



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 25th April 2019 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Vicky Hinstridge

Councillors Present

Michael Meadway, Marjorie Thomson Frances Rosedale, Luisa Citra, Chris Bradshaw and Carl Jackson

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors, Vicki Shinks, John Homersley, June Perrin and Nancy Matthews

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 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.

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

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

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. Councillors considered that additional payments may be made for the training of 1st Responders, accurate costs were unknown at the moment but after full discussion the Members agreed to approve such payments in principle.

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 with school numbers increasing and future school events planned.

Councillor Hughes informed the Members that the school had been awarded a grant of £4,000 towards outside play equipment from the Tesco 'blue tags' initiative and that at the recent open day event £20 had been raised for Hope House.

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

Councillors were updated 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. The Clerk informed the Members that to comply with Regulations it would be necessary to add contact numbers and declared interests of Councillors on the website, this to be followed up.

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; **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. Councillor Kevin Hughes informed the Members that the 'speed activation sign' would soon be installed now that a suitable location had been determined.

Member Area Reports.

Llys Enfys; Glyndwr Road; Tros y 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.T; **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 Frances Rosedale informed the Members of her concerns regarding 2 drains with missing lids on the pavement/grassed area; **Blaen Wern**, Councillor Carl Jackson raised his concerns again about the parking of vehicles in the garages area, in response to those concerns Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would pursue additional parking for residents with Flintshire County Council.

The stated concerns of the Members would be taken forward to Flintshire County Council

10. Best Kept Communities Competition 2019

Councillor Luisa Citra reported to the Members that she had obtained a grant for the Council of £500 from the Grow Wild Youth Project, this would be used to involve children from the CP School to plant wildflowers. Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would undertake a press report to inform everyone of the initiative.

Councillors Michael Meadway and Luisa Citra stated that they would work together in establishing the orchard in the Village Centre grounds

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 were informed that the trees had now arrived and were ready to be planted, Councillor Michael Meadway agreed 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

The application forms for the Best Kept Communities Competition were passed onto Councillor Luisa Citra and Members were reminded 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.

11. 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.

12. Planning Matters

BMK/059628; demolition of storage building and erection to dwelling located at Liverpool House, Hendy 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.

13. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for April the details of which can be found on page 2019; 24.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had receive the documentation for undertaking the External Audit, he stated that he would bring all the accounts to Council for the Members to approve, the accounts would then be forwarded to Mr. David Griffiths the Council's Internal Auditor for observations and comments.

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

Members were reminded by Councillor Chris Bradshaw 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 should commence this initiative as soon as possible. To this Councillor Bradshaw proposed that a meeting be held on Monday the 29th April at 7.00 pm, Councillors agreed to this proposal to discuss taking the Plan forward to meet its commitment to the community. The Plan will then be progressed in 2019 and full consultation with the community will be undertaken.

15. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Councillor Kevin Hughes reported to the Members on the recently held Litter Pick, the number of volunteers participating were down on last year, however a lot of litter/rubbish was collected from areas within the villages of Gwernymynydd and Cadole.

Easter Eggs and refreshments were provided on the day and the Clerk had undertaken the respective Health and Safety Risk Assessment and provided the necessary health and safety information to all persons taking part in the litter pick.

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

Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that the recently held Defibrillator training class was well attended and that many young people were among the attendees.

16. Reports

Outside Bodies

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

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; One Voice Wales information; Number 6 Bus Service; Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board, the election of a Member and the related ballot paper.

With reference to the latter item Councillor Marjorie Thomson reported on the retirement of Michael Harriman having completed his term of office and of the good work undertaken by him. With respect to the candidates up for election it was recommended by Councillor Thomson that Jackie Allen be the Council's nominee. This was put to the Members and agreed. The Clerk was requested to respond to the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board, accordingly.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 25th April 2019.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary, February	488.60
	Postage	7.90
		496.50
Scottish Power	Streetlight energy charge	186.35
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	149.00
Deeco Lighting	Streetlight maintenance charge	289.25
FLVC	Annual subscription	25.00
Councillor Kevin Hughes	Litter pick Easter Eggs/sweets	48.98
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