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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council held on Wednesday the 29th September 2021 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Carl Jackson.

The Chairman welcomed the Members to the meeting following the Covid-19 lockdown. The Clerk informed the Members of the procedures that needed to be undertaken to comply with the Covid-19 rules and regulations and he also welcomed Councillors and visitors to the meeting.

Councillors Present

Marjorie Thomson, June Perrin, , George Godwin, Nancy Matthews

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors; Stephen Foley, Michael Meadway, Julie Crabtree, Victoria Norman, John Homersley and Frances Rosedale.

In Attendance

On this occasion Councillor Andrew Hughes submitted his apology for absence to the Council.

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 June Meeting

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Members, on this occasion, submitted no items for discussion.

5. Federated CP Schools The Hafod Federation (Gwernymynydd and Gwernaffield), Governors Report to the Council

Unfortunately, Councillors, Andrew Hughes and Stephen Foley were both unavailable for the Council meeting and as such both had submitted their apologies to the Members. Therefore, there were no items for discussion at this meeting.

6. Gwernymynydd Development Plan, 2030

To continue to discuss the progress of the Plan taking into account the Sections Titled, Policies, Social and Community Development, Transport and Roads, The Environment, Housing and Land Development and the continued monitoring of the Plan.

Members again discussed the issue and how to proceed to impart the information to residents in the community, the Village Newsletter will, as stated previously, be used to provide information relating to the Development Plan and as an example the house names and locations within the village project has already started and will be nearing completion shortly with the details being shown on the Council's website. Also, a map identifying the local footpaths and recommended walks within the community will be produced for the benefit of all concerned. As stated previously, within the Plan Councillors, can highlight the achievements to date, e.g. the Wildflower Meadow, the Dog Walking Facility and the Bees and Hives and Members agreed to look at what can be done further within the community.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson related to the Members the topics discussed at a recent Webinar Conference she had attended, the contents of which closely followed the Council's Development Plan.

7. Gwernymynydd Community Council's Website

The Members were reminded that the contents of the Gwernymynydd Community Council website were a provider of useful village knowledge and general information which all residents within the community could enjoy and that Mr. John Seddon could be contacted with regard to any item on the website be it new or old information by Councillors for clarification on any points.

8 Police Matters and Member Reports

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received apologies for absence from PCSO Cleo Milburn and PCSO Emma Owen stating unfortunately they would not be able to attend the meeting, however the Clerk informed the Members that PCSO Connor Keel who works alongside PCSO's Owen and Milburn had provided additional information in relation to the published Police crime figures for Gwernymynydd.

The Clerk related to the Members the said Police Report as published from the police website, the reported crimes within the Gwernymynydd Area were given to be:-

5, Anti-Social behaviour issues; 1, Criminal damage and arson and 1, other theft and 3, violence offences

Glyndwr Road; Blaen Wern; Minffordd Fields; Ruthin Road; Swan Lane; Tros y Wern; Cadole and Llys Enfys on this occasion, in these areas there were no additional items for discussion.

Member Area Reports.

Cadole; Tros y Wern; Glyndwr Road and Blaen Wern in these areas there were no items for discussion.

Ruthin Road; Councillors again raised their concerns regarding speeding vehicles the parking of vehicles on the Trunk Road (A494) and the spilling of stones/rocks from heavy goods vehicles; **Minffordd Fields,** Councillors still raised concerns with regard to the excess surface water on the estate; **Swan Lane,** Councillor Marjorie Thomson informed the Members that overgrown trees and hedges on the Lane were again causing a nuisance and needed to be trimmed back; **Llys Enfys,** Councillor George Godwin raised the issue of the overgrown area of land on what used to be the 'Old Chapel' before demolition, the land in question is the responsibility of NMWTRA, and the Clerk was requested to contact the respective Officer at the Agency, reference to a tidy up of the area.

9. Planning Matters

To date there had been no planning applications received for the Members to consider and pass their observations.

By e-mail, the Planning Weekly List, reference to the reception of applications and decisions taken by the Planning Authority provided no additional applications and decisions

10. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for July the details of which can be found on page 2021; 50.

To present to the Council the Report received from the Council's Internal Auditor, Mr. David Griffiths, reference to the Council's Accounts for the Municipal Year 2020/2021.

The Clerk provided for the Members the detailed report given by the Council's Internal Auditor Mr. David Griffiths to the external Auditor, Wales Audit. Mr. Griffiths also provided for Wales Audit the points of concern that he raised with the Clerk at their meeting, the main issues related to the paying of supplier invoices via Council approved Councillors and the reimbursement of VAT where necessary.

The Members discussed the issues in depth and resolved to accept the concerns of Mr D. Griffiths, the Council's Internal Auditor.

