

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided an up date for Members on the proposed Rainbow Inn development site. With regard to the Section 106 Agreement Councillor Matthews outlined the provision of the funds that would be available and stated that she would pursue the matter with Flintshire County Council's Play Unit/Open Spaces Manager for improvements to be made to the Llys Enfys/Bryn Eithin play area.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary (July/August)	759.12
	Postage	10.00
	Clerk's Allowance	54.50
		<b><u>823.62</u></b>
Palm Signs	Signage for the BMX Track	534.00
Scottish Power	Street light energy charge	188.37
T. M Richardson (PC World)	Council's Computer	414.99
		<b><u>1,960.98</u></b>