



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Gwernymynydd Community Council held on Thursday the 2nd of November 2023 at the Village Centre, Gwernymynydd.

Councillors Present

Marjorie Thomson, Mike Meadway, Rhian Griffiths, Fances Rosedale, Vicky Norman, Phil Roberts & Karen Hughes.
Councillor David Coggins Cogan was also in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors; Sharon Godwin

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 regarding discussion items and any actions determined that may influence decisions taken on Agenda items.

3. Vacancy for Community Council member.

The council has 1 member vacancy, all members have been asked to actively begin recruiting for the position, Chair mentioned a possible candidate, but no interested has been made.

4. To Welcome to the Meeting Mr. David Griffiths the Council's Internal Auditor

To discuss and determine the Council's Financial Risk Assessment 2023/24
The Chairman Councillor Mike Meadway welcomed Mr Griffiths to the council meeting whereby introductions were made to all present. An explanation of why this assessment is needed to be done was given by Mr Griffiths who then referred Councillor's to the previous year's Financial Risk Assessment check list. The clerk had provided the Members copies of the said list and as such Mr. Griffiths proceeded to go through each item, the risk, the consequences, and the Action.
Following discussions on each identified risk, the members agreed to the following changes:

The council monitors actual income and expenditure on a 6 monthly basis.
In the event of the Council being deprived of the services of a clerk, FCC would be approached for advice on a stand in Clerk.

The complaints policy has been approved and has been placed on the Council's website. It is reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Suggested time lapse was 3 years.

5. **To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting have been distributed and were confirmed as a true record of the business transacted.

6. **Matters Arising from the last meeting**

Copy of amendments made to the development plan to be emailed to Vicky Norman & Marjorie Thompson for their approval and any suggested changes.

Mike Meadway & Rhian Griffiths given Quarry meeting minutes and will attend the next meeting due to be held on November 22nd.

Details of Christmas Fayre due to be held in the Village centre December 2nd 1 -6 pm were finalised.

School carol concert is to be held in the Village centre December 20th with GCC covering the cost of hiring the hall.

Details confirmed for the Remembrance service, unfortunately the school bell will not be rung on this occasion due to the old school experiencing recent floor water damage. It was requested that Steve Foley use the PA system to play the last post and the chimes of the bell. Steve Foley was emailed to confirm that he was available to carry out these duties.

Karen Roberts informed the committee of her, and Sharon Godwin's plans to hold an 80's themed evening in the early spring as a fund-raising event.

Autumn litter pick took place on the rescheduled date 28th October due to the heavy rain the previous week, it was noted that there was significantly less litter compared to previous occasions, which must be said is a great improvement for the area.

7. **Training Report, Gwernymynydd Community Council.**

One Voice Wales Training is ongoing, and dates have been emailed to all members.

8. **Police Matters and Member Reports**

It was requested that these areas be included in every agenda regardless of activity or no reports.

**Glyndwr Road; Blaen Wern; Minffordd Fields; Ruthin Road; Swan Lane.
Tros y Wern; Cadole and Llys Enfys**

Member Area Reports. Individual Councillors to report.

**Tros y Wern, Swan Lane, Llys Enfys, Cadole, Glyndwr Road,
Minffordd Fields and Blaen Wern**

9. **Community Newsletter**

This has been discussed at length, with no volunteer's or solutions being reached.

Several members commented that the responsibility for the production and collection of information for the newsletter should fall on the Village centre trust. Cllr David Coggins Cogan suggested speaking to Mold Town – Connection magazine for advice on the distribution and printing of the magazine. February 2024 will be Nancy Matthews final edition. It is therefore imperative that a decision and conclusion for the responsibility and future of the Newsletter is reached.

10. Carmel Chapel Garden

We are awaiting a plaque so the area can be officially opened. The quote from Blackwells stonemasons was prohibitive, and further options are being looked at. Kehoe Countryside Ltd informed the clerk which was passed onto Mike Meadway that they would be attending the site for maintenance works on Friday 3rd November.

