



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 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**

John Homersley, Vicky Hinstridge, Jacqueline Jepson and James Appleton

## **In Attendance**

Councillor Kevin Hughes.

### **2 Aberduna Quarry**

A presentation to the Council by Mr. Paul Gill.

The Chairman, Councillor Carl Jackson welcomed to the meeting Mr. Paul Gill, one of the owners of the Aberduna Quarry. Mr. Gill thanked the Council Members for the invitation to Council and for the opportunity to explain the proposed plans for the future of the quarry. Mr. Gill provided for the Members a brief outline of the history of the quarry, starting in 1949 in a small way through to quarrying activities ceasing in 2017. To show the whole area of the quarry, including the former working faces, offices and parking areas Mr. Gill referred to an aerial view poster, from this he was able to explain the present situation and the restoration works that had taken place following the cessation of quarrying. Mr Gill drew reference to consultations with the AONB and the North Wales Wildlife Trust as to how to proceed with future restoration plans and as to how the said works would enhance the site for the community. The proposal involves in part landfill with inert material in order to landscape areas of the quarry. Mr. Gill emphasised that the process of restoration was to make the former quarry amenable to all and was to conform with Welsh Government Directives to provide benefits to wildlife and to the community, with the North Wales Wildlife Trust managing the site in total.

Councillors raised questions relating to traffic movements and to the type of inert waste material for infill to which Mr. Gill provided answers, stating that the operations would be closely monitored and controlled.

Mr. Gill outlined to the Members that the planning process for the restoration was still in its infancy, however it was hoped that the said application could be submitted to the Planning Authority within 12 months.

Mr. Gill thanked the Members for allowing him to explain the proposed restoration plans and he stated that as the process proceeded he would provide updates to the Council.

**3. 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.

**4 Election of Chairman, 2018/19**

The Clerk informed the Members that Councillor Vicky Hinstridge had confirmed her acceptance for the position of Chairman, therefore Councillor Hinstridge was duly elected Chairman of the Gwernymynydd Community Council, 2018/19.

**5. 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 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.

**6. To Approve the Minutes of the May 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. Members acknowledged that Councillor Jacquie Jepson had volunteered to organise the defibrillator training for the Council.

**8. 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 Jacquie 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 this the Clerk provided the Members with an update of the situation and the respective purchase requirements.

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

Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that all was going well with the newly formed School Federation and that the leaving school children had attended a Proms Night at the Plas Hafod Hotel; the children loved it! Councillor Hughes related to the Members that there would be a joint schools sports day towards the end of July and that there would also be a school leavers service. Councillor Hughes stated that there would be Summer Fayre, this to be announced shortly and that he hoped that fellow Councillors would be able give support to the event.

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

The Clerk provided for the Members an update of the situation and of the progress of the Council's Website.

11. **The Flintshire County Council/Town and Community Council's' Charter, 'A Shared Community'**

The Clerk provided for the Members the County Forum Briefing Paper which had been discussed in the Forum meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Councillor Marjorie Thomson outlined the process to the Members emphasising the involvement of Town and Community Councils with the Unitary Council, Flintshire County Council. Councillor Thomson outlined the 5 main sections of discussion; Local Governance, Partnership Working, Contribution of topics to the County Forum, Ethics and Training and Support.

Councillor Thomson suggested that the Council could look at the stated 5 sections to discuss and comment on and for the Members to consider 1 or 2 per monthly meeting. This proposal was put to the Members and agreed.

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](mailto:Emma.Owen@nthwales.pnn.police.uk).

As stated above there was no Police presence at the meeting and there was no submitted police report.

**Cadole;** Councillor Michael Meadway informed the Members of an electrical power failure in the Cadole area, contractors working on re-establishing the power supply expressed concern regarding the frequency of lorry movements and of the speed they were travelling, the lorries in question were passing very close to the work area. This concern to be related to the Cefn Mawr Quarry Liaison Committee at its next meeting.

**Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; Swan Lane; Ruthin Road 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.

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.

