



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Vicky Hinstridge

## **Councillors Present**

Frances Rosedale, Carl Jackson, Nancy Matthews, Marjorie Thomson and Michael Meadway.

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

Councillors, John Homersley Jacqueline Jepson, and James Appleton.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received by e-mail, the resignation of Councillor Heidi Jackson. Members were sorry to hear of her decision to leave the Council, however they reluctantly accepted her resignation and wished her well for the future.

With reference to the previous meeting and the situation concerning Councillor Charlotte Dawson, the Members accepted the decision made under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, whereby Councillor Charlotte Dawson was now deemed to relinquish her position of Councillor due to non-attendance at 6 consecutive monthly meetings of the Council.

The Clerk informed the Members that the procedure for advertising the 2 Councillor vacancies had now been initiated and that the Members could Co-Opt applicants onto the Council from the next meeting onwards.

### **In Attendance**

On this occasion Councillor Kevin Hughes, submitted his apology for absence to the Council.

Former Councillor Mr. Chris Bradshaw to address the Council reference to the Gwernymynydd Development Plan.

## **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. Gwernymynydd Development Plan**

A presentation to the Council by former Councillor Mr. Chris Bradshaw.

The Chairman, Councillor Vicky Hinstridge welcomed Mr. Chris Bradshaw to the meeting. Mr Bradshaw outlined to the Members the need to 'kick start' the Plan's Review in compliance with what was presented to the community in 2007. The proposed housing development in Siglen Ucha by Persimmon Homes truly identified the Community Council's position in the Planning Process and showed to all how much the voice and opinions of the local community mattered. The Council needed an agreed plan to determine proposals from the 'bottom up' of the hierarchy, it would be the community of Gwernymynydd that identified what was required in the village not the Welsh Government or the County Council. Therefore, the Council formed a sub-committee to canvas the community to bring a host of ideas forward to see what everyone wanted in the Village and adopted the main themes outlined in similar Development Plans that had been approved/accepted by some English County Councils. The Council organised a 'Showcase' an exhibition for the community to bring to the forefront what was needed in Gwernymynydd. Resulting from this initiative the consultation process gained strength and the seeds for a Plan for the Village started to germinate. In depth consultations with Flintshire County Council took place and eventually the Plan became an approved document. From the Plan there were various initiatives that came forward, the formation of a progressive Village Centre Committee, the Village Pantomime Company and the Village Lunch Club to name just a few. Mr. Bradshaw continued with his presentation by stating that the Plan had generated much interest in the Village and that this should be maintained, therefore a Review of the Plan is essential to ensure that the community still has a voice in what it wants for Gwernymynydd. Councillor Marjorie Thomson informed the Members that in her presentation to One Voice Wales the Gwernymynydd Plan was well received and as such the Community Council's initiative resulted in good responses from other Councils, Gwernymynydd Community Council was well respected throughout Wales for the work done on the Development Plan. Councillor Vicky Hinstridge stated that the respective sub-committee would look at means to promote the Plan and to look at organising another Gwernymynydd Showcase, by utilising the Facebook page and the Council's website alongside the village Newsletter would hopefully regenerate interest in the Plan.

The Members thanked Mr. Chris Bradshaw for coming to the meeting and for stating that his interest in the Plan would be maintained by becoming a member of the respective sub-committee.

## **4. To Approve the Minutes of the March Meeting**

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

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

**2018; 16, Defibrillators and First Responders within the Community,**

Councillors informed the Members of training that had taken place in Nercwys and in Mold and of their attendance at the sessions.

**2018; 17, Debra's Well,** Councillor Vicky Hintridge informed the Members that a meeting was scheduled to be held shortly with staff from the Cefn Mawr Quarry and that Councillor James Appleton had discussed favourably the involvement of the CP Schoolchildren with the Headteacher.

6. **Defibrillators and First Responders within the Community**

With respect to a previous Council meeting whereby information had been given, reference to the Council failing to achieve a grant towards purchasing a defibrillator, Members had discussed the matter further and all had agreed that the Council should proceed on its own accord to purchase a defibrillator for the community; the issue being too important not to go forward with the undertaking. Councillor Jacquie Jepson had previously provided information on the types of defibrillators and associated equipment by e-mail. Councillor had Jepson further elaborated on the types of defibrillators on the market and of the required 'back up' necessary to ensure availability of use at all times.

With respect to the above, the Clerk provided the Members with an update of the situation, with the view of progressing the matter at the next Council meeting.

7. **Federated CP Schools (Gwernymynydd and Gwernaffield), Governors Report to the Council**

Councillor Nancy Matthews on behalf of Councillor James Appleton informed the Members that there was a meeting of the Governors tonight, this being the first proper meeting of the Board.

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

8. **Gwernymynydd Community Council's Website**

Councillor Vicky Hintridge informed the Members that she had been in contact with Vicki Shinks with regard to the new improved website and as such she was able to relate to everyone that the website should be up and running very soon. In addition, Councillor Hintridge requested that Councillors look at the site and provide feedback to Vicki Shinks with any observations/comments they may have.

9. **Police Matters and Member Reports**

The Clerk reminded everyone that PCSO Chey Arrowsmith had now been replaced by PCSO 2932 Emma Owen, her contact e-mail being;  
[Emma.Owen@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Emma.Owen@nthwales.pnn.police.uk).

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

Councillors raised their concerns regarding the above and as such they requested the Clerk to contact PCSO Emma Owen to invite her to the next meeting of the Council to discuss policing issues in Gwernymynydd.

**Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; Ruthin Road; Swan Lane 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 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; **Cadole**, Members reported heavy goods vehicles had started to park overnight in the lay-by on the A494.

#### **Member Area Reports.**

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

**Blaen Wern**, Councillor Carl Jackson reported a streetlight needing attention in the garages area; **Swan Lane**, with reference to previous complaints regarding overgrown trees/bushes along Swan Lane, Mr. Andrew Lightfoot to be again contacted concerning the problem as the overgrowth was affecting the overhead telephone wires; **Glyndwr Road**, Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to Members that she had collected 2 black sacks full of litter on the Village Spring Clean event; **Ruthin Road**, similarly Councillor Frances Rosedale reported lots of discarded Greggs and McDonalds litter along the road, also, Councillor Rosedale related to the Members that the A494 had become very muddy and needed to be swept.

Members reported that vehicles were again parking opposite to the Swan Lane junction and were causing an obstruction on the highway and on the pavement. Members requested that this nuisance be reported to the police.

### **10. Planning Matters**

#### **DGJ/053325, Amendments to the submitted application, Siglen Ucha, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.**

Members discussed this application in depth and concluded that there were no changes to the recent submission. The Members therefore agreed that the previous objections to the application remained and as such the Clerk was requested to submit the Council's objection as given previously. Also, the Clerk informed the Members that he had received copies of letters of objection to the application from Mrs. G. Wilcock of Rockland Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd stating similar points of view and comments.

#### **ADW/058256, Change of use of a garage to a coffee roastery located at Llwyn Derw, Hafod Road, Gwernymynydd.**

The above planning application was discussed by Councillors at the recent Planning Sub-Committee meeting and further in full Council; the Members raised no objections to the proposal.

#### **JZP/058284, Erection of a boundary acoustic fence located at Treetops, Village Road, Cadole.**

The above application was received late from Flintshire County Council, however the Members discussed the proposal in full Council and agreed to object to the planning application for the following reasons:-

To the Planning officer,

I refer to the above planning application which was placed before this Council at its recent meeting, the proposed development is inappropriate in design for this location which lies within a conservation area.

This submitted application does not agree with what is required or needed in Cadole, therefore the Members of this Council have emphatically resolved to object to this proposal for the following reasons.

1. The proposed fence is too high and does not blend in to what would be acceptable in a conservation area.
2. The fence would look out of place as compared to what is already in situ with other properties facing onto Cadole Road.
3. The Council is aware that neighbours have not been consulted about this proposal, the outlook from their properties onto the proposed fence is unacceptable in this instance.

The Community Council submits that there are more acceptable means of reducing intrusive noise into residential properties and these alternatives should be explored further, again such a long length 2-metre-high fence in the Cadole conservation area is not acceptable. This Council wishes refusal of this application.

The Members received the information by e-mail regarding 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 2018; 27.

To receive and approve the Council's Accounts 2017/18 prior to submission to the Council's Internal Auditor, Mr. David Griffiths. The Clerk presented to the Council the Accounts, 2017/18, the Members approved the Accounts which were duly signed by the Chairman. Also, the Annual Governance Statement, 2017/18 was presented to the Members who fully agreed with the Clerk's submission to them, the said Governance Statement was then approved by the Members.

The Clerk informed the Members that the Council's Accounts would now go forward to Mr. Griffiths the Council's Internal Auditor for assessment and verification.

## **12. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Action Plan, 2017/18/19**

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 as soon as possible.

The Sub-Committee had met previously to discuss the issues and Councillor Hinstridge stated that she would be in contact with the Members of the Sub-Committee to arrange further meetings to discuss the review.

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

### **13. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

Members were informed that the annual village litter pick which took place on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018, was again a success and was well attended by the community. There had been good coverage of the event in the local press and a good time was had by everyone who took part. Thanks, were given to all who helped with the refreshments and to obtaining the Easter eggs for the participating children.

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 again 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 at the November 2017, meeting had been put to the Members who had unanimously agreed to support the endeavour in principle and to work with Mr. Matkin, the production in Gwernymynydd would be taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2018. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the respective paperwork and forms had now been completed and that the production was now set to progress.

With reference to obtaining a defibrillator for the community, although the Council had resolved to purchase the equipment, Members again agreed that the Council could also look towards fund raising events to help with the costs. This to be discussed and progressed.

### **14. Reports**

#### **Outside Bodies**

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

Councillor Vicky Hintridge informed the Members that Cefn Mawr Quarry Liaison Committee had met recently and that Councillor Kevin Hughes would report back the relevant details to the Members at the next meeting of the Council.

#### **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:-

1. Letters from Mrs. G. Wilcock, Rockland, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd, reference to the proposed Siglen Ucha development; One Voice Wales, acknowledgement of the Council's annual membership.
2. By e-mail; Flintshire County Council, information relating to the County Forum; Flintshire County Council, Streetscene, Bus Network Review.

### Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary,	391.81
	Postage	10.40
	Payment to FCC for the commemorative poppies	7.50
		<b><u>409.71</u></b>
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	115.78
FLVC	Council's printing	4.18
Scottish Power	Streetlight energy charge	186.35
Gwernymynydd Village Centre	Hire charge	25.00
Councillor Kevin Hughes	Purchase of Easter eggs	19.88
Councillor Vicky Hinstridge	Litter pick refreshments	9.79
		<b><u>770.69</u></b>