11. Planning Matters

All planning matters withing the Gwernymynydd & Cadole area are to be commented by the clerk at the request of the members with a positive or negative response reflecting the views of the members as discussed at the meeting.

FUL/000841/23 BEECHLEA, HAFOD DRIVE – no objections from members

Proposed new single-storey rear extension to an existing dwelling. Permeable surfacing to front garden to create more parking space. Conversion of existing garage to be an incidental annexe to the existing property. Addition of solar panels to existing roof of garage and main dwelling

COU/000936/23 BRYNGWYN FARM, GLYNDWR ROAD – members raised reservations and it was felt this might set a precedent.

Proposed conversion and change of use of an existing porta-cabin storage container to form a holiday let glamping pod unit & associated works (Partly Retrospective)

LDC/000755/23 STANTON, RUTHIN ROAD CH7 5LQ

Certificate of lawfulness Sec 191 – members raised concerns and objections as the area has been unkept for several years and could lead to it being developed.

The area in question is being used as garden area & has been for many years.

Siglen Uchaf site meeting and planning committee meeting, subsequent approval of the plans. Cllr. David Coggins Coggan very kindly provided a debriefing of the planning committee meeting. It was brought to his attention during the meeting that when mentioned as a method of defence against the plans for Siglen Uchaf, the Community Development Plan had no bearing and in fact had no impact on decision to approve the reserved matters following the outline planning.

DCC findings are that the LDP needs to be implemented, and that they have no longer any weight, no communication to local community councils has been given from local planning authorities. The clerk was asked to write to Chris Bythel, asking for an explanation and a review of the matter, acknowledgement of the LDP procedure going forward. This is very significant as the Development plan is currently being reviewed.

Cllr Marjorie Thompson raised concerns about the management of the site meeting for Siglen Uchaf, she felt the meeting wasn't inclusive. Cllr DCC explained the reasoning behind the site meeting rules of observation only.

12. Finance

Planning for next year's precept was postponed to November meeting. Requests for donations from organisations, more information is to be requested before moneys can be awarded to organisations.

To receive invoices for payment. Expenditure is documented on the last page of the minutes.

13. Events Taking Place Within Gwernymynydd

Gwernymynydd Pantomime will take place in February 2024, concerns have raised over the accessibility of tickets. Many residents missed out on tickets last year. This was raised to Cllr Karen Hughes to pass on to the pantomime committee. It was suggested that at the Christmas fayre people could be informed of the date of the commencement of the sale of Tickets.

14. Gwernymynydd & Cadole Community Calendars

The winners of the photography competition have been informed and all details of winners are to be published in the Newsletter. The Calanders were finalised and printed by Double Click printing company. All members were shown a copy of the calendar which are available to purchase at £7.00. A stall has been reserved at the Christmas Fayre to sell the calendars.

15. Request for a Bus Shelter on Ruthin side of A494

There has been a request to revisit the need for a covered bus shelter on the Ruthin side of the A494, by residents whose children travel to school in Ruthin, following the recent heavy rainfall. Correspondence from 2022 dereferencing the request to Flintshire has been requested. The clerk has written to residents outlining the situation and response from the community council.

16. Payment of Councillors Allowance 2023/24

All members were emailed a copy of the form for the payment of Councillors allowance for 2023/24
Forms were received from members and the clerk prepared cheque payments.

Reports

16. Sub-Committees

17. Correspondence

Chairman.....

Dated

Payments authorised for the Council meeting held on the 2nd November 2023.

C Buckley	£758.18 (salary, pension & postage)
V Norman Allowance	£156.00
Double click Calanders	£461.00
M W Thompson Football net	£194.37
K Hughes Allowance	£156.00
S Godwin Allowance	£156.00
A F Rosedale Allowance	£156.00
M Meadway Allowance	£156.00
F C C playscheme	£55.80
M Meadway Bees	£58.00
RBL poppy wreath & donation	£40.00
M Thompson Allowance	£156.00