



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 27th June 2019 at the Village Centre,
Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Carl Jackson

Councillors Present

Frances Rosedale, Marjorie Thomson, John Homersley, Michael Meadway,
June Perrin and. Nancy Matthews.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Luisa Citra and Chris Bradshaw.

In Attendance

Councillor Kevin Hughes.

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor

The Clerk informed the Members that the Council was not in a position as yet to
appoint a Councillor(s).

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.

The Clerk requested Members to provide contact details on the 'Interests Disclosed
by Councillors Form' for submission onto the Council's Website.

4. Co-Option for the Vacant Seats on the Community Council

The Clerk informed the Members that there were 4 candidates who had put their
names forward for the vacant 2 seats on the Council.

The 4 candidates wishing to be considered for the vacant positions were given to be:-
Julie Crabtree, Keith Taylor, Steven Foley and Belinda Firth.

Of the above candidates Belinda Firth had submitted her apologies for the meeting and as such could not meet with the Members to discuss the vacant positions of Councillor.

Steven Foley, Julie Crabtree and Keith Taylor presented themselves to the Members and openly discussed their wish to be considered as a Councillor for the Gwernymynydd Community Council.

Having completed the discussions the Members thanked the candidates for coming to the Council meeting and resolved to make the appropriate selection before the July/August meeting.

5. 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 subject to the following alteration;

4. 2019; 26, To Adopt the Council's Existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations;

'The Members reviewed both the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and after full discussion on the topic they resolved to adopt them without alteration'.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

12. 2019; 27, Member Area Reports, Councillor Kevin Hughes provided for the Members an update on the problems being experienced at Minffordd Fields with the former Developer, Silkavon which is still responsible for the maintenance of the streetlighting and the road repairs due to none adoption by Flintshire County Council. Councillor 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 problems on the estate, the non-co-operation of Mr. John Edgar, the owner of the Silkavon Development Company being the stumbling point.

13. 2019; 28, Best Kept Communities Competition, Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the Council's entry into the Competition had been submitted and a copy of that submission was now held on file with the Clerk. Councillor Matthews related to the Members that the Competition Judges would be visiting the Village Centre on Thursday 4th July and she appealed to the Members to come along on the day and offer their support.

7. 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, irrespective of their age. 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 of £300 was given by Councillor June Perrin on behalf of the Coffee Morning Group.

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

Councillor Kevin Hughes in his report to the Members 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. Councillor Hughes informed the Members that the 2 schools, Gwernymynydd and Gwernaffield were in the process of obtaining defibrillators and that the planned school sports day was a success. Councillor Hughes also outlined to the Members an initiative which would provide 'mini police officers'. The scheme is in its early stages and involves pupils being interviewed and if successful being provided with a uniform, a warrant card and sworn into office. The scheme has the full support of the police and when complete and in operation the Gwernymynydd School would have 4 mini police officers.

9. **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. 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 undertaken.

10 **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 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.

Councillor Michael Meadway informed the Members that there had been burglaries in the Lixwm area and suspicious vans had been seen in and around the community, he advised the Members to be aware of such activities.

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

Member Area Reports.

Glyndwr Road; Cadole and Llys Enfys, in these areas there were no items for discussion.

Swan Lane, Councillor John Homersley stated that overhanging trees and bushes were still causing a nuisance and interference, some areas had been trimmed back but not enough, Councillor Kevin Hughes and Mr. Andrew Lightfoot of Streetscene were still pursuing this matter with Scottish Power, B.T and Mr. John Edgar; **Minffordd Fields**, Councillor Kevin Hughes, as stated and discussed earlier, 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, surface water run-off and road repairs on the estate; **Blaen Wern**, Councillor Carl Jackson again raised his concerns about the parking of vehicles in the garages area, in response to those concerns Councillor Kevin Hughes stated that he would continue to pursue additional parking for residents with Flintshire County Council; **Tros y Wern**, Councillor Kevin Hughes outlined to the Members the problems being experienced by local residents regarding the gas work improvement scheme being undertaken, the disruption caused by construction workers going about their work being exacerbated by a local resident who continues to run a business outlet from his home; **Ruthin Road**, Councillor Kevin Hughes related to the Members that a container and skip need to be removed from the nearby Rainbow Development site, Flintshire County Council Planning Enforcement have been informed of the nuisance.

