



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Village Centre,  
Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Councillor Vicky Hinstridge

## **Councillors Present**

Frances Rosedale Heidi Jackson, Keith Taylor, Kevin Hughes  
Carl Jackson, Marjorie Thomson and John Homersley

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Karen Jones

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Shirley Hughes. The Members were saddened to receive the letter but they reluctantly accepted Shirley's decision. All the Councillors wished her well and hoped that she would continue to play an important part in village life here in Gwernymynydd.

The Clerk informed the Members that the process and procedures would again be followed to co-opt a Councillor to fill the said vacancy.

## **In Attendance**

Councillor Nancy Matthews and Mr. C. Bradshaw (local resident)

### **2. Co-option of a new Councillor**

The Chairman Councillor Vicky Hinstridge welcomed to the meeting Jacqueline Jepson and introductions were given by all present. The Acceptance of Office Form was signed and witnessed by the Clerk which then allowed Councillor Jacqueline Jepson to participate in the meeting.

### **3. To Approve the Minutes of the September Meeting.**

The Minutes of the above had been distributed and were confirmed as a true record of the business transacted at the meeting.

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

**2016; 49**, Councillor Heidi Jackson had previously reported that trees/bushes had been cut or damaged along Swan Lane, Councillor Nancy Matthews reported similar damage along Glyndwr Road and as such questions were posed to Mr. Lightfoot at the September meeting. This issue was still under investigation.

**7.2016; 50, Swan Lane**; Councillor John Homersley reported to the Members that overhanging trees/bushes were still causing a nuisance, the Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with Flintshire County Council, Streetscene. Councillor Heidi Jackson informed the Members that vehicles parked opposite to the Swan Lane junction were causing a traffic hazard, this complaint was also raised by Councillor Marjorie Thomson, again this matter to be reported to the police for action.

**11.2016; 45 To discuss means of placing Council and Village news in the local newspapers**; Councillor Vicky Hinstridge informed the Members that she was still pursuing this matter.

The Clerk drew reference to the report submitted by Andrew Lightfoot, FCC, Streetscene Co-ordinator the contents of which replied to the questions posed regarding the Go-Safe Unit, a meeting with the Trunk Road Agency, Townlynx bus parking and repairs to the A494 at Cadole.

#### **5. Gwernymynydd CP School, Governors Report to the Council**

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that a productive focus meeting had recently been undertaken with the Governors and he was pleased to inform the Members that school intake numbers had begun to rise.

Councillor Hughes related to the Members that the school had taken part in a WW2 project at the Greenfield Heritage site. Councillor Hughes related that he had taken many photographs on the day and that these had been published in both The Leader and Chronicle newspapers.

Councillor Hughes informed the Members that he had discussed at length the Remembrance Service with the Headteacher and that the response was positive and the children from the school will be taking part and laying a wreath in remembrance of the fallen soldiers from the village.

Councillor Frances Rosedale informed the Members that the school had held a successful Harvest Festival which had been well attended by parents and friends.

Councillor Hughes again stated that the Governors' continue to promote the school through the local media and the Village Newsletter in efforts to increase pupil numbers, he also stated that the school would be holding an open day in the near future and that there was an open invitation to Councillors if they wished to attend.

#### **6 Police Matters and Member Reports**

There was no police presence at the Council meeting but PCSO Chey Arrowsmith had provided the Council via the Clerk with a report, the contents of which had been circulated to all Members. Thankfully there had been no incidents in Gwernymynydd, however there were 2 burglaries in the Nercwys area, these were still being investigated. In his report PCSO Arrowsmith appealed to the Councillors to inform residents to be aware of similar possible incidents in the Gwernymynydd area and for everyone to be vigilant, lock all outbuildings and to report any suspicious activities to the police.

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

**Llys Enfys and Blaen Wern;** as previously stated indiscriminate vehicle parking was in part still causing a nuisance. In addition Councillor Carl Jackson reported an attempted forced entry however the entrance gate had been locked and the intruder(s) ran away. Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would make residents aware of the problems in the village newsletter.

### **Member Area Reports.**

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

**Swan Lane;** As stated previously, Councillor John Homersley reported to the Members that overhanging trees/bushes were still causing a nuisance, and Councillors Heidi Jackson and Marjorie Thomson informed the Members that vehicles parked opposite to the Swan Lane junction were causing a traffic hazard, this matter to be reported to the police. **Tros y Wern** Councillor Kevin Hughes again informed the Members that crows congregating in the nearby trees were causing a substantial nuisance to residents. **Ruthin Road,** Councillors Vicky Hinstridge and Jacqueline Jepson raised their concerns with regard to large amounts of the toxic weed Ragwort growing in fields close to the A494. Their concerns relate to the possibility of the weed spreading to other areas and causing a danger to horses and cattle. Members requested that Andrew Lightfoot of FCC, Streetscene be informed about the matter. In addition to this concern Councillor Frances Rosedale raised the issue of intrusive weeds growing alongside the A494, again this complaint to be referred to Andrew Lightfoot.

