



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 24th May 2018 at the Village Centre,
Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Carl Jackson

Councillors Present

Frances Rosedale, Marjorie Thomson, Jacqueline Jepson, James Appleton, and
Nancy Matthews and,

1. Apologies for Absence

John Homersley, Vicky Hinstridge and Michael Meadway.

In Attendance

Councillor Kevin Hughes.

2. Election of Chairman, 2018/19

Councillor Vicky Hinstridge was nominated and seconded for the position of
Chairman, therefore Councillor Hinstridge was duly elected Chairman of the
Gwernymynydd Community Council, 2018/19 pending her acceptance of office.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman, 2018/19

Councillor Carl Jackson was nominated and seconded for the position of
Vice-Chairman, therefore Councillor Jackson was duly elected Vice-Chairman of the
Gwernymynydd Community Council, 2018/19.

4. To Adopt the Council's Existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Members agreed without alteration to adopt the Council's Standing Orders and
Financial Regulations.

5. 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.

6. To Approve the Minutes of the April 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.

2018; 23, Defibrillators and First Responders within the Community, Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members of training that had taken place in Nercwys and of the attendance at the session. The presentation was excellent and everyone in attendance gained valuable knowledge.

8. Co-Option for the Vacant Seats on the Community Council

The Clerk reported to the Council that there were 2 vacant seats to be taken up by the Co-option process and that unfortunately he had received no nominations. for the said vacancies.

Members discussed the issue at length and resolved to seek nominations for Councillors within the community. The Members also proposed to look towards filling the vacancies with younger applicants, possibly through interest shown via youth/school invitees to Council meetings.

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

Councillor James Appleton informed the Members of the salient points of the recently held meeting of the Governors, this in fact being the first proper meeting of the Board. Councillor Appleton related to the Members that the school sports day had been held today, the event being well attended by parents and family members. Councillor Appleton also informed the Members that a Finance meeting had been held yesterday and that staffing issues were on the Agenda. Councillor Appleton informed the Members that discussions were being held with the Headteacher to hold Board meetings on a Wednesday in place of a Thursday and that he would be visiting both Schools.

10. Defibrillators and First Responders within the community

Previously Members had discussed the issue of a defibrillator within the community and all had agreed that the Council should proceed to purchase a unit for the village; the matter being too important not to go forward with the undertaking. Councillor Jacque Jepson had previously provided information on the types of defibrillators and associated equipment available and Members had determined upon advice which type of defibrillator plus the appropriate 'back up package' to purchase.

With respect to the above the Clerk provided the Members with an update of the situation and the respective purchase requirements.

11. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Website

Councillor Nancy Matthews 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 comments received from Members regarding the website had been taken on board and respective alterations undertaken.

12 Police Matters and Member Reports

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received an apology for absence from PCSO Emma Owen, the Clerk also reminded everyone that PCSO 2932 Emma Owen's, contact e-mail was; Emma.Owen@nthwales.pnn.police.uk.

As stated above there was no Police presence at the meeting however PCSO Owen had submitted a police report to the Council; as follows:-

29/04, a reported dog bite incident; 30/04, an ASB boundary dispute; 01/05, another ASB incident; 05/05, a reported fraud; 12/05, criminal damage to a vehicle; 23/05, ASB caused by cold callers in the area.

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members of recent thefts in the area of garden waste, 'brown bin stickers', everyone must remember to put their address on the lid of the respective brown bin for the Flintshire County Council waste collectors to take away the garden waste.

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 problem Councillor Hughes informed the Members that he had approached Flintshire County Council about the issue and because of the close proximity of the subsided surface to the pavement the Council would take the appropriate action to make safe the area. Councillor Carl Jackson reported to the Members an abandoned car, not taxed nor insured, in Blaen Wern; Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he was pursuing this complaint with the Housing Department, Flintshire County Council.

Member Area Reports.

Minffordd Fields; Glyndwr Road; and Llys Enfys, in these areas there were no items for discussion.

Ruthin Road, Councillor Vicky Hinstridge in her e-mail to the Members informed everyone of the proposed works at the Aberduna Quarry, Mr. Paul Gill has been asked to attend the June meeting of the Council to outline the said proposal; **Cadole**, Councillor Hinstridge has met with the Headteacher, Louise Ankers and Jason Parry from the Cefn Mawr Quarry to discuss the school's involvement in the Deborah's Well improvement works; Councillor Hinstridge reported to the Members the details of a recent road traffic accident, typical of such incidents in Cadole; **Tros y Wern**, Councillor Kevin Hughes reported an incident in the play area whereby a youngster was injured due to a loose, sharp rivet on one of the play equipment items; **Blaen Wern**, Councillor Carl Jackson again reported the streetlight in the garages area for attention; **Swan Lane**, Councillor Marjorie Thomson again reported to the Members that the trees/bushes in the lane were overgrown and required cutting back;

13. Planning Matters

ADW/058361, Erection of a single storey extension to the front of the dwelling and erection of a garage located at Meliden, Ruthin 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 proposals and as such gave full approval to the application.