Please note that because the Clwyd Pension Department at County Hall has all its staff working from home the Council's cheque to the Pension Fund for the Clerk, the Employer's Contribution, will be paid directly to the Clerk for submission by BACS to the pension fund.

11. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

With reference to the proposals put forward at previous Council meetings for a memorial to Councillor Kevin Hughes the Members had agreed to the suggestion of an annual community photograph competition which reflected village life.

For confirmation, the Members considered and agreed that the age groups should be for primary school children, secondary school children and adults and that £50 be awarded to the respective winners, also, that a Village Calendar could be produced to show the winning photographs. The judging of the said competition would be undertaken by 3 Councillors plus a person independent of the Council. The competition would be widely advertised throughout the community utilising the Facebook site, the Council's website and the Village Newsletter. Regarding the printing of the Calendar, the Clerk confirmed that he had received 2 quotations from local printers for the Members to consider and progress.

The Clerk provided for the Members an update on the submitted photographs for the said Competition.

With reference to the agreed 5k walk within the community Members were again requested to consider a suitable route within the area and to progress the initiative. Councillor Marjorie Thomson had informed the Members that she had undertaken a possible route which included the Twmpath and Moel Findeg, the Members considered the proposed route and agreed to go with suggestion. Councillor Nancy Matthews informed the Members that the full details of the Walk would be published in the Village Newsletter and that a collection point would be made available for participants to donate funds to the Hope House Charity. The Walk would be classed as a Community get-together thus not entailing Marshalls etc. to patrol the route. Councillors Matthews and Thomson informed the Members that the route was to be clearly signposted, this being undertaken by both Mr. John Seddon and Mr. Michael Thomson and that a banner advertising the Walk had been donated by Mr. John Fenwick. The Walk would start and finish at the Village Centre with water refreshments being provided by the Centre Management Committee and also a photograph would be taken to commemorate the event.

Councillors also reported to the meeting that local residents and indeed Members themselves had continued to undertake litter picks throughout areas in the communities of Gwernymynydd and Cadole.

Members also considered future celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee, this item to be discussed at a later meeting of the Council.

Regarding, Remembrance Sunday and the purchase of permanent poppies for display to honour the fallen soldiers and a poppy wreath, Members agreed to progress the proposal. Also, the Clerk was requested to ask the Reverend A Millar if he would kindly undertake the Remembrance Service on the Sunday the 14th November. With respect to this year's Service the Clerk informed the Members that he had received a letter from Mr. J. Perrin stating that unfortunately he would not be available to play the Last Post. The Members agreed to discuss the Remembrance Service details at the next Council meeting.

12. Reports

Outside Bodies

With reference to the Village Centre Management Committee, an update of present usage and information concerning the Village Centre, with reference to Covid-19 Rules was provided for the Members by Councillors Nancy Matthews and George Godwin.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson informed the Members that she had attended, remotely, a One Voice Wales Webinar relating to Keep Wales Tidy.

Councillor Thomson related the Members that training equipment was available and that over a 1000 Champions' Kits were available for use by litter picking hubs throughout Wales. Councillor Thomson also outlined such Campaigns as 'Adopt a Highway Trail' and coupons for distribution stating 'Dog Fouling, collect it and Bin it'. Councillor Thomson related to the Members a statement made at the One Voice Wales Conference where Councils now meeting Face to Face must earnestly consider alternative means to engage with the Community or Councillors who wish to contribute to meetings by remote methods, e.g. Zoom.

Councillor Thomson continued outlining to the Members additional pressures that would be put on Town and Community Councils, e.g. self-evaluation of efficiency over a 24-month period, to report on diversity within the community and a report on well being which would incorporate the 5k Walk, the annual litter pick, the provision of fresh vegetables and the established coffee mornings.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

13. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

14. Late Correspondence

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

By e-mail; Notification of A494 road closures for maintenance works; Flintshire County Council, information relating to the re-start of car parking charges; Funding Opportunities from Community Chest Grants; One Voice Wales, information relating to Keep Wales Tidy Packages; Photographs for the Community Photo Competition forwarded by Sarah Freeman; Welsh Government, Remuneration Report.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 29th September 2021.

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| T M Richardson | Clerk's Salary, July and August | 505.70 |
| | Postage | 5.10 |
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| T. M. Richardson | Council's Microsoft 365 | 79.99 |
| Clwyd Pension Fund, via T.M Richardson | Employer's contribution, | 145.64 |
| Councillor Marjorie Thomson | One Voice Wales Meeting | 40.00 |
| Councillor Michael Meadway | Equipment for planters etc. | 300.00 |
| Community Heartbeat Trust | Defibrillator Maintenance | 198.00 |
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