



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28th September 2017 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Vicky Hinstridge

Councillors Present

Frances Rosedale, James Appleton, Heidi Jackson, Jacqueline Jepson, Marjorie Thomson, John Homersley, Nancy Matthews and Carl Jackson.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor, Charlotte Dawson.

In Attendance

Councillor Kevin Hughes.

To reiterate for the information of Councillors, the Clerk had received by e-mail the resignation of Councillor Stephen Prydderch, unfortunately due to pressing work commitments Councillor Prydderch had to take this course of action, therefore because of his resignation and in accordance with the respective legislation the Clerk had initiated the process of advertising the Vacancy of a Councillor for Gwernymynydd Community Council in the approved manner.

2. Vacancy for the position of a Councillor, Gwernymynydd Community Council

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received just one application for the vacant position of Councillor.

In compliance with the regulations the Clerk had received an application from Mr. Michael Meadway, a resident of Cadole; his submission for the vacant position of Councillor for the Gwernymynydd Community Council was put to the Members who unanimously approved the appointment.

3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillors

Councillor Michael Meadway signed the Acceptance of Office of Councillor in the presence of the proper Officer of the Council, the Clerk to the Gwernymynydd Community Council.

4. Members Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest

The Clerk outlined to the Members their responsibility to declare any such interests that they may have with regard to discussion items and any actions determined that may influence decisions taken on Agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest given by Councillors for this meeting.

5. Defibrillators and First Responders within the Community

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge again outlined to the Members the initiative of utilising the Community Heartbeat Trust Lottery fund in order to purchase defibrillators for the community.

Again Members resolved that the Council would pursue the said funding stream and look towards purchasing 3 defibrillators for the community. Issues raised regarding training, insurance liability and maintenance of the units would be investigated.

Councillors Vicky Hinstridge and Jacquie Jepson would lead on the project with help and assistance being given by the Clerk as and when required.

The Members agreed to discuss this issue further at the next meeting of the Council and to pursue the requirement of obtaining volunteers to help and to act as First Responders.

6. To Approve the Minutes of the August 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.

With reference to the previous problem of bricks/kerbstones on the highway (Ruthin Road) which had been resolved by the direct action of Mr. Lightfoot speaking to the home owner concerned, the items had now been removed but unfortunately the homeowner was now parking his vehicle(s) partly on the pavement and on the highway. Members discussed the issue of concern, the parking of vehicles causing an obstruction on the highway and pavement and with particular reference to vehicles emerging from the Swan Lane/Ruthin Road junction.

The Members agreed that PCSO Chey Arrowsmith should be informed of the problem with the aim of securing an amicable solution to the concerns of the Council.

13, 2017; 47; Annual Xmas Fayre, this was discussed by the Members who again highlighted the success of the previous event, 2016. Again Ideas for the Fayre were requested from Members for further discussion on the topic.

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge confirmed that the date for the event would be the 17th December at the Village Centre, 2.00 to 4.00 PM.

8. Gwernymynydd CP School, Governors Report to the Council

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that the school and Governors were looking forward to the new term and to the progressive way ahead which will bring many challenges to the school. Councillor Hughes related to the Members that a Governors Meeting is to be held next week and also he was pleased to announce that more pupils would be attending the school.

9. Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2017

Councillors discussed the work of upgrading of the gardens and war memorial at its site within the Village Centre grounds. The refurbishment work had started and is in line with all that has been discussed previously, e.g. an increase in the hard standing area, the memorial to be lit illuminated by solar powered lights, the trees to be trimmed back and new fencing. With regard to planting of the flower beds, Cambria College had been approached for their help and guidance, Councillor Kevin Hughes to pursue the matter with the College.

With respect to a possible opening ceremony of the garden/memorial following completion of the work Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would ask the Quarries Management team, Mr. Ken Skates AM, Mr. David Hanson MP, and the Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council to attend the event, most probably on a Friday but depending on the availability of the invited guests.

Concerning the Remembrance Sunday Service, all has been organised as previous, e.g. the Reverend Mary Brotherston to conduct the service, cubs/scouts, school pupils to come along, the piper to play, the former school bell to toll and the PA System to be obtained.

10. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Website

As stated previously Councillors Vicky Hinstridge, Heidi Jackson and Charlotte Dawson had been nominated for this Sub-Committee with the main issue being to improve the website and to co-ordinate relevant information with the Gwernymynydd and Cadole Facebook site.

Councillor Hinstridge informed the Members that although initially she had received interest from 2 residents from within the village to help look into improving the website one had now stated that she was unable to help. Estimated costs had been obtained for the work, however budgetary constraints were of a concern for the project.

The Sub-Committee will continue to pursue this item to satisfaction by seeking additional quotes for the work in order to achieve an efficient cost effective and informative website.

11. Police Matters and Member Reports

There was no Police presence at the meeting however PCSO Chey Arrowsmith had submitted his report to the Council via the Clerk. PCSO Arrowsmith stated that for this month there was nothing of note to relate to the Members apart from a concern raised by a member of the public reference to the parking of vehicles close to the Rainbow housing development. The vehicles, lorries and vans causing an obstruction to visibility at the Llys Enfys/Ruthin Road junction.

PCSO Arrowsmith submitted a request to all Councillors to please get into contact with him over any items of concern within the community.

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members of the salient points discussed at the recently held North Wales Police, South Flintshire Consultation meeting. Concerns were raised regarding drug use in Saltney and cyclists throughout the County attempting to travel as fast as they could achieve in order to beat their own speed trials.

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. With reference to the latter, the parking problems have been exacerbated due to the poor surface area of the car park near to the entrance of Minffordd Fields, vehicles were now parking at the top of Blaen Wern and causing a nuisance to the residents. In addition to this issue Councillor Carl Jackson stated that the situation was being exacerbated by housing repairs/refurbishment employees of Flintshire County Council parking their vehicles in a haphazard manner.

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that he had again approached Flintshire County Council about the problem of the Minffordd Fields parking area and because of the close proximity of the subsided surface to the pavement he had requested the Council to take the appropriate action on the matter. However because the area of land in question was in private ownership Councillor Hughes had requested Flintshire County Council to pursue enforcement action in order to remedy the problem. As stated previously concerns were again expressed with regard to vehicles parking within the garage area at Blaen Wern, such indiscriminate actions resulting in obstruction to access to the rented garages. Councillor Hughes related that he had met with Flintshire County Council Officers to discuss the problem and as such the proposed way forward of removing the grassed area near the garages and replacing with tarmac was again discussed and may proceed subject to funds being made available.

Member Area Reports.

Minffordd Fields; Blaen Wern; Llys Enfys and Tros y Wern in these areas there were no items for discussion.

Swan Lane, Councillors Heidi Jackson, Marjorie Thomson and John Homersley informed the Members of the difficulties they were experiencing with internet and electrical power interruptions caused by overhanging trees/bushes hitting the respective cables. The Clerk was requested to pursue the complaints with Mr. Andrew Lightfoot, Streetscene Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council; **Ruthin Road**, Councillors raised their concerns regarding the former Rainbow Inn's possible demolition, Councillor Kevin Hughes outlined to the Members the poor condition of the building's interior but with respect to demolition the necessary planning consent would need to be given; to date there was no such application; **Cadole**; Councillors discussed the outcome of the setting of local speed limits in Wales and in particular Flintshire County Council's decision to maintain the speed limit on Cadole Road at 60 mph, Councillor Nancy Matthews related to the Members the strong petition she had made to Flintshire County Council to get the speed limit reduced, the Members agreed with Councillor Matthews and Councillors Kevin Hughes and Vicky Hinstridge stated that they would challenge the decision made and also request a site meeting to discuss the issue; **Glyndwr Road**; Councillor Nancy Matthews raised her concerns with regard to the road surface and in particular to the road's eroded and rutted edges, the Clerk was requested to report the concerns to Mr. Andrew Lightfoot, Streetscene Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council.

12. Planning Matters

AW/057427: Change of use of land from a paddock and timber storage to a site providing 23 tourist accommodation lodges located at Ty Hir, Ffordd Glyndwr, Nercwys.

