



Cyngor Cymuned  
**Gwernymynydd**  
Community Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Village Centre,  
Gwernymynydd.

**Chairman:** Vicky Hinstridge

### **Councillors Present**

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

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

Councillors June Perrin and. Nancy Matthews

The Clerk informed the Members that following this May AGM Meeting Councillors Vicky Hinstridge and Vicki Shinks would be resigning from the Council. The Members expressed their regret that their fellow Councillors had taken the decision to resign but wished them both for the future. The Members thanked both Councillors for all they had done for the Community and stated that they would be sadly missed.

### **In Attendance**

On this occasion Councillor Kevin Hughes submitted his apology for absence to the Council; with respect to items for discussion on the Agenda, Councillor Hughes had given the Clerk related information for the Members.

### **2 Election of Chairman, 2019/20**

Councillor Carl Jackson was nominated and seconded for the position of Chairman; therefore Councillor Jackson was duly elected Chairman of the Gwernymynydd Community Council, 2019/20

### **3. Election of Vice-Chairman, 2019/20**

Councillor Michael Meadway was nominated and seconded for the position of Vice-Chairman; therefore Councillor Meadway was duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Gwernymynydd Community Council, 2019/20.

**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.**

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

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

The Clerk reported to the Council that following the resignations of Councillors Vicky Hinstridge and Vicki Shinks the correct procedures for advertising the vacant positions would now be undertaken.

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

Councillor Kevin Hughes in his report to the Members via the Clerk stated that all was going well with the newly formed School Federation with school numbers increasing and future school events planned. Councillor Hughes also informed the Members that Dafydd Johnson had now been appointed Deputy Headteacher at the School.

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

The Members were informed that all was going well with the Defibrillator Training Sessions, each one being well attended by members of the public. The Clerk informed the Members that the Coffee Morning Group had determined that their donation fund would be used to purchase a Resussiannie (mannequin) for use for training purposes, this kind donation to the Council to be progressed by Councillor June Perrin.

**11. 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 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.

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 had again reported his concerns about this matter to the Members and he resolved to pursue the issue with the appropriate Inspector. Councillor Marjorie Thomson related to the Council that in previous liaison meetings with North Wales Police, community involvement and a sharing of information was continually emphasised, however it would now appear that this commitment had now lapsed.

**Glyndwr Road; Minffordd Fields; Swan Lane; 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. Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members of the obstructive nuisance of vehicles being parked half on the pavement and half on the road and in 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. To this nuisance Councillors Frances Rosedale and Marjorie Thomson suggested that NMWTR Agency be approached to ask for 'No Parking' or double yellow lines to be put on the section of road to resolve the problem. Councillor Kevin Hughes in his report to the Council informed Members that the VAS, vehicle speed activation sign would very soon be up and running and providing necessary information relating to speed traffic flows along the A494 in Gwernymynydd.

With regard to the large police presence experienced in the village prior to the Council meeting, the Members discussed the incident in detail with various theories and explanations submitted by the Members.

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

**Tros y Wern; Glyndwr Road; Cadole; Ruthin Road 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.T; **Minffordd Fields**, Councillor Kevin Hughes via his report 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; **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 in his report stated that he would pursue additional parking for residents with Flintshire County Council. **Llys Enfys**, Members were informed of a public footpath being obstructed by hedge/vegetation overgrowth.

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

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

With respect to Councillor Luisa Citra previous report to the Members reference to her submission for a grant for the Council of £500 from the Grow Wild Youth Project, the Clerk reported to the Members that he had now received confirmation that the said grant would now be paid into the Council's bank account. This money would then be used to involve children from the CP School to plant wildflowers in a select area. Again, for information Councillor Kevin Hughes stated previously that he would undertake a press report to inform everyone of this well worth initiative. Concerning the planned orchard Councillors Michael Meadway and Luisa Citra again stated that they would work together in establishing this project in the Village Centre grounds. Councillor Meadway informed the Members that a selected area within the grounds of the Village Centre would need to be cleared in order to enable seeding and planting in September, this particular area to be determined and agreed by Councillors Meadway and Carl Jackson. Councillor Luisa Citra informed the Members that she had organised a meeting in the near future between interested parties, e.g. the Woodland Trust, Flintshire County Council and the Grow Wild Wales to look at what the Council and the Village Centre Management Committee were undertaking for the community.

The application forms for the Best Kept Communities Competition were now being completed by Councillors Luisa Citra and Nancy Matthews and the 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.

## **14. Cadole Noticeboard**

Previously the Members had been informed that complaints had been received 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.

## **15. Planning Matters**

### **ADW/059871; erection of extension to dwelling located at 12, Godre'r Coed, 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.

Councillor Kevin Hughes in his report provided an update for Members on the previously submitted planning application, Siglen Ucha. There were issues still undetermined with regard to the access/egress into and out of the site with Welsh Government still not in a position to respond. Councillor Hughes was of the opinion that the Planning Committee would be of a mind to allow permission and that it would be probable that the application would be re-submitted quite soon. Councillor Hughes emphasised that the Council would need to be aware of the proposal and of the Council's previous objection to the planning application.

## **16. Deborah's Well**

A follow up and update with the School and the Cefn Mawr Quarry Management was provided to the Members by Councillor Vicky Hinstridge.

**17. 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 2019; 30.

The Clerk presented to the Council the full Accounts for the Municipal Year, 2018/19, explanations of the income and expenditure were provided to the Members who concurred that the Accounts were in order. The Members agreed that the Accounts could be signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Clerk informed the Members that the Accounts and related documentation would then be forwarded to the Council's Internal Auditor Mr. David Griffiths for verification.

**18. 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 a Monday in June 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.

**19. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

Members reported on the continued success of the monthly coffee mornings and again thanked Councillor June Perrin on the initiative. Councillor Michael Meadway raised the proposal of Christmas Celebrations with the Members, Councillor Meadway suggested that the Council should plan ahead for the festivities in order that events could be well organised. The Members agreed to the proposal and that ideas could be put forward at future meetings.

Councillor Carl Jackson informed the Members that he had been approached by members of the community with reference to organising a 'Car Boot' sale, Councillor Jackson stated that he would pursue the request and report back to the Council.

**20. 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.

**21. Correspondence**

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

**22. Late Correspondence**

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

Flintshire County Council, The Environmental and Parking Enforcement Funding Scheme proposal.

By e-mail; North Wales Watchdog, reference to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	488.60
	Postage	6.40
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
		<b><u>551.40</u></b>
Zurich Municipal Insurance	Council's Insurance	641.77
Gwernymynydd Village Centre	Support Grant	2,500.00
Gwernymynydd CP School	Support Grant	600.00
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	149.00
The Community Heartbeat Trust	Support costs	198.00
Mr. Gwyn Jones	Flower tubs maintenance cost	<u>45.00</u>
		<b><u>4,685.17</u></b>

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