



# Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council's AGM held on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> May 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, Julie Crabtree, Klara Lethbridge and Frances Rosedale.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillors; John Homersley, Stephen Foley and Marjorie Thomson.

## **In Attendance**

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

Councillor David Coggins is now the newly elected local member for the Gwernymynydd and Gwernafield Ward, Flintshire County Council.

### **2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillors**

The elected Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Proper Officer of the Gwernymynydd Community Council, that is, the Clerk to the Council.

### **3. Election of Chairman, 2022/23**

Councillor Carl Jackson was nominated and seconded for the position of Chairman, therefore Councillor Jackson was duly elected Chairman of the Gwernymynydd Community Council, 2022/23

**4. Election of Vice-Chairman, 2022/23**

Councillor Michael Meadway was nominated and seconded for the position of Vice-Chairman, therefore, Councillor Meadway was duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Gwernymynydd Community Council, 2022/23.

**5. Co-Option for the Vacant Seat on the Community Council**

The Clerk reported to the Council that there was just one vacant seat to be taken up by the Co-option process and that he had received one nomination for the said vacancy.

The nominated person was given to be:-

Mrs. Karen Hughes

The Members elected Mrs Karen Hughes to the vacant position of Councillor of the Gwernymynydd Community Council;

**6. To Adopt the Council's Existing Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and The Members Code of Conduct.**

The Members agreed without alteration to adopt the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Members Code of Conduct.

**7. To Receive Nominations and to Determine Representatives on Outside Bodies**

1. Cefn Mawr Quarry Liaison Committee.

Councillor Klara Lethbridge was nominated to represent the Council at the respective Liaison Committee.

2. One Voice Wales.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson was nominated to represent the Council at the meetings of One Voice Wales.

3. Gwernymynydd Village Centre Management Committee.

Councillors Carl Jackson, George Godwin and Michael Meadway were nominated to represent the Council at the meetings of the Village Centre Management Committee.

4. Gwernymynydd Youth Club/Council.

Councillor Victoria Norman was nominated to represent the Council at meetings of the Youth Club/Council.

All nominations were accepted by the respective Councillors.

**8 To Receive Nominations and to Determine Sub-Committees**

1. Planning.

Councillors Frances Rosedale and Marjorie Thomson were nominated for the Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

2. Play Areas.

Councillors Frances Rosedale, Michael Meadway and Julie Crabtree were nominated for the Council's Planning Sub-Committee.

All nominations were accepted by the respective Councillors.

9. **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.

10. **To Approve the Minutes of the March Meeting**

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

11. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**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.

**Member Area Reports, 10,2022;17, Minffordd Fields, 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'.

Councillor Julie Crabtree informed the Members that the remaining streetlight was now not working and as such it made the Minffordd Fields street even more hazardous.

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

Unfortunately, Councillor Stephen Foley was unavailable for the Council meeting and as such had submitted his apologies to the Members. Therefore, there were no items for discussion at this meeting.

13. **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 following the Local Government Election 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 early 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.

Councillor George Godwin related to the Members that a display board would be made available for members of the public to provide 'post it' notices so giving information to the Council as to how the Village Development Plan may proceed. Mr. Christopher Bradshaw would coordinate the consultation process with the public and the Council in order for the Development Plan to go forward.

Again, Members were requested to look at the existing Development Plan as published on the Council's website.

#### **14. 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.

#### **15 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:-

5, 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, Cadole, Glyndwr Road and Swan Lane** in these areas there were no items for discussion.

**Llys Enfys**; Members again 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. **2022; 24**

Councillor George Godwin outlined his concerns with regard to access into Llys Enfys, via the A494, the turning area being extremely sharp and also the grass verge required maintenance, the Clerk was requested to contact Streetscene, Flintshire County Council on the issue; **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 were no streetlights working making the street and the estate hazardous, this situation was still being maintained; **Blaen Wern**, Members were informed that there were deep and dangerous potholes near to the Heol y Wern junction; **Ruthin Road**, Councillor Frances Rosedale informed the Members that a road traffic incident had occurred whereby two centre bollards had been demolished, this matter had been reported to the police, also Councillor Rosedale related to the Members that there had been mud carry-over on the road caused by the Quarry lorries.

