



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council held on Thursday the 28th July 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

Victoria Norman, John Homersley, Stephen Foley, Karen Hughes,
Frances Rosedale and Marjorie Thomson

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors; Michael Meadway, Julie Crabtree, Klara Lethbridge
and George Godwin.

In Attendance

Councillor David Coggins.

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. 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 June 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 again reported to the Members that he had requested an update on the matter but unfortunately following the consultation process Flintshire County Council declared that the set criteria for a new bus shelter had not been met and therefore the request submitted by the Community Council had been refused. Councillor David Coggins provided additional information on the subject to the Members.

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 David Coggins informed the Members that he had pursued the concerns raised by Councillors and residents of Minffordd Fields with Flintshire County Council but there had been no substantive reply, Councillor Coggins stated that he would continue to pursue the said issues on behalf of the residents.

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

Councillor Stephen Foley provided for the Members a detailed report, reference to the last meeting of the Hafod Federation. Councillor Foley explained the school's financial situation and stated that the school numbers were healthy and everyone was looking forward to the new school year.

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 and also to advertise any such regular events taking part within the villages of Gwernymynydd and Cadole.

Following on from the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations the Members discussed the responses received from members of the public who had attended the event and made comments via the 'post-it' board and the Members agreed to proceed with the ideas put forward.

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

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

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; **Ruthin Road**, Councillor Frances Rosedale informed the Members that dust and mud carry over on the road caused by the quarry lorries was causing a nuisance to traffic and pedestrians; Members were informed that the trees taken down because of ash-dieback in the Village Centre area were going to be replaced; **Swan Lane** Councillor Marjorie Thomson informed the Members that the trees and overhanging bushes were causing problems and needed to be trimmed back.

The issues of concern raised by the Members would be forwarded to Streetscene, Flintshire County Council for attention and action.

9. 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 had 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 had 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 Photographic Competition in Memory of Councillor Kevin Hughes.

Members reported that photographs were coming in and that the end of August would be declared as the end date for submission. Councillor David Coggins' stated that his community newsletter would publish the competition details in order to remind people to submit their photographs.

11. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Gwernymynydd.

The Members reported that the day of celebration had been very successful with a very good response from the community. Photographs of the event would be published in the Village Newsletter and the Members stated that they wished to thank the organisers' for making the day so successful.

12. Planning Matters

To date the Council had not received any applications from Flintshire County Council for the Members to discuss and comment on.

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.

13. Finance

To receive invoices for payment to order payment and to sign cheques, the Clerk informed the Members of the expenditure for July the details of which can be found on page 2022; 32.

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 Community Council Accounts, the Clerk presented to the Council the Accounts for the year ending March 2022. The Members approved the Accounts and the Chairman signed the relative document. The information and associated documents would then go to the Internal Auditor and then finally to Audit Wales.

14. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

To receive and outline and subsequently progress suggested future events from Councillors taking into consideration the following:- proposals were put forward for consideration. A memorial walk within the confines of the community, Councillor Marjorie Thomson and Mr. Michael Thomson to investigate and put forward a suggested route, the event to take place in early September. To finalise details of the Photograph Competition and subsequent Calendar 2023.

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 Carl Jackson.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson provided a report for the Members relating to Code of Conduct Training, Councillor Thomson stated that the zoom training was very good and that more training sessions were planned for the future, both by Flintshire County Council and One Voice Wales.

Sub-Committees

There were no additional items for discussion.

16. Correspondence

Items 1 and 2 were received by the Council.

Councillor Marjorie Thomson outlined to the Members the details of the SLCC and One Voice Wales Toolkit for Councils to use.

Councillor Victoria Norman requested information with regard to the possible reforming of the Village Youth Club, Councillor Carl Jackson stated that Flintshire County Council had been requested for an update on the matter, however at the moment the Village Centre Management Committee were awaiting a response.

17. Late Correspondence

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

By e-mail; FLVC, notification of the forthcoming AGM; a letter received from Sarah Blake, Flintshire County Council giving details to the Council as to why the bus shelter request had been refused; Innovative Conference information; Play Wales Bulletin; a response from Flintshire County Council stating that the issue of concern regarding the Pelican Crossing on the A494 had been resolved to satisfaction.

Chairman.....

Payments authorised for the Council meeting held on the 28th July 2022.

T M Richardson	Clerk's Salary, July and August	1011.40
	Postage	5.70
	Clerk's Allowance	56.40
		1073.50
Clwyd Pension Fund, via T.M Richardson	Employer's contribution, August and September	291.28
T. M. Richardson	Ink for the Council's Printer	17.46
Councillor M. Thomson	One Voice Wales Meeting	45.00
Deco Lighting	Streetlight maintenance	289.25
Scottish Power	Streetlight energy charge	704.34
		2,420.83