



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Carl Jackson

Councillors Present

Frances Rosedale, John Homersley, Michael Meadway, Nancy Matthews
Marjorie Thomson, Julie Crabtree and Stephen Foley

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors June Perrin, Luisa Citra and Chris Bradshaw

In Attendance

Councillor Kevin Hughes.

2. 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.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the August Meeting

The Minutes of both the above had been distributed and were confirmed as a true record of the business transacted at the meetings

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

12. 2019; 27, Member Area Reports, Councillor Kevin Hughes again 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 former Silkavon Development Company being the stumbling point.

Councillor Hughes reiterated the point that Mr John Edgar would still be responsible for the estate roads, the street lighting and the steep access steps leading onto Swan Lane. Councillor Hughes related to the Members that to provide an update of information to all residents in Minffordd Fields he would be calling a public meeting, this to be held in the Village Centre.

With regards to the hire of the Centre for the meeting Members unanimously agreed for the Council to pay the necessary hire charge.

5. **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 also reported that the purchase of another mannequin for training purposes was being pursued.

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

Councillor Kevin Hughes in his report to the Members following the early Governors meeting 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 Councillor Louisa Citra had been nominated to be the School Governor representing the Local Authority, this appointment being welcomed by the school and was fully supported by all concerned.

7. **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 he had met with Vicki Shinks to provide information to be put on the website this being necessary to comply with Welsh Government Regulations. The Clerk was able to relate to the Members that Vicki had spent many hours undertaking the said work and as such she was given a thank you by the Clerk on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson reported on the concerns of One Voice Wales, some Town and Community Councils having been reported as not meeting the Standards required by Audit Wales in relation to information being presented on the respective websites.

8. **Police Matters and Member Reports**

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received an apology for absence from PCSO Emma Owen stating unfortunately she would not be able to attend the meeting. However, PCSO Owen did inform the Clerk that a Police Report would be forthcoming in the next week and that she would send it by e-mail in order that the Clerk could forward it on to all the Councillors.

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.

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Swan Lane, Councillor John Homersley stated that overhanging trees and bushes were still causing a nuisance and interference, some areas had previously 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, the steep steps leading onto Swan Lane 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; **Ruthin Road,** Councillor Marjorie Thomson related her concerns about the Pelican traffic lights on the A494, although the said lights had been repaired following a fault she wanted to know who was responsible for maintaining the lights. The Clerk informed the Members that Flintshire County Council held the respective contract from the Trunk Road Agency.

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

9. Best Kept Communities Competition 2019

Councillor Nancy Matthews provided for the Members a full account of the Presentation Ceremony for the Best kept Communities Competition held at Theatr Clwyd. Gwernymynydd making 2nd position in its submitted category of, Wildlife Area, and as such received many accolades for the work done both at the Village Centre and with the schoolchildren of Gwernymynydd CP School. Councillor Matthews stated that in hindsight more categories could have been explored and entered and that this would be seriously considered for the following year's Competition. Councillor Matthews further stated that the evening went very well with a good attendance and FLVC doing an excellent job of organisation. Councillor Matthews, in Councillor Louisa Citra's absence, provided for the Members a full documented report titled Gwernymynydd Village Hall, Natural Features 2019. Councillor Citra in her report identified Hedgerows with categories of sourcing and set procedures of management and benefits, the projects of the Centre's Orchard and its Meadow. The Members fully appreciated the work done and what had been achieved and all complimented the team effort put in by Councillors, members of the public and schoolchildren.

10. **Cadole Noticeboard**

The Members were informed that the new Notice Board had now been put in place in Cadole and in a suitable location. However, Councillors had also received complaints from local residents that the Notice Board did not have the title of Cadole Village it just had Gwernymynydd. Councillor John Homersley on reception of the complaints had responded quickly and that this issue had now been resolved.

Members of the Council thanked Councillor Homersley for all the work done with the siting and erection of the Gwernymynydd and Cadole Notice Board.

