



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 30th July 2015 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Keith Taylor

Councillors Present

Carl Jackson, Heidi Jackson, Vicky Hinstridge, Kevin Hughes. Shirley Hughes and Karen Jones.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anita Thomas, Frances Rosedale, Marjorie Thomson and John Homersley.

In Attendance

Councillor Nancy Matthews

Councillor Carl Jackson provided for the Members an update on the health of Councillor Anita Thomas. The Members expressed their concern for her and wished her well and hopefully a full return to good health in the near future.

Before starting the meeting the Chairman, Councillor Keith Taylor led the Members in a minutes silence held in memory and respect for the former Chairman and Councillor Elwyn Owens

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.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3, 2015; 30. Councillors Carl Jackson and Karen Jones had previously raised their concerns regarding dog litter within the village and irresponsible dog owners. Councillor Karen Jones again requested Members to 'look out' for such offenders in order that they may be reported to Flintshire County Council. Also Members requested the Clerk to keep in contact with the Enforcement Section of Flintshire County Council to ask for regular patrols in the area to prevent such incidents.

6. 2015; 13. Swan Lane; Previously Councillors had reported to the meeting that the requested Dog Litter Bin had been sited in the wrong location, the Bin had then been removed as requested by the Council and was now awaiting replacement and relocation.

5.2.2015; 31. Member Area Reports; Cadole, Councillor Vicky Hinstridge had previously provided an update for the Members, reference to the triangular section of road, Village Road/Gwernaffield Road junction. Councillor Hinstridge had related to the Members that she would seek clarification and additional information on the matter from Mr. Steve Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation of Flintshire County Council. With respect to this Councillor Hinstridge had been in contact with Mr. Derrick Charlton, Flintshire County Council, and as such she was awaiting a detailed report on the matter.

Concerning roadside maintenance, Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members of the new programme for the cutting of grass verges within Flintshire.

4. Gwernymynydd CP School, Governors Report to the Council

Councillor Kevin Hughes' related to the Members that the school was now on holiday and that the children's leaving service had been well attended; Councillor Hughes stated that it had been a lovely afternoon for everyone. The next meeting of the Governors will be scheduled shortly and there are still concerns regarding the promotion and marketing of the school in general. The number of new pupils likely to come to the school in the new term are low, however it is hoped that by actively promoting and marketing the school this issue will be resolved. Councillor Hughes also informed the Members that the school is working closely with Nercwys and Gwernaffield CP Schools in related activities.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the Gwernymynydd School had received good inspection reports and that this would go a long way towards helping to promote the school in the locality.

5. Police Matters and Member Reports

1. Gwernymynydd and Cadole; Police Area Reports.

There was no Police presence at the Council Meeting and again there had been no e-mailed report on any issues in the community sent to the Clerk. Members again expressed their concern about this and requested the Clerk to pursue the matter.

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

Llys Enfys and Blaen Wern; as previously stated indiscriminate vehicle parking was still causing a nuisance.

2. Member Area Reports.

Minffordd Fields and Llys Enfys; in these areas there were no items to report for discussion.

Cadole; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge informed the Members that the residents in Cadole were still awaiting the promised post box. Councillor Nancy Matthews related that she had previously been told that the post box would be installed within 6 weeks, it was now 12 weeks and counting!

Blaen Wern; Councillors Karen Jones and Shirley Hughes expressed their concerns regarding the newly erected no parking sign in the Flintshire County Council garage area. It would appear to be a 'non Flintshire County Council sign in its design'.

Councillor Nancy Matthews stated she would pursue the matter with the County Council and obtain an explanation from the respective Housing Officers.

Swan Lane; Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that the trees/bushes in the area need to be cut back as they are causing a nuisance and obstruct the highway; whereas some are the responsibility of the respective local landowners the rest are the responsibility of Flintshire County Council. The Council to be requested to undertake the outlined work.

Glyndwr Road; Councillor Nancy Matthews provided an update on the work being carried out, reference to the Cambrian Quarry.

Tros y Wern; Members reported that the waste litter bin was full and overflowing and concerns were expressed with regard to dog litter and the issue of glass fragments on the play surface; Members requested that Flintshire County Council be contacted on the stated problems. **Ruthin Road,** Members were informed that work was proceeding on the repair and maintenance of the streetlights. Also with regard to this area of the village Members raised a request that a dog litter bin be installed because of the persistent fouling along the A494, Ruthin Road.

6. Planning Matters

Ref: JZB/053850; Conversion of shop and store into 2 holiday cottages (amendment to previous approved application 051966) located at the Pioneer Store/Shop, Village Road, Cadole.