### **Member Area Reports.**

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

**Ruthin Road/Swan Lane**; Councillor Marjorie Thomson again raised the issue of vehicles being parked directly opposite to the road junction, the said vehicles causing an obstruction on the highway and also creating a traffic hazard to the busy A494 trunk road. The Clerk reported to the Members that he had been in contact with the Trunk Road Agency about the expressed concerns and hopefully the issue would be resolved; **Swan Lane**; Councillor Marjorie Thomson again reported to the Members that the trees/bushes in the lane were overgrown and required cutting back; **Tros y Wern**, Councillor Kevin Hughes reported to the Members that the recent flooding in Heol y Wern, caused by blocked drainage gullies, would be resolved, Flintshire County Council would be cleaning all the roadside gullies in the area to prevent further flooding problems; **Glyndwr Road**; Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the Members that the roadside erosion needed to be repaired and that there were drainage problems which were causing flooding; **Blaen Wern**, Councillor Kevin Hughes reported to the Members that the refurbishment of the garages was now complete, however there were still issues with local residents regarding the parking of vehicles.

### **13. Planning Matters**

**JZB/058135, Conversion of 1 semi-detached dwelling to 2 self-contained dwellings located at 1, The Cottage, Glyndwr 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.

### **14. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for June the details of which can be found on page 2018; 39.

The Clerk informed the Members that the Council's Accounts had now been given to the Council's Internal Auditor, Mr. David Griffiths for his observations and comments.

### **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.

Councillor Nancy Matthews stated that the Council needs to involve the whole community in this venture and that information could be given out via more Notice Boards in the village. Members were asked to consider this proposal.

#### **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 and it had received good reports from local residents, that the Memorial Garden was now finished 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 would now proceed forward. Councillor Hughes stated that the date is tomorrow the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and that all the organisations that helped to bring the works to completion have been 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 with local resident Mrs. Sylvia Vaughan cutting the ceremonial tape. Councillor Hughes has contacted the Headteacher to involve the school in the celebrations and refreshments organised for the opening ceremony will be donated by the Swan Inn

#### **17. Reports**

##### **Outside Bodies**

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, an update of usage information was provided for the Members. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the electrical works were now finished and that the water boiler had been replaced and was now up and running. Members were informed that the Community Services had completed works on the Centre's car park and that the Service would be contacted again in the future to undertake further work for the Centre.

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 were given by Councillor Thomson as follows:-

Armed Forces, a charter for the forces to ensure that they are all treated fairly and not put at a disadvantage. The Welsh Language Strategy, a consultation document is to be issued for observations and comments. Flintshire County Council's Bus Review, there being 4 options to be considered, reduce the bus services and take away the subsidy; to leave the status quo in place and take the required funding from other Council Directorates; to have a core network plus a 'dial a ride service', however this provision would be an expensive issue for the user; to support the core network with the provision of main hubs and provide a mini-bus service, this option was considered to be viable and was the preferred option by the County Council. Planning Consultation, reference to TAN 1 and 'aggressive planning' by potential developers, Councillor Marjorie Thomson responded to this topic on behalf of the Council. Local Government Reform, the Council areas will not be affected. The provision of a Local Authority Strategy relating to the availability of public toilets.

With respect to the recently held One Voice Wales Flintshire/Wrexham Area meeting Councillor Marjorie Thomson also provided for the Members a full and comprehensive report. The Agenda items and action points outlined in the meeting discussions are given by Councillor Thomson as follows:-

The Green Paper outlining the provision to strengthen Local Government and deliver for the people, the respect mail link to the report is given as

<https://beta.gov.wales/strengthening-local-government-delivering-people>

GDPR, information received confirming that Community Councils need not appoint Data Protection Officers; Audit of Council Accounts, the testing of Financial Governance and finance recording; The Betsi Cadwaladr Stakeholders Reference Group report, reference to hearing loss and links to dementia. Individuals will be able to refer themselves to an Audiology Clinic instead of having to be referred by their local GP. Councillor Thomson also informed the Members of her election to the National Executive Committee for Flintshire for Finance and as being a Member of LAG, Flintshire Rural Development Plan.

Members were informed that this year the Council would not be entering the Flintshire Best Communities Competition.

**Sub-Committees**

There were no additional items for discussion.

**18. Correspondence**

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

**19. Late Correspondence**

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

News from Awyr Las, the Blue Sky NHS Charity.

By e-mail; Women of Wales; The Review of Community/Town Council Sector in Wales.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	391.81
	Postage	10.40
		<b><u>402.21</u></b>
Gwernymynydd Village Centre	Support Grant	2,500.00
Gwernymynydd CP School	Support Grant	600.00
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	115.78
		<b><u>3,617.99</u></b>