11. **Planning Matters**

The Clerk reported to the Members that he had received no submitted planning applications for the Council to consider and to pass relevant observations.

With reference to **DGJ/053325, outline application for the erection of 10 dwellings on land located at Siglen Uchaf, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.**

Councillor Kevin Hughes again provided an update for Members on the previously submitted planning application and its submission to the Planning and Development Control Committee, Flintshire County Council. Councillor Hughes provided for the Members the result of the decision taken at Committee, Councillors voted to approve the application by 8 votes to 7. Councillor Hughes stated that the argument of objection by the Community Council and submitted to the Committee by Councillor Michael Meadway was a well-presented argument, however it did not persuade sufficient Committee Councillors. Concerns were again outlined with regard to vision lines on the A494 and the proposed junction at the site, but the Welsh Government's response stated that there was enough length of highway to see reasonably clearly.

Councillor Hughes stated that although the outline application for 10 dwellings had been approved a full planning application for the housing development would need to be submitted and therefore the Council would have another opportunity to state its case for a more suitable junction on the A494 and a more appropriate development.

12. **Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for September the details of which can be found on page 2019; 49.

The Clerk provided for the Members copies of the existing Financial Risk Assessment and reminded the Members that the Council's Internal Auditor Mr. David Griffiths would be attending the October meeting of the Council to discuss the Risk Assessment in detail. The Clerk advised Councillors to examine the Risk Assessment and to consider any changes that they may feel to be relevant.

13. **Gwernymynydd Community Council's Action Plan, 2018/19/20**

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 previously proposed that a meeting be held to discuss such matters, Councillors had 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, this avenue of information could be taken forward both by the community's Facebook site and the Village Newsletter.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson stated that the Council needed to outline all that had been done to date, many aspects fully meeting the commitments laid down in the Development Plan and the Action Plan, 2018/2019, taking it forward into 2020.

Councillor Michael Meadway related that the Council's Action Plan was important, it needed to be taken forward and have consultation with the community, Councillors all agreed with the statement made and resolved to pursue the Plan accordingly.

14. 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. The Clerk informed the Members that Councillor Perrin had made arrangements with the CAB, based in Mold, to come along to the October coffee morning to provide information to the public about the CAB. Councillor also suggested via the Clerk, that the Council could consider an 'Open Garden day' for the Village, not a competition but a social event culminating with a cream tea served in the Village Centre.

Councillor Kevin Hughes suggested that in the summer months the Council could also consider a Scarecrow competition with prizes donated from local organisations.

Councillor Michael Meadway again raised the proposal of Christmas Celebrations with the Members, Councillor Meadway again 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 near future meetings.

The Members agreed to consider all the suggested proposals.

With regard to the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday Service, the 10th November 2019, the Members discussed the formalities and agreed on what would be needed for the Service. The detailed order of Service to be finalised soon.

15. Reports

Outside Bodies

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

There were no further items on Outside Bodies submitted for discussion.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

16. Correspondence

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

17. Late Correspondence

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

By e-mail; A complaint from local resident Mr. Keith Taylor outlining his concerns with regard to untidy/neglected roadside verges, overgrown hedges in the local lanes, overgrown vegetation on footpath 34 and the neglected Cadole triangle, One Voice Wales Bulletin, information relating to Winter Maintenance from Flintshire County Council, Flintshire County Council, Recycling and Waste Collection Service, 'drop in' facility throughout the County for members of the public to comment on, pass on their observations and raise complaints.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 26th September 2019

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	488.60
	Postage	6.40
	Council's Microsoft Office 365	79.99
	Ink for Printer	16.50
		591.49
Clwyd Pension Fund	Employer's contribution	149.00
Councillor Louisa Citra	Grow Wild Flowers Youth Project	500.00
J.E. Homersley	Gwernymynydd and Cadole Notice Board	60.00
Gwernymynydd Village Centre	Village Centre Hire Charges	125.00
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