The Members in Council agreed with the decision given by the Council's Planning Sub-Committee and the Planning Application was **Approved.**

7. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for July, the details of which can be found on page 2015; 40.

8. Proposed Play Area for Cadole

To discuss details of the proposition

The Clerk related briefly a telephone conversation he had had with a local resident, concerns were expressed about the proposal and these mirrored the issues discussed in Council. Councillor Heidi Jackson outlined further on the matter with a possible alternative site/location being considered by the Cadole residents wishing to have a local play area. To date there is no additional information.

9. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Councillor Heidi Jackson informed the Members that she had reviewed her proposed Charity Walks and the favoured 2 routes would include access for prams and for persons with a disability as well as for a country walk. Members agreed that the Charity would be dedicated to the memory of former Councillor Elwyn Owens and funds raised would be donated to Nightingale House. The Walks would start from the Village Centre at around 10.30 AM and finish at the Centre where refreshments would be served to the participants. Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would arrange sponsor forms and also that related information would be given out in the Village Newsletter.

The Members concluded that the best time to proceed with the Charity Walk would be in October thus enabling time to look for sponsors for the event and to receive the sponsor forms in from the walkers taking part in the event.

The Members agreed that further discussion would need to take place at the next Council meeting.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members of the forthcoming McMillan Coffee Morning, with the Gwernymynydd School choir coming along to give a recital. Councillor Matthews also informed Members that a Carol concert has been organised to take place on the 13th December at 4.00 PM at the Village Centre.

10. County Forum

To consider topics for discussion at the Forum and to consider moving the Council meetings to accommodate, if necessary, attendance at the Forum.

The Members agreed that representation at the Forum was essential as valuable information relating to Town/Community Councils was often discussed, outlined and provided. The Members agreed that if possible Gwernymynydd Community Council would host the October meeting of the Forum and submit Agenda items for discussion. The Clerk informed the Members that Flintshire County Council wished to hold the Forum on Thursday the 22nd of October, this date clashes with the usual Youth Club meeting. Members agreed that if the Youth Club could hold an alternative activity on that night then the Council could host the County Forum; Councillor Kevin Hughes volunteered to approach the Youth Club on this issue.

11. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Action Plan for 2015/16/17

The Members discussed ideas for the Action Plan and related them with the Gwernymynydd Development Plan.

Councillors agreed that the plan had been outlined to date and would be progressed within this municipal year and into the next. Additional community projects would be investigated and initiated as they become identified.

Information to residents regarding Town and Country Planning and its Policies relating to Community Councils would also be considered within the Council's Action Plan, this will be progressed along with Flintshire County Council's Local Development Plan.

The Members agreed that the Action Plan would need to be discussed further at future Council Meetings.

12. Remembrance Sunday 2015

To discuss details of the service and who is to participate.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had written to the Headteacher, Gwernymynydd CP School requesting ideas for the school children to become involved in the Service, a response is anticipated before the September meeting.

Councillors confirmed that other organisations would taking part in the Service e.g. Military Personnel, Air Cadets, and a piper. It was also confirmed that the Very Reverend Mary Brotherston would be conducting the Service. However it still needs to be resolved as to who will lay the Wreath on behalf of the community of Gwernymynydd.

13. Reports

Outside Bodies

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, an update of information was provided for the Members. Councillors Nancy Matthews and Kevin Hughes informed the Members of the progress being made with reference to Asset Transfer and negotiation with Flintshire County Council over a lease agreement and control of the Centre and its associated land area.

Councillor Kevin Hughes also outlined ideas that had been suggested within the Asset Transfer Business Plan, e.g. to establish a community shop and post office.

Sub-Committees

There were no items for discussion.

14. Correspondence

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

15. Late Correspondence

The Clerk reported to the Members on the following received items (including information provided by e-mail):-

Flintshire County Council, a New Housing Occupancy Survey; Flintshire County Council, Streetscene and Transportation Directorate, a request to come to a Council meeting to provide an update on Bus Subsidies; Streetlight columns replacement programme A494; Flintshire County Council, staff changes/responsibilities to Streetscene; Flintshire County Council's Playscheme for Gwernymynydd.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 30th July 2015

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary, July and August	759.12
	Postage	10.10
	Stationery, ink cartridges	12.00
	Clerk's Allowance	54.50
		<u>835.72</u>
Scottish Power	Streetlight energy charge	188.37
FLVC	Printing, Cadole letters	21.60
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