## **7. Planning Matters**

Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the Members that the contentious application, **DJM/055302; Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the swap out and relocation of the existing 10m high monopole for a 12.5m located at Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd** had now been withdrawn by the applicant.

By e-mail, Planning Weekly List, reference to decisions taken by the Planning authority.

## **8. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for October the details of which can be found on page 2016; 60.

The Clerk provided for the Members a breakdown of the Council's Financial position to date. The Members accepted and approved the Clerk's report.

The Clerk reported to the Members the details of the 2016 Flintshire County Council/Gwernymynydd Community Council Playscheme. A breakdown of the attendance per day was given and Members related that the Scheme had been well received by residents in the village.

**9. Gingerbread House, Gwernymynydd**

Members discussed in detail the proposal submitted by Mr. Bingham with regard to his mobile Gingerbread House. Whereas the Councillors could see the merits in the proposal and there was certainly an opportunity to provide a shop in the village the Members did express some reservations.

The Clerk was requested to write to Mr. Bingham outlining the said concerns but also to congratulate him on his business initiative and his thoughtfulness in attempting to provide for the village a much needed shop.

**10. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Action Plan, 2016/17**

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge welcomed to the meeting former Councillor Chris Bradshaw. Councillor Hinstridge drew reference to the initial work undertaken by Chris Bradshaw and Elwyn Owens on the Gwernymynydd Development Plan and to the Council's collaboration undertaken with Flintshire County Council on the project.

Also with reference to the Gwernymynydd Community Council's Development Plan Councillor Hinstridge reminded the Members about the recent work undertaken by former Councillor Shirley Hughes where she had provided for the Members a work sheet outlining the individual areas that now needs to be reviewed in order to give an Action Plan for the Council to pursue. Title headings include Social and Community Development, Transport and Roads, The Environment and Housing and Land Development. Shirley Hughes had identified parts in the Council's Development Plan that need to be updated, e.g. information relating to individual Councillors and a need to keep the Council's website accurate. Resulting from the earlier discussions Councillor Hinstridge outlined to the meeting the formation of the Sub-Committee which was tasked with looking at the Plan and reporting back to the full Council.

Chris Bradshaw outlined to the Members the beginnings of the Plan, drawing reference to the consultation process with the community and with Flintshire County Council. Chris informed the Members of the presentations given to other Councils and of how well the Gwernymynydd Plan had been received. Chris emphasised that now was the time to undertake a review of the Plan, to look at its shortfalls as well as its successes and to press ahead and perhaps consult again with the community.

Councillor Nancy Matthews related to the Members the benefit of the Plan and its help to the community with the Flintshire LDP and its consultation process. Councillor Vicky Hinstridge stated that she would look at dates that would be available for the Sub-Committee to proceed with the review and she also invited Chris Bradshaw to come along to meetings and to provide valuable guidance for the project.

Councillors thanked Chris Bradshaw for coming along to the meeting and for providing valuable information on the topic.

With regard to the Flintshire County Council's LDP Members requested that Mr Andy Roberts of the Planning and Environment Directorate be invited to the next Council meeting in order to provide relevant information and discussion on the subject.

**11. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

Councillors discussed plans for a Christmas event and Members stated that they wished to organise something that would bring the community together to celebrate Christmas.

Following on from the discussions the Members resolved to hold the event on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Village Centre from 2.30 until 4.00 PM.

Councillors resolved that the Christmas event would have the following; a tree that would be decorated with presents or handmade festive decorations given by children, craft stalls, refreshments (cakes, mince pies, tea, coffee and soft drinks), small boxes filled with 'stocking fillers', music and carol singing and a raffle. The Members agreed that the charity chosen to benefit from the Christmas event would be the Domestic Abuse Safety Unit based in Deeside.

Councillors were requested to help put on the event and to be available on the day, individual Members being tasked to undertake particular duties to make the event a success.

**12. Remembrance Sunday 2016**

Members discussed the format/agenda of the Service and confirmed its details.

The Service will take place at 11.00 AM and Councillors were respectfully requested to be at the War Memorial for 10.45 AM.

**13. Reports**

**Outside Bodies**

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, an update of usage information was provided for the Members.

Councillor Keith Taylor informed the Members that the North Wales Wildlife Trust would be taking over the Visitors' Centre at the former Aberduna Quarry in the near future and that Mr. Andrew Lloyd Jones would like to come along to a Council meeting to outline the work the Trust will be undertaking at the former Quarry.

**Sub-Committees**

There were no additional 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:-

Placemaking Research, Cardiff University; Play Sufficiency Seminar, Deeside Leisure Centre; Welsh Border Community Transport, a request for funding; FLVC, Third Sector Conference at Theatr Clwyd.

By e-mail; information received from Wales Audit Office; Flintshire County Council's LDP, County Forum

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	391.81
	Postage	10.10
		<b><u>401.91</u></b>
Scottish Power	Street light energy charge	190.01
FLVC	Council's Printing	6.98
Flintshire County Council	Playscheme	900.00
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