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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

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

### **Councillors Present**

Michael Meadway, Nancy Matthews, Frances Rosedale, June Perrin, Marjorie Thomson, Jacqueline Jepson and Luisa Citra

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

Councillors, Chris Bradshaw, John Homersley, Vicky Hinstridge and Vicki Shinks.

### **In Attendance**

Councillor Kevin Hughes

#### **2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor**

Councillor Vicki Shinks had sent her apologies for none attendance at the meeting to the Members, therefore Councillor Shinks was unable to sign the Declaration of Office of Councillor, this will be undertaken at the next Council meeting.

#### **3. To Welcome to the Meeting Mr. Andrew Lightfoot, Streetscene, FCC**

To discuss items concerning Flintshire County Council and Gwernymynydd Community Council.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received an apology for absence from Mr. Andrew Lightfoot, unfortunately work commitments had prevented him from attending the Council meeting.

#### **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. **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 amendment.

‘Councillor Kevin Hughes via e-mail to the Clerk informed the Members that Councillor June Perrin was intending to host a coffee morning in the Village Centre on a monthly basis to allow the community to come together socially and to raise funds for local charities. Councillor Hughes requested Members to support this initiative. This proposal was put to the Council and agreed unanimously. Members concurred that the Council would pay the hire charges **for 6 months** for the use of the Village Centre’.

6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

There were no items put forward for discussion by the Members.

7. **Defibrillators and First Responders within the community**

Councillor Jacqueline Jepson outlined to the Members the slow progress of the training process due to insurance issues, these had now been resolved and following specific training and acceptance of the guidelines Councillor Jepson would be nominated as the Community Awareness Trainer. The Trust would provide advertising materials, banners etc. With respect to resuscitiannies (dummies used for resuscitating training purposes) Councillor Jepson emphasised the usefulness of the equipment and proposed to the Members that the Council should invest in the said equipment. Councillor Jepson provided an approximate cost and Councillor Marjorie Thomson proposed that a limit of £500 be allocated for the purchase.

This was put to the Members and agreed unanimously.

Councillor Jepson suggested that a film showing the use of a defibrillator would also be a useful tool in training, the Members concurred with the proposal and agreed to pursue the initiative looking towards Theatr Clwyd and the Mold Alun High School Media Studies department for help and assistance.

With regards to advertising the training sessions Councillor June Perrin stated that the information would be given out at the scheduled monthly coffee mornings and Councillors agreed that the Gwernymynydd/Cadole Facebook site could also be used as a vehicle to promote the endeavour.

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

Councillor Kevin Hughes in his report to the Council informed the Members that all was going well with the newly formed School Federation, previous staffing issues had now been resolved amicably. Councillor Hughes also related to the Members that he had been involved with staff performance reviews together with the Headteacher. With regard to the Remembrance Sunday Service Councillor Hughes informed the Members that ASH Waste Services had sponsored a poetry competition on the subject of the World War for the children, prizes included tickets to the Theatr Clwyd pantomime and cinema. Councillor Hughes also stated that the children’s involvement in the Service was very touching, the poems read by the children were excellent. Councillor Hughes informed the Members that the two schools were working together to improve on the formation of the Federation, e.g. looking towards a joint school uniform.

Also, Councillor Hughes related to the Members that Mr. John Dennan of ASH Waste Services had resigned from his position as School Governor due to an increase in work commitments.

#### **9. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Website**

The Members were informed that the Website was progressing and that Councillors would be welcome to add information to the site via Councillor Vicki Shinks. Councillor June Perrin related that she would contact Councillor Shinks with regard to advertising the monthly coffee morning and also the Lunch Club.

#### **10. Local Democracy and Boundary Commission, the Review of Electoral Arrangements**

Concerning the proposals outlined by the above Boundary Commission, to amalgamate Gwernymynydd Community with Treuddyn Community the Clerk reported to the Members that he had been in contact with the Clerk of Treuddyn Community Council and that the said Council emphatically rejected the proposal. Treuddyn Community Council confirmed that it would be writing to the Boundary Commission stating its objection.

The Members on further discussion on the topic confirmed their opinion that a more appropriate amalgamation of community areas would be that of Gwernymynydd and Gwernaffield.

#### **11 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 no submitted report to the Council.

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

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

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

**Swan Lane**, overhanging trees and bushes were still causing a nuisance and interference, Councillor Kevin Hughes and Mr. Andrew Lightfoot of Streetscene were still pursuing this matter with Scottish Power and B. Telecom, also vehicles parking on the A494 directly opposite to the Swan Lane junction were again causing a nuisance and obstruction, the effect being a difficulty in negotiating the road junction, both access and egress, Councillor Michael Meadway stated that he would pursue the issue again with the people involved; **Ruthin Road**, Councillor Frances Rosedale informed the Members that the security lights at the Eagles and Crawford Depot were still causing a nuisance, Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would pursue the complaint with the Company;

**Blaen Wern**, Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that vehicles were being parked without thought to users of the garages in the said area, the nuisance was causing aggravation with the people who rent the facility from Flintshire County Council; **Glyndwr Road**, Councillor Nancy Matthews raised her concerns about the lack of salt/grit piles along the road, especially with bad weather being forecast, Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would be in contact with Streetscene about the issue.

