



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council held on Thursday the 25th November 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 still needed to be undertaken to comply with the Covid-19 rules and regulations and he also welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

Councillors Present

Julie Crabtree, Frances Rosedale, Michael Meadway, Victoria Norman, Marjorie Thomson and June Perrin.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors; John Homersley, Nancy Matthews, Stephen Foley and George Godwin.

In Attendance

On this occasion Councillor Andrew Hughes was unable to attend the meeting and therefore sent in his apologies to the Council.

The Members welcomed to the meeting Councillor David Coggins who is an elected member for the Gwernafield Community 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 given by Councillors for this meeting.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the October 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

Member Reports; 8,2021; 48, 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’.

The Clerk reported to the Members that he had been contacted by NMWTRA and that the respective Officer would like to meet on site with Councillors to discuss various options that were available by the Green Corridors initiative programme. A site meeting with NMWTRA was arranged for Tuesday the 30th November at 11.00 am

Tros y Wern Play Area; to consider possible improvements that could be undertaken utilising the Flintshire County Council Match Funding Scheme. A site meeting was held on the 23rd November between Mr. Richard Roberts of Aura and Members of the Council to discuss options for improving the play area. Mr. Roberts having had ideas posed to him by Councillors for such improvements of the play area stated that he would produce a report for the Council for consideration by the Members.

Planning Matters; 10, 2021; 53. Planning Application; 060696, outline planning application, for 28 dwellings located at Llys Newydd, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd. An invitation had been sent by Flintshire County Council to the Gwernymynydd Community Council for a representative/s to attend the Planning Committee by remote means on the 27th October 2021.

The Members thanked Councillor Victoria Norman for representing the Council at the Planning Committee Meeting.

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 and the Council’s website will, as stated previously, be used to provide information relating to the Development Plan. Also, 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.

With reference to the Housing Section within the Plan, Councillor Marjorie Thomson expressed her concerns particularly with the amount of possible housing developments being sought within Flintshire and the vulnerability of Gwernymynydd and similar communities.

Going forward the Members agreed to form a Committee to progress the Plan with ideas coming from Councillors and members of the public, to start and to refresh Councillors were requested to look at the existing Development Plan as published on the Council's website.

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.

With reference to the Development Plan, to be found on the website, Councillor Marjorie Thomson again drew Councillors attention for all to look at the Plan and to move forward with a sub-group and to consult within the community.

8 Police Matters and Member Reports

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received apologies for absence from PCSO Cleo Milburn, PCSO Emma Owen and PCSO Connor Freel stating unfortunately they would not be able to attend the meeting.

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:-

2, Anti-Social behaviour issues and 1, 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; Llys Enfys; Glyndwr Road and Tros y Wern in these areas there were no items for discussion.

Ruthin Road; Councillor Frances Rosedale raised the issue of light nuisance/intrusion from the Eagles and Crawford Bus Depot's night time security lights dazzling households opposite; the Clerk was requested to write to the company outlining the complaint and to ask if the security lights could be realigned to stop the problem, Councillors requested an update regarding the proposal to site a bus shelter, Mold to Ruthin direction on the Ruthin Road near to the Village Centre; **Minffordd Fields,** Councillors still raised concerns with regard to the excess surface water on the estate, Councillor Julie Crabtree reported to the Members that at the moment there was still only one street light working making the street and the estate hazardous; Councillor Andrew Hughes had stated in a previous meeting that he would look into the issue and hopefully be in a position to resolve the problem; **Swan Lane,** Members were informed that overgrown trees and hedges on the Lane were again causing a nuisance and needed to be trimmed back; **Blaen Wern,** the Clerk informed the Members that he had received a phone call from a resident telling him that a streetlight needed repair, the Clerk confirmed that the Council's contractor had responded swiftly and that the streetlight was now working.

9. Defibrillator for Cadole.

To discuss purchase, available grants and its location within the Village.

Members discussed the proposal to obtain a defibrillator for the Village, Members outlined their concerns regarding the number of people within the community area and wished the proposal be progressed. The public house, The Colomendy Arms, situated in Village Road, was suggested to be the most suitable location and Members agreed to seek sponsorship for to purchase the defibrillator.

Councillor Michael Meadway was requested to pursue the proposal both with the Colomendy Arms licensee and the nearby Cefn Mawr Quarry.

10. Council sponsored Photograph Competition in Memory of Councillor Kevin Hughes.

To progress the Competition following received photographs from local residents.

Members discussed in detail the photograph competition and agreed that unfortunately due to the poor initial response the deadline for a 2022 calendar had been missed. However, there were options to consider especially with the Queen's Jubilee coming this June. The Members agreed that those options be considered, e.g. mugs, coasters or a 2023 calendar and that a decision be taken. The closing date for the competition had been set at the 10th December 2021 and the Clerk informed the Members that to date 17 photographs had been submitted within the agreed criteria. The Members agreed that the selection Committee be made up of Councillors Frances Rosedale, Victoria Norman and Michael Meadway and that the results of the competition be announced following the January meeting and the said awards given out to the respective winners.

11. Planning Matters

The Clerk informed the Members that to date no Planning Applications had been received from Flintshire County Council for Members to examine and discuss.

By e-mail, Planning Weekly List, reference to the reception of applications and decisions taken by the Planning Authority.

With reference to the above, notification has been received via the list concerning application, 063817, extension to the first floor located at Fron Hall Lodge, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd, there is no detailed information available at the moment.

12. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for November the details of which can be found on page 2021; 63.

The Clerk informed the Members that he had received notification from Flintshire County Council relating to the 2022/2023 Precept. The calculation for the Council Tax Band 'D' Tax Base was set at 575.12.

The Clerk informed the Members that based upon the Council's commitment to the community and the level of predicted financial spend he would be recommending an increase in the Council's Precept from its present amount of £16,500 to that of £17,000 The full financial situation would be presented at the next meeting of the Council for the Members to discuss and deliberate upon.

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.

13. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

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

Regarding, Remembrance Sunday Members confirmed that the Service was well attended with a good response from local residents, however it was also reported by all who attended that the traffic travelling along the A494 Ruthin Road was noisy and made the solemn Service difficult. Members requested that for next years' Service that the police be asked to attend and perhaps help to curb the traffic noise along the A494.

Thanks were given to Councillor Michael Meadway for purchasing the Council's Poppy Wreath, to Councillor Carl Jackson for organising the details of the event and also to the Reverend A. Millar for undertaking the Service.

With respect to Reverend Millar taking the Service the Clerk was requested to write to him a letter of thanks.

The Members reported that a Christmas event would take place at the Village Centre on the 3rd December with a lighting ceremony of the Christmas tree and a Carol Service. Councillor Michael Meadway also informed the Members that the first jars of the village honey so produced by the local bees would be raffled off at the event.

Councillor June Perrin informed the Members that the Village Coffee Mornings would recommence on the 17th December and that all would be made most welcome to attend the event.

14. 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.

The Members reported no additional information for discussion.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

15. Correspondence

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

16. Late Correspondence

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

By e-mail; Nature Forum; Local Elections (Principal Areas) Wales 2021; One Voice Wales Monthly Bulletin; Lottery Jubilee Funding; FCC, information update.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 25th November 2021.

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| T M Richardson | Clerk's Salary, November and December | 1,011.40 |
| | Postage | 5.95 |
| | | 1,017.35 |
| SLCC | Annual Subscription | 112.00 |
| Clwyd Pension Fund, via T.M Richardson | Employer's contribution, December and January | 291.28 |
| Royal British Legion | Poppy Wreath | 35.00 |
| T.M. Richardson | Council's Security, (McAfee) | 89.99 |
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