



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council held on Thursday the 24th February 2022 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Carl Jackson.

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

Councillors Present

Michael Meadway, Nancy Matthews, George Godwin and Victoria Norman.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors; John Homersley, Stephen Foley, June Perrin, Julie Crabtree, Marjorie Thomson and Frances Rosedale.

In Attendance

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

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 January 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

Tros y Wern Play Area; to consider possible improvements that could be undertaken utilising the Flintshire County Council Match Funding Scheme. A site meeting had been 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. The Clerk reported to the Members on the received proposals provided by Mr. Roberts and also the estimated costs of the project. The Members raised concerns on the costs given and agreed that the proposal should be deferred until the next financial year. With regard to the purchase of the proposed play equipment for the Play Area the Clerk was requested to consult with Mr. Roberts as to which companies Aura used and did it look at a number of play equipment providers in order to obtain the best quotes.

Member Area Reports, 8, 2021;60, Ruthin Road; Councillor Frances Rosedale had raised the issue of light nuisance/intrusion from the Eagles and Crawford Bus Depot's night-time security lights dazzling households' opposite; the Clerk reported to the Members that he had arranged to meet Company representatives on site to resolve the said complaint. Also, Councillors had requested an update regarding the proposal to site a bus shelter, Mold to Ruthin direction on the Ruthin Road near to the Village Centre, the Clerk reported to the Members that he had requested an update on the matter but unfortunately there had been no response from Flintshire County Council.

With respect to the above complaints and concerns the Clerk was requested to pursue the issues raised and report back to the Members.

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. Within the Plan Councillors, can highlight the achievements to date, e.g. the Wildflower Meadow, the Dog Walking Facility, the Bees and Hives and also the Council's involvement with the Village Pantomime, the Lunch Club and the Monthly Coffee Mornings; Members agreed to look at what can be done further within the community.

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 ideas 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.

The Clerk reported to the Members the information received from Mr. John Seddon which highlighted and detailed statistically the community usage on the Website. The information provided a useful breakdown of contact and clearly identified the public awareness of the Council's Website, access to receive the statistics for use of the Members was provided by Mr. Seddon.

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, Violence offences 2, anti-social behaviour incidents and 1 public order offence.

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.

Tros y Wern and **Blaen Wern** in these areas there were no items for discussion.

Councillor Carl Jackson raised the issue of what would appear to be none use of the garages for vehicles at Blaen Wern and proposed that the Council writes to Flintshire County Council to request details of any vacant garages. Councillor Jackson informed the Members that he was aware of residents who would take up the option of renting any vacant garages should they come available.

Ruthin Road; Members expressed concerns regarding the parking of vehicles opposite to the junction with Swan Lane; **Minffordd Fields**, Councillors still raised concerns with regard to the excess surface water on the estate, Councillor Julie Crabtree had previously reported to the Members that there were road signs missing at the entrance to the estate and that there was concern regarding the small brick wall fronting the small car park at the entrance, also at the moment there was still only one street light working making the street and the estate hazardous, this situation was still being maintained; **Swan Lane**, Members were informed that overgrown trees and hedges on the Lane were again causing a nuisance and needed to be trimmed back. **Cadole**, Councillor Michael Meadway informed the Members that an unclassified unadopted lane had a blocked drain, the complaint had now been reported for action; **Llys Enfys**, Councillor George Godwin raised the concerns of local residents regarding the tight T-junction access onto Ruthin Road, could Flintshire County Council investigate the possibility of adjusting the corner to alleviate the road hazard; **Glyndwr Road**, Councillor Nancy Matthews reported to the Members that there had been excess water and mud on the road as a result of traffic coming from the Cambrian Quarry.

9. Defibrillators and Maintenance.

To discuss the possibility of obtaining a defibrillator for Cadole and the surrounding community.

‘Members again discussed the proposal to obtain a defibrillator for Cadole, the 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 again suggested to be the most suitable location and Members agreed to seek sponsorship for to purchase the defibrillator’.

With reference to the above Councillor Michael Meadway reported to the Members that he had been in consultation with the nearby Quarry (Cefn Mawr) and that he had received a positive response, the Quarry Management stated that they would either in total or part fund the purchase and also maintain the defibrillator. With respect to the siting of the defibrillator at the suggested local pub, The Colomendy Arms, Councillor Meadway had also received a positive response from the Licensee to the request of siting the unit at the pub. Councillor Meadway stated that he would continue with the consultation process with both the Cefn Mawr Quarry Management and the Licensee at The Colomendy Arms.

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

To progress the Competition following received photographs from local residents.

Councillor Michael Meadway again informed the Members that the photograph selection committee had met and had determined the winners of the competition with respect to the 3 age groups agreed in Council, that is to say, Adults, Under 17’s and Under 11’s. With respect to the next step forward the Members agreed to hold a special evening ceremony to award the selected winners. The Members concurred that the date for the ceremony would be the 6th May 2022 and that Councillor Michael Meadway agreed that he would inform the winners of the competition accordingly. The Members also agreed that the names of the competition winners would be published in the forthcoming Village Newsletter.

Councillor Michael Meadway outlined to the Members his suggestions for the criteria to be used for the agreed annual photograph competition, Councillor Meadway stated that he would detail the rules to be followed and send those guidelines out by email to each Member for consideration.

11. Planning Matters

The Clerk informed the Members that to date the Council has received no planning applications for the Members to discuss and to state their observations.

With respect to the emailed, Planning Weekly List, reference to the reception of applications and decisions taken by the Planning Authority the Clerk informed the Members that the planning application, BMK/064155, Change of use to form a single dwelling, erection of a side terrace and material alterations to external appearance had been received for 55a, Godre’r Coed, Gwernymynydd. At the moment there were no further details available.

12. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for February the details of which can be found on page 2022; 13.

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, suggestions put forward related to street parties within the community, a combined celebration involving the Community Council and the Village Centre and focused within the Centre's grounds. Stalls and perhaps a fair could be incorporated within the celebrations as well as providing information to the community about the Community Council and the Gwernymynydd Development Plan. A group meeting to discuss all possibilities had taken place and a further meeting was scheduled for the 8th March 2022, at 7.00 pm in the Village Centre.

With respect to the Village's Annual Litter Pick, the Members had agreed to hold the event on Thursday the 14th April and to incorporate the event with Easter and to have easter eggs available for the children taking part. Contact had been undertaken with Mold Town Council and an agreement had been made with regard to borrowing equipment for the litter pick. Councillors Michael Meadway volunteered to meet with Mold Town Council to collect the said equipment and Councillor Victoria Norman volunteered to try to gain sponsorship from the local supermarkets to donate easter eggs for the children taking part in the litter pick.

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 by Councillor George Godwin. Councillor Godwin also reiterated to the Members that bench seating would be provided in suitable locations within the grounds when good weather permits the work to be undertaken.

The Members reported no additional information for discussion.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

15. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

16. Late Correspondence

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

By e-mail; Flintshire County Council, an update with regard to Storm Eunice; information relating to the Town and Community Councils forthcoming Elections; an email received from local resident Mrs. Emma Williams requesting an update with respect to the proposal for a bus shelter to be sited close to the Village Centre, Mold to Ruthin direction, A494.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 24th February 2022.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	505.70
	Postage	6.10
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
		568.20
Councillor Michael Meadway	Equipment/feed for the Council's bees	74.00
Clwyd Pension Fund, via T.M Richardson	Employer's contribution	145.64
		787.84