



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Carl Jackson (Vice Chairman)

## **Councillors Present**

Frances Rosedale, Marjorie Thomson, Michael Meadway and Nancy Matthews

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

Councillors, Charlotte Dawson, John Homersley, James Appleton, Vicky Hintridge Jacqueline Jepson and Heidi Jackson

## **In Attendance**

For this meeting Councillor Kevin Hughes submitted his apologies to the Council for his absence.

### **2. 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.

### **3. To Approve the Minutes of the October 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 amendments:-

2017; 57, Again Members resolved that the Council would pursue the said funding stream and look towards purchasing **1 defibrillator** for the community.

2017; 59, 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 trees to be trimmed back and new fencing. Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that all was now complete apart from a small amount of work needed to tidy the garden. With regard to planting of the flower beds, **Coleg Cambria** had been approached for their help and guidance and Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that this work would be undertaken in the Spring.

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

With reference to Planning Application DGJ/053325, Outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings on land adjacent to Siglen Ucha, Gwernymynydd, Councillor Frances Rosedale had represented the Council at the Planning and Development Committee, Flintshire County Council and as such outlined the Council's objection to the proposed application. Councillor Kevin Hughes had attended the site visit as the local Member and raised the concerns of the Council reference to the access/egress to and from the proposed development site. With respect to this concern Flintshire County Council Highways and Welsh Government were looking more closely at the site because of the vehicle vision lines in both directions at the access/egress to the A494 trunk road.

With respect to this Councillor Kevin Hughes was maintaining the Council's interest, comments observations and concerns and would keep the Members informed accordingly.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the Smith's Haulage Yard planning application had at this moment been held back in abeyance but a decision was anticipated and would be published shortly

#### **5. Defibrillators and First Responders within the Community**

With reference to the previous Council meeting it was again outlined to the Members the initiative of utilising the Community Heartbeat Trust Lottery fund in order to purchase a defibrillator for the community.

Again Members resolved that the Council would pursue the said funding stream and look towards purchasing 1 defibrillator for the community The Council awaits the decision on the submission from the Lottery Fund. Issues raised regarding training, insurance liability and maintenance of the units would be investigated in due course.

The Members agreed to pursue the requirement of obtaining volunteers to help and to act as First Responders.

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

The Members were informed that there had been no meeting of the Governors however this would be resolved in the New Year.

Members were again informed that Louise Ankers had been offered the post of Headteacher to the Federation of the Schools, Gwernymynydd and Gwernaffield County Primaries following an interview. Mr Dafydd Johnson will continue as acting Headteacher of Gwernymynydd CP for time being but will revert to his previous position of Deputy Headteacher upon finalisation of the Federation of the two schools.

The Members were informed that a fund raising quiz night had been organised to take place at the Plas Hafod Hotel and that a School concert and coffee morning would take place before the end of term.

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the school and Governors were looking forward to the progressive way ahead which would bring many challenges to the school.

**7. Remembrance Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Councillor Carl Jackson reported that the service was well attended and that all went well and to plan on the Sunday morning. Councillor Marjorie Thomson drew reference to the lack of a PA System, however due to the weather conditions everyone agreed not to use it.

Councillor Jackson informed the Members that unfortunately the Reverend Mary Brotherston would not be available to take next year's service, this situation to be looked at in the New Year. Councillor Jackson also proposed that the Council should recognise the number of years/services that the Reverend had taken in Gwernymynydd and that Members should consider presenting her with an appropriate gift. This proposition was put to the Members and agreed unanimously.

Councillor Nancy Matthews reminded Members that 2018 would be the year of the centenary celebration of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and that many communities would be undertaking some activity to recognise that fact. Councillor Matthews informed the Members that local resident Mr. Barrie Matkin was looking to undertake a celebratory production in line with the Nights Out/Arts Council and that he would like the support of the Council in this venture. A proposal was put to the Members who unanimously agreed to support the endeavour in principle and to work with Mr. Matkin, the production in Gwernymynydd would most probably take place in October/November.

**8. 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.

Via the Clerk Councillor Hinstridge (by e-mail) informed the Members that she had met with local resident Vicki Shinks to help look into improving the website. Estimated costs need to be obtained for the work, bearing in mind that budgetary constraints were of a concern for the project. Councillor Hinstridge in her e-mail reported that the meeting had gone well and that she would be able to provide more detailed information for Members at the next Council meeting.

**9. National Children's Day 13/05/2018**

Members agreed to discuss this Agenda Item at the next meeting of the Council.

**10. Police Matters and Member Reports**

There was no Police presence at the meeting and no submitted police report at the time of the meeting. However, later in the evening PCSO Chey Arrowsmith e-mailed his report to the Clerk, the contents of which were forwarded onto Members. In his report PCSO Arrowsmith informed the Members that the police had received telephone calls from residents relating to 'cold calling', the police had followed up the concerns and spoken to the 'callers' about their activities.

PCSO Arrowsmith also informed Members of burglaries that had taken place in nearby Nercwys and requested Councillors to make local residents aware of the fact.

