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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council held on Thursday the 31st March 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, George Godwin, Victoria Norman, John Homersley, Stephen Foley, Julie Crabtree, Marjorie Thomson and Frances Rosedale.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors; June Perrin and Nancy Matthews

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 February 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; with reference to possible improvements that could be undertaken utilising the Flintshire County Council Match Funding Scheme, a site meeting had been held 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 had 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 had been 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; the Clerk reported to the Members that Aura had consulted with numerous suppliers of play equipment and had obtained the most cost effective and efficient equipment for the proposed project.

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 a meeting with a Company representative on site to resolve the said complaint, however the Company had not responded to the agreed improvements and therefore the Clerk stated that he would follow up on the issue. 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 again reported to the Members that he had requested an update on the matter but unfortunately there had been no response from Flintshire County Council.

5. Local Council Elections, 5th May 2022.

The Clerk to outline to the Council the recommendations received from the Chief Executive, Flintshire County Council.

The Clerk reported to the Members the information and guidance that had been given to all Clerks of Town and Community Councils by the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council with reference to the Pre-Election Period before the forthcoming local government elections in May. The guidance given stated that during the pre-election period Councils would need to be careful to ensure their resources are not used to promote a particular candidate or party and that no advantage would be given to existing Councillors that other candidates would not have access to. The guidance and advice so given recommended that there should be no April meeting of the Council. This was put to the Members who after full discussion agreed to the recommendation given by the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council, there would be no meeting on the 28th April 2022.

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

Councillor Stephen Foley reported to the Members the salient points on the recently held Governors' meeting, information was provided with reference to the School Curriculum and the many sickness problems caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

7. 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 with the Local Government Elections pending the Members agreed to wait to form a Committee to progress the Plan with ideas coming from Councillors and members of the public, particularly with the Jubilee Celebrations planned in June where there will be an opportunity to consult with members of the public to promote the Plan and to discuss the needs of the residents in Gwernymynydd and Cadole. Again, Members were requested to look at the existing Development Plan as published on the Council's website.

8. 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.

Councillor George Godwin proposed to the Council that the contact details of North Wales Police, PCSO's could be published on the website to provide direct contact for the community should members of the public wish to report any incidents of concern. This was put to the Members and agreed subject to approval being given by the Police.

9 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:-

4, Violence offences 2, anti-social behaviour incidents and 1 criminal damage and arson.

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, Blaen Wern, Glyndwr Road and Ruthin Road in these areas there were no items for discussion.

Llys Enfys; Members expressed concerns regarding the safety of the embankment within the play area, possible collapse of the structure was stated, also the play equipment itself raised concerns, a general clean up was required; **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, the Clerk was requested to write to Flintshire County Council relating the concerns of the Council and the residents; **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 the planter located on the A494 required attention.

10. Defibrillators and Maintenance.

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

Councillors were reminded of earlier discussions on this item '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, this was still being pursued in a positive manner. 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.

11. 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 at 7.30 pm 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 the criteria to be used for the agreed annual photograph competition, Councillor Meadway stated that the said details of the rules to be followed would be published in the Village Newsletter, the Council's website and on Facebook and that the dates of concern regarding the closing dates and the selection of the winners would be in August.

12. Planning Matters

ADW/063963, Retention of the siting of a static caravan for a 5-year period to allow continued occupation whilst renovation works are undertaken to the existing farmhouse, located at Fron Ucha Farm, Gwernymynydd.

Councillors raised no objections to this application but concerns were given with regard to the time being taken to complete the works in hand. The Members agreed that any future application, should it be submitted, would be receive objections and be refused by the Council.

BMK/064155, Change of use to form a single dwelling, erection of a side terrace and material alterations to the existing appearance, located at 55a, Godre'r Coed, Gwernymynydd.

JZP/064171, Erection of a sun room extension to the side of the dwelling, located at Parc Arthur Cottage, Gwernymynydd.

The above two applications received no objections from the Members.

By e-mail, Planning Weekly List, reference to the reception of applications and decisions taken by the Planning Authority. Reference to the proposed demolition of an existing conservatory, erection of a 2-storey pitched roof side extension and single storey pitched lean-to rear extension, located at 6, Heol y Wern, Gwernymynydd. At the moment there were no further details available, however should the Council receive the application for its observations and comments at a later date the Members did raise concerns on behalf of the immediate neighbours to the property.

13. 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; 20.

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.

14. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Members again considered the 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.

The planned group meeting to discuss all possibilities had taken place with the Members agreeing to pursue the purchase of 'pin badge' mementoes to commemorate the Jubilee and also to plant trees within the of the Village Centre, further meetings were scheduled to take place to finalise the details.

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.

15. 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 Marjorie Thomson provided for the Members a full report on the recently held One Voice Wales meeting. Councillor Thomson outlined the guidance to be considered on the Pre-Election Period (Purdah) before the forthcoming Local Government Elections in May 2022. Briefly, Councillor Thomson related that publicity on matters which are politically controversial, make references to political parties and candidates, arrange photographic events to promote candidates and or parties and to supply Council materials to political parties, individual Councils must not support all these items. Councillor Thomson provided further information for the Members regarding new duties for Councils under the 2021 Local Government and Democracy (Wales) Act, the production of an Annual Report, the format of which is to reflect what the individual Council has done within the respective community and to look ahead at future projects. Also the respective Councils will need to produce a Training Plan, the purpose of which would be to provide Councillors with sufficient skills and understanding relating to a Code of Conduct, Financial Management and Governance. The Plan would provide information on the type of training, the number of Councillors participating and the time frame for completion. Councillor Thomson provided additional information for the Members which had been given by One Voice Wales relating to scheduled training programmes for Councillors from Flintshire County Council.

The Members thanked Councillor Thomson for the full and detailed report.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

16. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

17. Late Correspondence

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

By e-mail; Notification from NMWTRA of road works on the A494; information received from NMWTRA regarding the improvement works to be undertaken on the 'old chapel' site located opposite to the Rainbow Housing Estate, funds for the project had now been agreed by Welsh Government; the 'Big Meadow' search; A manifesto for the Future in Wales.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised at the meeting held on the 31st March 2022.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	505.70
	Postage	5.10
		510.80
Clwyd Pension Fund, via T.M Richardson	Employer's contribution	145.64
		656.44

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