



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 30th March 2017 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Carl Jackson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Present

Frances Rosedale, Keith Taylor, Jacqueline Jepson, Karen Jones, Marjorie Thomson, Kevin Hughes and John Homersley,

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Vicky Hinstridge and Heidi Jackson; both Members were attending the Welsh Government Meeting, Carwyn Connect held at the Coleg Cambria, Kelsterton, on behalf of the Council. Both Councillors arrived later.

In Attendance

Councillor Nancy Matthews.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting local resident, Mr. J. Bond who had come along to provide an update of information relating to the problems the community had experienced with traffic flows and spillages from heavy goods vehicles on the A494, Ruthin Road. Mr. Bond informed the Members that he had been in regular contact with Welsh Government, Highways and also Flintshire County Council's Mineral Division regarding the traffic issues. Also Mr. Bond related to the Members the details of traffic complaints to Mr. David Hanson MP. The concerns regarding un-sheeted lorries and quarry/soil spillages were outlined to the Members and Mr. Bond outlined to all the responses he had received and the recommended actions to take from the respective authorities. With regard to complaints directed at the local quarries the Members suggested that Mr. Bond could attend the Quarry Liaison Meetings where he could produce evidence of his concerns and as such request remedial actions to stop lorries spilling debris on the highway. Councillors Nancy Matthews and Kevin Hughes outlined the actions taken by the Community Council over recent times, these relating to speeding traffic and spilled debris on the highway and all Members assured Mr. Bond that the Council would continue to press the respective authorities on the concerns of the community.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Bond for coming along to the Council meeting to provide an update on actions taken regarding the A494, Ruthin Road.

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

The Clerk reported to the Members that he had not received any applications nor any enquiries regarding the vacancy for a Councillor.

3. **North Wales Wildlife Trust, Aberduna Quarry**

The Members were informed that the presentation to the Council by Mr. Andrew Lloyd Jones would now take place at the April meeting.

4. **The Battles Over, a National Tribute to 100 Years, War Commemorations**

To discuss how the Community may acknowledge and remember the soldiers killed in the wars. Councillor Kevin Hughes outlined to the Members the ideas put forward by Mr. Barrie Matkin to celebrate the Tribute to the 100 years of commemorations. Councillor Hughes explained that Mr. Matkin had approached the Village Centre Management Committee with the proposal to hold a theme show relating to the war years. Also, Councillors Kevin Hughes and Carl Jackson outlined to the Members the proposal to upgrade the War Memorial Gardens and surrounding area. Councillor Jackson informed the Members that both the Cambrian Quarry and the Cefn Mawr Quarry Management teams had agreed to help and assist in the endeavour.

Additionally Councillor Hughes related to the Members that the Gwernymynydd CP School would also be involved, the pupils would be invited to visit the Cefn Mawr Quarry to observe the limestone extraction workings and also to select a commemorative ‘boulder’ which would feature prominently in the Memorial Garden.

Upon completion of the upgrading works which would include an extended standing area, a rockery, new fencing, solar lighting to enhance the War Memorial and new benches the Members agreed to invite a local resident to open the Memorial Garden by cutting the ribbon.

The schedule for undertaking the said improvement works to become finalised in the very near future.

5. **Defibrillators and First Responders within the community**

The Members discussed the option of purchasing two defibrillators for emergency use within the community. The question of financing the proposal was examined and Councillor Marjorie Thomson outlined to the Members the details of the Rural Development Fund and the windows of opportunity to make an application to the funding organisation. Councillor Jacqueline Jepson informed the Members of the requirement to have a regular maintenance programme for any proposed defibrillators and the need to have such equipment in a suitable and easy to obtain location. Councillor Jepson also outlined to the Members the need to have adequately trained personnel to use the defibrillators. Councillor Jepson informed the Members that the Café Florence in Loggerheads had a defibrillator in an easy to obtain location and she volunteered to discuss the maintenance, training and related costs with the Café Management and to report back the details to the Council. The Members resolved to discuss the proposal of obtaining two defibrillators at a later meeting of the Council.

6 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.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

2017; 08, Councillor Keith Taylor proposed to the Members that the issues concerning the A494, Ruthin Road had been adequately discussed with the points outlined by Mr. J. Bond earlier in the meeting, the Members agreed with Councillor Taylor. Members again identified street lights needing attention on the A494, and also the need to have a regular cleaning/sweeping regime along the Trunk Road and associated pavements. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that Mr. Andrew Lightfoot, Flintshire County Council, Streetscene had obtained 3 dog litter bins for the community and also that following her e-mail to the Members suitable locations had been determined for their siting/fixing.

10, 2017; 12, Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd,

Councillor Kevin Hughes, discussed the details of the forthcoming Gwernymynydd and Cadole Litter Pick, the event to take place on the 13th April, 2017 starting at the Village Centre at around 10.30 AM. Councillor Hughes identified the need to advertise the event locally by using leaflets, banners and signs. Councillor Hughes also requested help and assistance in obtaining Easter Eggs for the participating youngsters and for organising the refreshments on the day.

11, 2017; 12, Outside Bodies Report, Councillor Frances Rosedale outlined to the Members the salient points of the recently held meeting of the County Forum. Councillor Rosedale informed the Members about the reports relating to Dementia Friends Awareness, Community Resilience, Assessment of Well Being and the White Paper on Local Government.

8. Gwernymynydd CP School, Governors Report to the Council

Councillors Kevin Hughes and Nancy Matthews reported to the Members the proposals being discussed with regard to taking the CP School forward following the departure of the present Headteacher, Mrs Louise Williams.

Councillor Hughes again stated that Louise had been a really good and efficient Headteacher in the time she had been at the school and that the Governors would be sorry to see her leave. The Members also concurred with Councillor Hughes' opinions.

