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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council's held on Thursday the 30th June 2022 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Chairman: Councillor Carl Jackson.

The Chairman welcomed the Members and visitors 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, Victoria Norman, Julie Crabtree,
Klara Lethbridge, Frances Rosedale and Karen Hughes.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors; John Homersley, Stephen Foley, Marjorie Thomson and
George Godwin

In Attendance

Councillor David Coggins and Mrs. Michelle Taylor, a local resident.

Councillor David Coggins the newly elected local member for the Gwernymynydd and Gwernaffield Ward, Flintshire County Council, introduced himself to all present and informed everyone that as the Local Member he would be holding regular surgeries for the community to discuss any local problems, these to be held on the second Saturday of the month in the Village Centre. At this point Councillor Coggins provided information to the Members of a pre-consultation document on a planning application which referred to the installation of an Antenna in the local area, this to be discussed shortly.

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillors

Mrs. Karen Hughes the newly Co-opted Councillor 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. **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.

4. **To Approve the Minutes of the May AGM Meeting**

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

5. **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 again 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 reported to the Members that he had received an update on the matter from Flintshire County Council, this provided information of the consultation process but it did not give a positive response. The County Council, Streetscene and Transport Department state that the Community Council could either match fund a bus shelter in the chosen location, near to the Swan Inn, or contribute to maintenance costs given to be £250 per annum. The Members after full discussion requested the Clerk to contact Flintshire County Council to obtain full costs of a bus shelter plus information relating to the type of shelter that would be installed. Councillor David Coggins outlined to the Members that a bus shelter similar to the one located at the junction of the A494/Cadole Road would be the best option due to perceived less vandalism and maintenance costs. Councillor Coggins stated that he would continue to pursue the matter with the Streetscene and Transport Department.

15, 2022;24, Llys Enfys Play Area, Members had expressed concerns regarding the safety of the embankment within the play area, possible collapse of the structure was stated, also the play equipment itself had raised concerns, and a general clean-up was required. The Clerk related to the Members that he had received a report on the Play Area from Mr. Richard Roberts, Aura, Flintshire County Council which stated that the whole area would be power-washed, and that the play surfaces would be closely monitored in order to ensure safety within the area. With respect to the match funding scheme with Flintshire County Council Mr. Roberts proposed that a future site meeting with Members of the Council would be a useful project in terms of improving the Play Area.

6. **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.

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 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.

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.

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, there were no reported crimes within the Gwernymynydd Area.

The Members reported that a disturbance had occurred within the Village Centre area and that this was under investigation by North Wales Police, there was no further information given on the matter.

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 Blaen Wern, and Llys Enfys, in these areas there were no items for discussion.

Swan Lane, Members expressed concerns regarding overgrown hedges and trees causing a traffic hazard and requested the Clerk to contact Streetscene, Flintshire County Council to undertake a trimming back of the overgrowth, also concerns were outlined with reference the dog litter bin which needs to be emptied on a more regular basis.

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, Councillor David Coggins stated that he would look into the issues given by Councillor Crabtree and pursue those concerns with Flintshire County Council; **Ruthin Road**, Councillor Julie Crabtree informed the Members that vehicles were regularly using the bus lane pull-in located by the Heol y Wern junction to by-pass the Pelican Crossing when it was being used. This dangerous situation had occurred on too many occasions and had resulted in close near hits with pedestrians, this was confirmed by Mrs. Michelle Taylor who had witnessed such occurrences. Councillor David Coggins stated that he would pursue this matter with Senior Officers within Flintshire County Council. Councillor Crabtree informed the Members that the ‘bleeping’ alarm on the Pelican Crossing did not work and required repair, the Clerk was requested to inform Flintshire County Council accordingly.

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 and a meeting had been arranged to take place with the Quarry Management. Also, Councillor Meadway informed the Members that former Councillor Jacquie Jepson would help and assist with the selection of the type of defibrillator to be obtained.

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

Councillor Michael Meadway provided for the Members an update on the competition, the closing date for photographs to be submitted is the end of August, and those photographs must comply with the criteria previously agreed. The competition will continue to be widely advertised throughout the community.

12. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Gwernymynydd.

To report on the success of the event held at the Gwernymynydd Village Centre.

Members agreed that the Celebrations were highly successful with approximately over 300 people attending the event. Many thanks were given to the organisers who gave their time and commitment to plan the event and thanks were given to the community itself for their support on the day.

13. **Planning Matters**

The Clerk related to the Members that prior to the publication of the Agenda the Council had not received any applications from Flintshire County Council for the Members to discuss and comment on, however an application had now recently been received before the scheduled Council meeting for the Members to consider.

FUL/000150/22, To lower the kerb to the front of the property to enable vehicular access located at Y Lletty, Ruthin Road, Gwernymynydd.

The Members fully discussed the application and raised no objections to the proposal.

By e-mail, Planning Weekly List, reference to the previous reception of applications and decisions taken by the Planning Authority, this has now been replaced by an alternative process by Flintshire County Council for the Members to use, the details of which have been given to the Members.

14. **Finance**

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for June the details of which can be found on page 2022; 33.

The Members approved the expenditure amount of £87.51 for the upkeep of the Village Planters maintained by Councillor Michael Meadway. The Council received an invoice from Pottles Premier Plants Ltd for £234 for the purchase of three Oak Trees as agreed in Council to acknowledge the Queen's Platinum Celebration and to commemorate Councillor Kevin Hughes. The Clerk informed the Members that Mrs Sally Hughes had donated £100 towards the costs.

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.

The Clerk informed the Members that for audit purposes the Council has to provide an Annual Report which has to be published on the Council's website, the Clerk had completed the Report and provided copies for the Members, the Clerk now requested approval from the Members, this was put to the Council and the Members unanimously agreed to its publication.

15. **Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd**

Councillor Michael Meadway informed the Members that the trees purchased for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations had now been planted as agreed within the confines of the Village Centre, and one tree being dedicated to the memory of Councillor Kevin Hughes. Councillor Meadway also proposed that an additional tree be purchased and that the said tree could be planted in Cadole, this was put to the Members and agreed.

With respect to more events for the Council to consider, an annual walk in the community area, Remembrance Sunday and an event to celebrate Christmas were suggestions put forward by the Members.

16. 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 Carl Jackson.

The Clerk provided for the Members details of the Code of Conduct Training for Councillors being offered to Councils free of charge by Flintshire County Council

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

17. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

With reference to the correspondence received from FLVC, Best Kept Communities Competition 2022, Councillor Michael Meadway confirmed that he would look into the application and progress the Council's entry.

18. Late Correspondence

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

By e-mail; Flintshire County Council's Development Plan, information received from One Voice Wales; Assets Collaboration Programme for Wales; an introduction from Rachel Carter, One Voice Wales; One Voice Wales Newsletter; an email received from Mrs Nancy Matthews reference to the Community Vegetable Co-operative.

With respect to the latter the Council agreed unanimously to support the proposal put forward by Mrs. Matthews.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised for April and at the meeting held on the 30th June 2022.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary	505.70
	Postage	5.70
		511.40
Clwyd Pension Fund, via T.M Richardson	Employer's contribution	145.64
Councillor M. Meadway for Pottles Premier Plants	Purchase of Trees	234.00
Councillor M. Meadway	Maintenance of the Village Planters	87.51
Flintshire County Council	Election Costs	232.05
		1,210.60