Prior to the Agenda being printed and sent out to Members the Council had not received any additional planning applications from Flintshire County Council for Members to pass their observations and comments. However, 1 application was then received before the May meeting, this was as follows:-

BMK/058421, Erection of an extension to the side of a dwelling located at The Cot, Village Road, Cadole.

The above planning application was discussed by Councillors in full Council; the Members raised no objections to the proposals and as such gave full approval to the application.

Councillor Kevin Hughes provide an update for Members on the previously submitted planning applications, Siglen Ucha, the former Rainbow Inn proposal, The Lodges and the Plas Hafod improvements application. In all the applications Councillor Hughes outlined the objections to the proposals and the reasons for the delays in determining the proposals.

14. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for May the details of which can be found on page 2018; 33.

The Clerk brought to the attention of Members the requirement for the Council to register with the ICO (data protection), the cost of the registration being £35.00. Also, in relation to the new General Data Protection Regulations the Clerk informed the Members that the information the Council holds on them consists of their names and addresses together with telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. The information will be used solely for the purpose of Gwernymynydd Community Council communicating with the Members. The Council does not share this information with any other person or organisation.

15. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Action Plan, 2018/19

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 had 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.

16. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that the new dog walking area within the grounds of the Village Centre was now being used, that the Memorial Garden was nearing completion and that the previous proposal to hold an 'opening ceremony' to celebrate the achievements of the Centre's Management Committee and the Gwernymynydd community itself should now proceed forward. Councillor Hughes suggested the date to be the 29th June 2018 and that all the organisations that helped to bring the works to completion be invited along with our AM's, MP and Flintshire County Council dignitaries. Also, a formal dedication to recognise the 100 years of the end of WW1 at the Memorial will take place. Councillor Hughes will contact the Headteacher to involve the school in the celebrations and refreshments will be organised for the opening ceremony.

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided invites to Councillors to a Garden Party in aid of funds for St. Mary's Church, Nercwys.

17. Reports

Outside Bodies

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

With respect to the recently held County Forum meeting Councillor Marjorie Thomson provided for the Members a full and comprehensive report. The Agenda items and action points outlined in the Forum discussions are given by Councillor Thomson as follows:-

A Review of the Community and Town Council Sector in Wales. The purpose of this is to provide an overview of the national review and encourage responses from Town and Community Councils. There will be facilitated discussion with Welsh Government around the four Review questions. Regarding Council Topics, the Charter Review, a Shared Community, this being a Joint Charter between Flintshire County Council and Town and Community Councils. A brief update on the progress of the Task and Finish Group established to review the Charter and Action Plan on behalf of the County Forum. Public Services Board Updates, to provide a brief update on Town and Community Council Representation on the Flintshire Public Services Board and the provision of a brief update on the development of the Well-Being Plan for Flintshire. National and local budget positions, Mr Colin Everett, Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council gave a brief update on the latest position. The County Forum Webpage, a Document update, this provides Town and Community Councils with an update around recent documents that have been added to the County Forum webpage in relation to conduct.

Concerning Town and Community Councils Items submitted by respective Town and Community Councils: Pothole Repairs Cilcain Community Council asked are there any changes that Flintshire County Council can do to improve the current repair system and on Highway Maintenance Funding Cilcain Community Council further asked has Flintshire County Council exhausted its attempt to seek additional funding from the Welsh Assembly for dealing with the deteriorating road maintenance position. Also, when major flooding occurs in an area, the Welsh Assembly often provides additional funds to deal with the aftermath of the floods. Are there no similar arrangements available for dealing with these emergency road maintenance problems? Community Speed Watch, Argoed Community Council provided information for the Forum on its successful initiative.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

18. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

19. Late Correspondence

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

FLVC, information given; Fly The Red Flag, information concerning Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September 2018.

By e-mail; Natural Resources Bulletin, May 2018; A statement given by North Wales Community Health Council; Future Generations, a report from the Commissioner for Wales.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 24th May 2018

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	391.81
	Postage	10.40
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
	Council's registration with the ICO, data protection	35.00
		<u>493.61</u>
Zurich Municipal Insurance	Council's Insurance	634.15
Scottish Power	Streetlight energy charge	62.12
FLVC	Annual subscription	25.00
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	115.78
The Community Heartbeat Trust	Purchase of a defibrillator plus ancillary benefits	2,298.00
		<u>3,628.66</u>