**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.

### **Member Area Reports.**

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

**Glyndwr Road,** Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the Members her concerns regarding the deep roadside erosion caused by excess surface water run off, Mr. Andrew Lightfoot, Flintshire County Council, Streetscene to be contacted about the problem; **Blaen Wern,** Councillor Carl Jackson raised his concern regarding an abandoned vehicle parked in the road; **Swan Lane,** Councillor Marjorie Thomson again raised the complaint regarding overgrown trees/bushes along Swan Lane, Mr. Andrew Lightfoot to be contacted concerning the problem as the overgrowth was affecting the overhead telephone wires.

## **11. Planning Matters**

The Clerk reported to the Members that he had received no planning applications for the Council to view, to submit opinions and observations.

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

## **12. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for November the details of which can be found on page 2017; 69.

The Members discussed the request for financial assistance submitted by the Welsh Border Community Transport. The Clerk provided information received from the organisation, however Members were concerned regarding the amount requested and the stated use of the Transport by local residents. The Members resolved to investigate the matter further.

Councillors discussed the Section 106 Agreement relating to the Rainbow Development and the Flintshire County Council/Aura proposal to match fund improvements to the Llys Enfys Play Area. The Clerk reported to the Members that to date there has been no confirmation that match funding had been agreed.

With reference to the housing development at the Rainbow Councillor Nancy Matthews suggested that the Council could post a welcome card to the new arrivals taking up the accommodation, this was put to the Members and agreed.

The Clerk related to the Members the current financial situation and confirmed to the Members that they were conforming to the Council's Budgetary Plan.

The Clerk reported to the Members that he had received the calculated Council Tax Band 'D' Tax Base for Gwernymynydd, this being stated as 563.23, this figure to be used to calculate the requested Precept for the Council. The Clerk outlined briefly his proposal for the Precept amount, the figure being £15,500 which calculates to an increase of 2.9%. The Clerk will present the Financial Statement and Budget to the Council at the next meeting in order for the Members to determine the Precept.

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

Members were reminded 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.

The Sub-Committee had met previously to discuss the issues and that another meeting would be held shortly. Councillor Hinstridge had stated that she would be in contact with the Members of the Sub-Committee in order to arrange another meeting to discuss the review, however the said meeting unfortunately had to be postponed.

The Action Plan will be started to be discussed in detail in the New Year with the intention of relaunching the Development Plan in February and undertaking full consultation with the community by adopting the same format for obtaining ideas that was used previously.

**14. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

The Xmas Fayre was discussed by the Members who again highlighted the success of the previous event, 2016. Members confirmed that the date for the event would be the 17<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Centre, 2.00 to 4.00 PM.

As stated previously the Members agreed to follow the same format as of 2016, this proving to be a successful and well attended event, the money raised to go this year to Hope House. Councillor Kevin Hughes had stated that he would contact the school in order for the pupils to be actively involved and Councillor Vicky Hinstridge had agreed to advertise the event on the Gwernymynydd/Cadole Facebook site.

In her e-mail to the Members Councillor Vicky Hinstridge outlined the work done to date in organising the event, charity boxes collected, advertising posters made, donations received regarding cakes/mince pies, scouts involved with the Fayre, Father Christmas booked!, presents bought, refreshments organised and the PA System organised. Also, Councillor Jacquie Jepson. confirmed that NWEDS would attend the Fayre to undertake defibrillator training/demonstration. To finalise details of the Fayre a Sub-Committee meeting is to be held on the 11/12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm.

Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that the annual Gwernymynydd Senior Citizens' Xmas Party will be held at the Village Centre on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00-4.00 pm.

**15. Reports**

**Outside Bodies**

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

Councillor Marjorie Thomson related to the Members that she would be attending a One Voice Wales meeting tomorrow evening and that relevant information arising from the discussions would be forwarded to the Clerk for distribution. In addition Councillor Thomson stated that the Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee of One Voice Wales would be meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> December whereby items on the Agenda were the Welsh Government's review of Town and Community Councils and discussions relating to cuts to local bus services. Councillor Thomson also outlined to the Members the points raised by the Independent Review Panel to consider the future role of Community and Town Councils

### **Sub-Committees**

There were no additional items for discussion.

### **16. Correspondence**

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

### **17. Late Correspondence**

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

Notification of the Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee meeting of One Voice Wales; an invitation to the Mayor of Mold's St. Dwynwen's Day Charity Dinner and Dance, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

By e-mail; Clwydian Range and Dee Valley, AONB Supplementary Planning Guidance Note; Welsh Border Community Transport's reply to the Council, reference to requested additional information; an invitation to the Mayor of Mold's Xmas Concert; an update letter from North Wales Police, November 2017; One Voice Wales training.

### **Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary, Nov. and Dec.	783.62
	Postage	9.40
	Council's Computer Security	89.99
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
		<b><u>939.41</u></b>
Clwyd Pension Fund, Dec.and January	Employer's contribution	231.56
SLCC	Annual Subscription	100.00
ALCC	Annual Subscription	30.00
		<b><u>1,300.97</u></b>