9 Police Matters and Member Reports

There was no Police presence at the meeting and no submitted report.

However, Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that there had been a burglary in nearby Nercwys and she requested everyone to bring the information into the community in order to make them aware of the crime.

Councillor Jacqueline Jepson related to the Members that she had disturbed an intruder on her property and that she had taken the appropriate steps by informing the Police about the incident.

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.

Member Area Reports.

Ruthin Road, With reference to earlier discussions with Mr. J. Bond, Councillors reported streetlights for attention along the A494; also concerns were raised with regard to the filthy/dirty condition of the pavements within the village. Councillor Nancy Matthews in her reply to the Members reported that the sweeping schedule was on a 6-week cycle and would be undertaken in due course; **Llys Enfys**, Councillor Keith Taylor again related to the Members that the storm drains and gullies in the area were blocked with fallen leaves and debris, in reply to this complaint Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that work to clear the debris would be undertaken in due course; **Swan Lane**, Members reported that overhanging trees and bushes were causing a nuisance along the lane; **Cadole**; Councillor Jacqueline Jepson informed the Members that she had been in contact with the local landowner with regard to the previously reported nuisance of Ragwort, hopefully this problem would now be resolved; **Blaen Wern**, Councillors Karen Jones and Carl Jackson outlined to the Members the problem of vehicles parking within the garage area and causing an obstruction to the local residents who rent a garage from Flintshire County Council, both Councillors stated that they would pursue a satisfactory resolution to the problem; **Glyndwr Road**, Councillor Nancy Matthews brought to the attention of Members the nuisance caused by works being undertaken by Open Reach, the problems lay with barriers etc. being left in the road and as such causing an obstruction to road users; **Minffordd Fields**, Members reported they had received complaints from local residents with regard to subsidence in the car park close to the entrance of the estate, however Members acknowledged that the said car park area was not adopted and therefore responsibility for its upkeep lies with the developer of the estate, Mr. John Edgar; **Tros y Wern** Councillor Kevin Hughes brought to the attention of the Members the contents of a letter of complaint from an anonymous resident, Councillor Hughes explained that he had investigated the issue and that due to the anonymity of the writer he could not take the matter further, the Council received the letter.

10. Planning Matters

1. ADW/056562, the erection of a multi-purpose agricultural building and associated works located at Bryn Gwyn Farm, Gwernymynydd.

2. JZP/056609, conversion of an existing garage and the erection of a garage extension located at Llwyn Derw, Hafod Road, Gwernymynydd.

The above planning applications were discussed by Councillors at the recent Planning Sub-Committee meeting and further in full Council; the Members raised no objections to the proposals and as such gave full approval to the applications.

3. Pre-planning application consultation for a mobile telephone base station installation at 241466 UF-13256-SW, grass verge, A494, (opposite the Rainbow), Gwernymynydd.

Councillors discussed the pre-planning application taking into account the needs of the community with reference to improved telecommunications and the observations and concerns expressed in a previous application. The Members again expressed concerns regarding exposure to levels of radiation but resolved to wait until the proposal was submitted as a detailed planning application to Flintshire County Council.

Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the Members that the planning application involving Siglen Ucha was again under discussion and may be re-submitted to Flintshire County Council in the near future. Councillor Matthews outlined to the Members the proposed details of the application.

The Council received the information given by e-mail; the Planning Weekly List, reference to decisions taken by the Planning Authority.

11. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for March the details of which can be found on page 2017; 19.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had now received information from the External Auditor and as such he would be preparing the end of year accounts for the approval of the Members and for submission to the Council's Internal Auditor, Mr. David Griffiths.

The Clerk also informed the Members that he had now received the VAT return on expenditure, the amount equating to £367.80.

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

The Members resolved to discuss the Action Plan in more detail at future meetings of the Council following the Town/Community Council elections on the 4th May 2017.

13. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

As stated previously Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members of the details concerning the annual village litter pick. Members were in full agreement with the initiative and were reminded that the event would be taking place on Maunday Thursday, the 13th April 2017. Also as in previous years sponsors will be sought to help finance the litter pick in order to provide Easter Eggs for the children taking part and also to have refreshments available at the end of the event.

Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that another Car Boot Sale will be taking place in the near future, the sale to be held in the car park of the Village Centre.

Councillor Jacqueline Jepson informed the Members that a fund raising coffee morning had been organised in aid of Cancer Research and would be taking place in the Village Centre on Sunday the 21st May 2017, Councillor Jepson requested the support from Councillors for the worthwhile event.

14. Reports

Outside Bodies

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

Councillors Vicky Hinstridge and Heidi Jackson on their return to the Council meeting informed the Members of the salient points arising from the Welsh Government Meeting, Carwyn Connect held at the Coleg Cambria, Kelsterton.

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge reported on the discussions held regarding the proposed Deeside Corridor improvement scheme, the Red or Blue Route being submitted for public consultation. Councillor Heidi Jackson reported on proposals regarding local transport, the proposed North Wales Metro scheme; Councillor Jackson also outlined her concerns regarding school transport and the issue of non-vetted (DBS) bus drivers transporting the children to schools. Both Councillors reported on the questions submitted to the First Minister from the public attending the meeting and outlined their concerns on what appeared to be a lack of positivity arising from Cardiff with regard to North Wales.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

15. Correspondence

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

16. Late Correspondence

The Clerk reported to the Members on the following received items:-

By e-mail; South Flintshire Police Consultative Meeting, to be held at Mold Town Hall on the 25th May 2017; FLVC Newsletter, Information from One Voice Wales.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 30th March 2017

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	391.81
	Postage	10.10
		<u>401.91</u>
FLVC	Annual subscription	25.00
FLVC	Council's printing	101.06
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	115.39
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