Councillor June Perrin informed the Members of her concerns relating to an overgrown hedge obscuring the viewing area at the junction at the corner of Hafod Road

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

11. Best Kept Communities Competition 2019

Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the application had now been submitted and as such Councillor Matthews read out to the Members the salient points of that submission. With respect to the judging of the Competition, Councillor Matthews, as stated earlier, informed the Members that with reference to Gwernymynydd Community Council judges would be visiting the Village Centre on Thursday the 4th July to view all aspects of the Council's application into the Competition.

12. 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, however on further inspection of the Notice Board Councillor John Homersley stated that its condition was questionable and that a new replacement was the better option. Councillor Homersley volunteered to undertake the work to replace the Notice Board.

13. Planning Matters

RMH/057427; amendments to the previous application, located at Ty Hir, Ffordd Glyndwr, Nercwys.

The above planning application was discussed by Councillors at the recent Planning Sub-Committee meeting and further in full Council; the Members raised objections to the proposal and as such resolved to write to Flintshire County Council requesting refusal of the application. The following letter outlines the Council's objections to the application.

'I refer to the above planning application which was placed before this Council at its recent meeting. This Council objects to this development for the following reasons and concerns:-

1 This proposed development is in open countryside and served with no bus service, therefore entailing more than the usual traffic movements than would be expected at this location.

2 The site is served by narrow country lanes which do not facilitate easily traffic movement of vehicles, particularly the transportation of the proposed ready built lodges. Councillors raise their objection to the proposal on issues of safety to pedestrians and to local traffic movement.

3 The area of the proposed development is popular with horse riders, the additional traffic caused by vehicles would exacerbate the dangers to horses and their riders. The health and safety concerns need to be considered especially with reference to the narrow country lanes and limited access/egress to and from the proposed application site.

4. The development site is located on the edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the proposal is considered to be detrimental to the local area and a visual intrusion.

5. There are no details given with respect to the location of the septic tank(s), the provision of sewerage/foul water and surface water run-off removal from the proposed 17 tourist accommodation lodges.

6. The proposal outlines an over-development of the site; this is unacceptable in open countryside.

7. There are no details provided with regard to any landscaping proposal.

8. There has been no site investigation with regard to mine workings in and around the site in question.

9. There are no details given with regard to any considered children's play area on the site.

10. No specific details have been given with respect to any car parking provision and subsequent hard standing areas.

This Council respectfully requests refusal of this planning application.'

Councillor Kevin Hughes 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, most probably in late July. The Members agreed to meet for an extraordinary meeting should this application appear.

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 2019; 37.

The Clerk confirmed to the Members that the Accounts and related documentation had now been forwarded to the Council's Internal Auditor Mr. David Griffiths for verification.

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

Members were previously 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 had proposed that a meeting be held to discuss such matters, Councillors agreed to this proposal to take the Plan forward in order to meet its commitment to the community. The Plan will then be progressed in 2019 and full consultation with the community will be undertaken.

16. 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.

17. 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 of the request the Committee had received from Mr. Barrie Matkin regarding the burial of his mother's ashes within the grounds of the Village Centre; the Management Committee will meet to decide on the request.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson gave a full and comprehensive report on the recent meetings she had attended on behalf of the Council at the One Voice Wales, Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee and the Flintshire County Forum. Councillor Thomson outlined the various training courses available to Councillors from One Voice Wales and related to the Members information concerning the forthcoming One Voice Wales AGM and Conference. With respect to the County Forum Councillor Thomson informed the Members that the County Council's Digital Strategy was now live and enquiries, complaints etc. can be relayed to the Council via the online process. Councillor Thomson outlined to the Members in brief the Welsh Government Strategy concerning proposed housing developments of 10 or more houses, a 28-day consultation with local Town/Community Councils being introduced. Councillor Thomson briefly outlined to the Members information from the Wales Audit Office regarding Internal Audit for Councils.

The Members thanked Councillor Thomson for the providing a full report on the recently held meetings.

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:-

A letter of thanks from the Gwernymynydd CP School to the Council for the kind donation given as a support grant;

By e-mail; To champion a tree in the community, with respect to this the Members considered that the oak tree located in the Fields In Trust area would be a suitable tree for nomination; One Voice Wales Bulletin; information from One Voice Wales relating that Councillor Malcolm Parry of Pwllheli would be the representative on the Betsi Cadwaladr Reference Group.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 27th June 2019

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	488.60
	Postage	6.40
		<u>495.00</u>
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	149.00
		<u>644.00</u>