#### **16. 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.

#### **17. Planning Matters**

**Ref: ADW/064252, Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of two story pitched roof side extension and single story pitched lean-to at the rear extension, located at 6, Heol y Wern, Gwernymynydd.**

**ADW/064287, Application to vary condition number two, attached to planning permission, 056562, to allow minor repositioning of the building, located at Bryn Gwyn Farm, Glyndwr Road, 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

## **18. Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for May the details of which can be found on page 2022; 27. Please note that the expenditure for April is also included and identified.

The Members approved the expenditure amount of £36 for the prints taken of the winning entries for the Photograph Competition supported by the Council in memory of Councillor Kevin Hughes.

Please note that because the Clwyd Pension Department at County Hall has most of its staff still 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.

## **19. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

Members again considered the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee, suggestions that had been 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 may be incorporated within the celebrations as well as providing information to the community about the Community Council and the Gwernymynydd Development Plan.

Councillor George Godwin outlined to the Members the details of the agreed events to take place as determined from the group meeting held to discuss all possibilities for the celebrations. Various stalls selling local goods, a bouncy castle, ice cream and refreshments would be made available for all attending the Jubilee Celebrations. Councillor Godwin also related to the Members the details of a planned village parade which could take place dependant upon the weather on the day.

Resulting from the said group meeting the Members agreed to pursue the purchase of 'pin badge' mementoes to commemorate the Jubilee and also to plant trees within the of the confines of the Village Centre.

With respect to the Village's Annual Litter Pick, the Members had previously agreed to hold the event on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 informed the Members that the event had been a success although there were not as many residents as in previous years who had volunteered to take part in the event.

## **20. 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 Michael Meadway provided details to the Members on the costs of purchasing trees for the Village Centre and also stated that Mrs Sally Hughes would like to buy a tree to commemorate her late husband, Councillor Kevin Hughes.

With respect to reports of village residents wishing to buy trees or bushes or similar to remember family members it was agreed that such a decision should be channelled through the Village Centre Management Committee for determination and agreement.

Councillor Michael Meadway informed the Members that a number of ash trees in the Village Centre's grounds had been affected with 'die back' and needed to be taken down, Councillor Meadway related to the Members that this would be undertaken as soon as possible.

### **Sub-Committees**

There were no additional items for discussion.

#### **21. Correspondence**

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

#### **22. Late Correspondence**

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

FLVC, notification of Membership Renewal, the annual subscription amount for 2022 being given free of charge; Denbighshire County Council, an update given with respect to the Denbighshire Local Development Plan; A letter received from Rob Roberts MP for the Delyn Constituency congratulating all individuals for being elected onto the Gwernymynydd Community Council.

By e-mail; Age Friendly Wales, an update of information; Ramblers Cymru, provision of information; Mrs Nancy Matthews informing the Members of the recent death of former milkman, Mr. Mike White.

**Chairman.....**

Payments authorised for April and at the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 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
T. M. Richardson	Photograph Comp. prize money	155.00
Mr. J. Seddon	Council's Computer Network	101.81
Zurich Municipal	Council's Insurance	609.25
Councillor George Godwin	Purchase of Easter Eggs	30.00
Scottish Power	Streetlight energy charge	362.02
Audit Wales	Audit charge	200.00
One Voice Wales	Annual subscription	189.00
ICO Registration	Annual fee	40.00
Deeco Lighting	Streetlight maintenance	289.25
Hick's Accountancy	Council's PAYE	240.00

T. M. Richardson	Clerk's Salary	505.70
	Postage	5.70
	Ink for Printer	52.24
		563.64
T. M. Richardson	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
Clwyd Pension Fund via	Employer's contribution	145.64
T. M. Richardson		
Gwernymynydd Village Centre	Support Grant	2,500.00
Councillor Michael Meadway	Photo prints	36.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator annual service	198.00
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