



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

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

## **Councillors Present**

Michael Meadway, Nancy Matthews, Frances Rosedale and Luisa Citra

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

Councillors, Vicky Hinstridge, Chris Bradshaw, Vicki Shinks John Homersley, June Perrin and Marjorie Thomson

## **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. 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. To Approve the Minutes of the February 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.**

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

## 6. Defibrillators and First Responders within the community

The Clerk informed the Members that the Defibrillator Equipment, resuscitators (mannequins used for resuscitating training purposes) had now arrived and would be used in the next training session to be held at the Village Centre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. The training to be undertaken by Jacqueline Jepson and would start at 6.30 pm.

With respect to the advertising of the training sessions Members confirmed that the information would continue to be given out at the scheduled monthly coffee mornings and Councillors agreed that the Gwernymynydd/Cadole Facebook site would also continue to be used as a vehicle to promote the endeavour.

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

Councillor Kevin Hughes reported to the Members that all was going well with the newly formed School Federation, school numbers had increased and interviews had been held for the post of Assistant Headteacher at the Gwernymynydd CP School.

Councillor Hughes informed the Members that Ash Waste Services were working closely with the School on ecology projects involving the local Cambrian Quarry. This will enable the pupils to visit the Quarry and for them to learn about the flora and fauna present and inhabiting the area.

## 8. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Website

Councillors were up dated on the progress of the Website and the Clerk related that Members would be welcome to add information to the site via Councillor Vicki Shinks. With regard to the proposed meeting of all interested parties, this to be of benefit to ensure that the Website had all the necessary information to display to the communities of Gwernymynydd and Cadole, a suitable date and time for the said meeting would be arranged in the near future.

## 9 Police Matters and Member Reports

The Clerk informed the Members that he had not received an apology for absence from PCSO Emma Owen nor from her senior colleagues despite requests for information being submitted via e-mails to North Wales Police.

As stated above there was no Police presence at the meeting and no submitted report to the Council. Councillor Kevin Hughes reported his concerns about this matter to the Members and he resolved to pursue the issue with the appropriate Inspector.

**Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; 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. Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members of the obstructive nuisance of vehicles being parked half on the pavement and half on the road and some cases completely on the pavement; **Cadole;** Councillor Vicky Hintridge in her report via e-mail to the Council related her concerns about the problems caused by a recent snowfall, members of the public had again, as in previous years, started to cause nuisance by indiscriminate parking and being abusive to local residents.

Councillor Hinstridge informed the Members of the actions taken to curb this problem and stated that it would continue in order to resolve the said issues. **Ruthin Road (A494)**; Members were informed that a local resident was still parking vehicles directly opposite to the Swan Lane/A494 junction and were again causing a nuisance and obstruction, the effect being a difficulty in negotiating the road junction, both access and egress. Councillor Luisa Citra again related to the Members her concerns regarding the obstruction of the pavement opposite to the Swan Lane junction caused by the parking of the vehicles, the problem exacerbates the issue of pedestrians trying to negotiate past the vehicles without venturing onto the A494, Members collectively again raised their concerns about these activities and resolved to pursue the issues with Streetscene, Flintshire County Council and North Wales Police.

### **Member Area Reports.**

**Llys Enfys; Blaen Wern; and Cadole**, 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; **Minffordd Fields**, Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that he was working closely with Flintshire County Council's Legal Department in order to resolve the concerns of residents in relation to streetlight maintenance and road repairs on the estate; **Ruthin Road**, Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members of his concerns relating to the former Rainbow Inn, the building needs urgent attention in order for it to be made safe, Councillor Hughes stated that he was pursuing enforcement action from the Planning Authority; **Tros y Wern**, Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members about the problems experienced by residents in Godre'r Coed in relation to a business being run from a property on the estate, Councillor Hughes stated that he was pursuing the issue with the Planning Authority; **Glyndwr Road/Ffordd Bryngwyn**; Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that he was pursuing complaints from residents in relation to a septic tank and also the roadside ditches, hopefully the issues can be resolved amicably.

## **11. Best Kept Communities Competition 2019**

Previously Councillor Vicky Hinstridge had outlined to the Members the proposal of the provision of a gift of trees to communities for planting within their respective areas. Members had discussed the proposition and had resolved to pursue the gift of trees, these to be planted around the Village Centre's boundary. With respect to the purchase of fruit trees, Councillors were informed that these had now arrived at the Centre and were ready to be planted in the agreed orchard area, Councillor Michael Meadway to pursue the action.

Councillor Luisa Citra again outlined to the Members the 'Be Friendly Scheme' whereby flower seeds could be obtained for planting and in addition at a low-cost propagation sets could be purchased. The Members had agreed to the proposal and resolved to involve the CP School in the initiative. Councillor Citra related to everyone that she had met with the Headteacher and as such she provided for the Members an update on the situation, informing them of the competition names, that maybe used e.g. caterpillar café, sunny bank meadow

Members were reminded that Councillor Vicky Hinstridge had obtained the relative application forms for the Best Kept Communities Competition and also that by targeting a date before June 2019 all the above proposals would be in advance and would be at a suitable stage for admittance in the Competition alongside the established dog walking area and the War Memorial garden.

**12. Cadole Noticeboard**

Previously Councillor Vicky Hinstridge had informed the Members that she had received complaints from residents in Cadole regarding the siting of the Cadole Notice Board. Residents had requested its relocation nearer to the village. Members had discussed the issue and Councillors John Homersley and Carl Jackson had resolved to investigate suitable locations for re-siting the Notice Board and to action the request. To date this action was held back in abeyance.

**13. Planning Matters**

**ADW/059545, erection of a 2-storey extension to dwelling located at Pen y Glyn, 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.

**14. 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 2019; 19.

The Clerk provided for the Members an update on the financial situation as provided for the Council from the HSBC dated the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

For the Members to consider and discuss the Council's Contract of Employment with the Clerk. The Members after full discussion on the matter agreed to accept the new Contract of Employment.

**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.

Councillor Chris Bradshaw had 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 2019 and full consultation with the community will be undertaken.

**16. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

The Members again discussed possible events to take place in 2019/20, the Annual Litter Pick was identified and Members agreed to look at what the Council would undertake at a date in April and coinciding with the Easter holidays. Members after full discussion agreed to the 18<sup>th</sup> April as the date for the village litter pick. Easter Eggs and refreshments on the day would be provided and the Clerk agreed to undertake the respective Health and Safety Risk Assessment.

Members reported on the continued success of the monthly coffee mornings and thanked Councillor June Perrin on the initiative.

**17. Reports**

**Outside Bodies**

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

Councillor Marjorie Thomson reported to the Members by e-mail that she had attended the recently held Flintshire/Wrexham One Voice Wales meeting. The speaker was the new CEO of Wrexham, Mr. Ian Bancroft. It was suggested at the meeting that the CEO for Flintshire, Mr. Colin Everett should be invited to attend a future meeting. In that case Councillor Thomson stated that she would submit a report to the Members on the discussion.

**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:-

By e-mail; NMWTRA, notification of roadworks on the A494; Betsi Cadwaladr Stake Holders Group meeting; Information to Members on Visits to Town/Community Councils by Independent members of the Standards Committee.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary, February	391.81
	Postage	6.40
		<b>398.21</b>
Councillor Vicki Shinks	Council's website	71.86
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	115.78
Information Commissioner	Annual Subscription	40.00
		<b><u>625.85</u></b>