## 12. Planning Matters

**RMH/059158, temporary siting of a static caravan for a 2-year period to allow for occupation whilst renovating works are undertaken to existing dwelling located at Fron Ucha Farm, Glyndwr Road, Gwernymynydd.**

With reference to the above the Council at the recent meeting of its Planning Sub-Committee resolved to raise no objections to the above proposal.

**ADW/059208, erection of a porch and conversion of a garage located at 22, Godre'r Coed, Gwernymynydd.**

This application was received late; however, it was discussed in full Council and the Members raised no objections to the planning application.

## 13. 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 2018; 64.

The Clerk informed to the Members of the salient points outlined in the Local Government Act (Wales) Measure 2011 Section 142 which referred to the payments of Members to Community Councils and to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. For Gwernymynydd Community Council, classified as a Group C Council Group, Members were able to claim £150 per year for costs incurred whilst fulfilling their civic undertaking.

The Members discussed this issue in depth with both the Clerk and Councillor Marjorie Thomson providing information on the subject. The Members resolved to undertake a determination of the situation on an individual basis that is; to opt out or to accept the £150 remuneration claim and to inform the Clerk accordingly.

Councillor Nancy Matthews again related to the Members the success of the Arts Council of Wales sponsored 2 concerts at the Village Centre, the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018; the events were held by Martin Barry Productions. Councillor Matthews provided for the Members a breakdown of the financial situation and of the profit given to the Council, the final account of the event was provided to the Council for information.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received a request for financial assistance from the Gwernymynydd Pantomime Company, this was put to the Members who agreed to donate to the Company £250.00.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received notification from Flintshire County Council relating to the 2019/2020 Precept. The calculation for the Council Tax Band 'D' Tax Base was set at 566.79.

The Clerk informed the Members that based upon the Council's commitment to the community and the level of predicted financial spend he would be recommending an increase in the Council's Precept from its present amount of £15,500 to that of £16,000. The full financial situation would be presented at the next meeting of the Council for the Members to discuss and deliberate upon.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received an invoice from BDO the External Auditor undertaking audit work on the Council's accounts on behalf of Audit Wales. The invoice received demanded £495 as compared to £240.30 of last year. The Clerk stated that he had issued a complaint about the large increase and as such Audit Wales were now investigating the issue.

**14. 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.

Councillor Chris Bradshaw volunteered to lead the Sub-Committee and as such he would be calling an initial meeting to discuss taking the Plan forward to meet its commitment to the community. The Plan will be progressed in January 2019 and full consultation with the community will be undertaken.

**15. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

The Members related the success of the Remembrance Sunday Service, which took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Local resident Mr. Norman Smith, a naval war veteran, 94 years of age laid the Council's wreath at the Cenotaph and the schoolchildren were involved in the ceremony. The Reverend Andy Miller undertook the Service which was well attended by local villagers and similar to previous years a piper was invited to play alongside a cornet player who played the 'last post'. The former school bell was rung at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and Councillors and villagers following the end of the Service retired into the Village Centre for refreshments.

Councillor Jacquie Jepson informed the Members that defibrillator training sessions would be taking place within the new year, booking the Village Centre for the training would be undertaken as soon as possible.

Members outlined the plans for the Xmas festivities; there will a carol service held at the Village Centre and a Xmas tree will be obtained and decorated and refreshments will be available for everyone attending the festivity. The confirmed date was given to be Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 starting at 6.30 onwards. Members were requested to assist in this community endeavour.

**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 informed the Members about the possible financial settlement for Flintshire County Council, even with established cuts in the budget Flintshire would be looking towards a Council Tax rise within the region of 13%. Councillor Hughes informed everyone of the campaign, 'Back the Ask' a petition to Welsh Government for more funding for the Authority. Councillors were requested to petition Welsh Government via the campaign.

**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:-

By e-mail; an update on Guidance from Welsh Local Government relating to Social Media; information on Aging Well in Wales 2018; One Voice Wales Bulletin; Play Wales, an Impact Report.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary, Nov and Dec.	783.62
	Postage	12.40
	Ink for Council's Printer	12.00
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
		<b><u>864.42</u></b>
T. M. Richardson	Council's Computer Security	89.99
Councillor June Perrin	Refreshments for Remembrance Sunday	2.05
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution, Dec and January 2019	231.56
Gwernymynydd Village Centre	Hire Charges	172.50
Flintshire County Council	Playscheme Cost	20.00
SLCC	Annual Subscription	106.00
ALCC	Annual Subscription	40.00
Gwernymynydd Pantomime Company	Donation	250.00
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