The above planning application was discussed by Councillors at the recent Planning Sub-Committee meeting and further in full Council; the Members raised objections to the proposal and as such Councillors agreed to refuse the application for the following reasons.

- 1 This proposed development is in open countryside and served with no bus service, therefore entailing more than the usual traffic movements than would be expected at this location.
2. The development site is located on the edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the proposal is considered to be detrimental to the local area and a visual intrusion.
3. There are no details given with respect to the location of the septic tank(s), the provision of sewerage/foul water and surface water run-off removal from the proposed 23 tourist accommodation lodges.
4. The proposal outlines an over-development of the site, this is unacceptable in open countryside.
5. There are no details provided with regard to any landscaping proposal.
6. There has been no site investigation with regard to mine workings in and around the site in question.
7. There are no details given with regard to any considered children's play area on the site.
8. No details have been given with respect to any car parking provision and subsequent hard standing areas.

This Council respectfully requests refusal of this planning application.

The Clerk informed the Members that the Planning Application DGJ/053325, Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings on land adjacent to Siglen Ucha, Gwernymynydd, was due to be held in the Planning and Development Control Committee, Flintshire County Council on Wednesday the 4th October 2017. Councillor Kevin Hughes in his capacity as the local Member stated that he would attend the Committee and Councillor Frances Rosedale volunteered to represent the Community Council

The Members received the information by e-mail regarding the Planning Weekly List, reference to decisions taken by the Planning Authority.

13. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for September the details of which can be found on page 2017; 55.

The Clerk provided for the Members the previous year's Financial Risk Assessment. The document was for information and as a reminder that discussion and review would take place on the details of the Assessment at the Council's October meeting.

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

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge reminded the Members that to progress the Development/Action Plan and its review a Sub-Committee would be established, that consultation with the community should again take place and that the Council would commence this initiative in September.

Councillor Hinstridge related to the Members that the Sub-Committee had met to discuss the issues and that another meeting would be held shortly. Councillor Hinstridge stated that she would be in contact with the Members of the Sub-Committee in order to arrange another meeting to discuss the review. The Action Plan could then be started to be discussed in detail at the September meeting with the intention of relaunching the Development Plan in January and undertaking full consultation with the community by adopting the same format for obtaining ideas that was used previously. Councillor Hinstridge informed the Members that the date put forward by the Sub-Committee for the relaunch of the Plan was the 20th January 2018.

15. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that the Car Boot Sale had taken place on the 27th August, the sale was held in the car park of the Village Centre and although it was poorly supported a small profit was gained.

Councillors were reminded that a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support would be held at the Village Centre on Friday the 29th September.

16. Reports

Outside Bodies

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, an update of usage information was provided for the Members. Councillor Kevin Hughes outlined to the Members the proposal being considered by the Management Committee for a designated dog walking area located to one side of the Village Centre. The initiative coincides with the Flintshire County Council by-law relating to dog control in specific areas and as such it would provide a safe area for members of the community to walk their dogs. Councillor Carl Jackson provided detailed information of the proposal to the Members, the dog walking area would include a fenced off section with access gates, dog litter bins and seating for members of the public. The Council was fully supportive of the initiative and the Members agreed that they would favourably consider a financial input into the proposal.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

17. Correspondence

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

18. Late Correspondence

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

Flintshire County Council/Aura Leisure and Libraries, information received regarding the availability of match funding with the authority to upgrade children's play areas. With respect to Gwernymynydd the Llys Enfys play area was identified by the authority as in need of improvement. Councillor Heidi Jackson volunteered to inspect the play area and to report back to the Members.

By e-mail; Mold Town Council, Historic Mold an exhibition showing Mold throughout the ages.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 28th September 2017

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	391.81
	Postage	10.10
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
		<u>458.31</u>
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	115.78
Councillor Marjorie Thomson	One Voice Wales Conference and Exhibition	70.00
The Greenman Landscape and Garden	Planters and flowers, Cadole	88.44
FLVC	Council's printing	25.06
Flintshire County Council	Election charge	233.49
		<u>991.08</u>