



Gwernymynydd Community Council Cyngor Cymdeithasol Gwernymynydd

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Minutes of the meeting of Gwernymynydd Community Council held on Thursday 14th October 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Village centre.

- Councillors present:** Rhian Griffiths, Marjorie Thomson, Frances Rosedale and Phil Roberts. County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke. Mr David Griffiths also joined us, to carry out the annual Risk assessment.
- Apologies for Absence.** Councillors Karen Hughes and Sharon Godwin.
- Risk Assessment** A copy of last year's risk assessment was circulated to all Councillors to view prior to this meeting. Mr David Griffiths explained his independent role in advising the community council. Each section of the risk assessment was assessed to see if changes or improvements needed to be made. Mr Griffiths highlighted the amendments which needed to be implemented and a new copy of the risk assessment will be circulated to all councillors.
- Members Code of Conduct, Declarations of Interest.** No councillors had any declarations.
- To approve the minutes from the previous meeting.** The minutes of the September meeting were approved and signed by the chair.
- Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.** No further matters arising from the minutes of September meeting.
- Events taking place within Gwernymynydd** The Remembrance Service took place on Sunday 10th November with the Reverend Millar leading the service and Mr Terry Broadfoot laying the poppy wreath on behalf of the Community Councillors. The service was fairly well attended by the village with refreshments being served afterwards.
- Grant for Village Centre** due to low attendance and not reaching a quorum of 4 in previous meetings and the date change of the October meeting, the grant which is awarded to the village centre is still being finalised. A WhatsApp vote was taken but with no clear outcome, hence it was decided to use this meeting to discuss in detail all the facts. Historically GCC has awarded GVC £2500 grant to pay for the Village newsletter, further financial information was asked for from the treasurer of GVC, this was provided showing the cost of printing the said newsletter. The grant rose from £2000 to £2500 in 2017.

Year on year printing costs as supplied by GVC Treasurer:
2019 £1204.50, 2020 £399, 2021 £1095, 2022 £1141,2023 £1737,2024 £1618

Although GCC is aware that the money has been provided annually in the past, it is important to assess the usage and indeed the need for the grant, as the precept for 2023-24 is £19500 and with increasing costs of electricity which has quadrupled in the last 2 years, GCC members are cautious about awarding the full grant as the money has not been used for the newsletter and it is only printed 6 times a year as opposed to 12 additions as was previously the case. It was initially agreed to continue giving the full grant of £2500 but with further discussion and evaluating the accounts of GCC it was felt that GCC could not afford to award the full grant and should pay £1618 which is the amount needed to pay for the newsletter.

9. Precept Setting for 2025-26 The precept for next year was discussed following the grant discussion. All members are concerned about raising the precept and putting unnecessary financial pressure on the residents of Gwernymynydd. In previous years, the precept has only been raised by 3% and reserved funds have been used to bridge the shortfall. The reserve funds are now all gone. The clerk provided a summary of last year's spending which was £22678.00 from a precept of £19500.00. It was agreed that at the next meeting which is due to be held Tuesday 3rd December that the setting of the precept in the main item on the agenda. The clerk was asked to prepare proposals with supporting documentation for all councillors to consider prior to the meeting.

9. Planning Developments

No planning matters to discuss.

10. Member Reports Nothing to report.

Glyndwr Road; Blaen Wern; Minffordd Fields; Ruthin Road; Swan Lane.
Tros y Wern Cadole and Llys Enfys. **No members report.**

11. Police Reports.

Glyndwr Road; Blaen Wern; Minffordd Fields; Ruthin Road; Swan Lane.
Tros y Wern; Cadole and Llys Enfys
There has been a few minor issues raised on the village facebook

12. Training Modules Autumn training dates have been emailed to all members.

13. Carmel Chapel Garden. The black slate plaque has been collected and given to Phil who will arrange for it to be sited at the chapel garden.

16. Finance To receive invoices for payment to order payments and to sign cheques.

C Buckley Salary & Pension	£1791.20
2 months November & December	
Poppy wreath & donation Royal British legion	£45.00
M Thomson councillors' allowance	£156.00
F Rosedale councillors' allowance	£156.00
P Roberts Councillors' allowance	£156.00

Dated this November 14th, 2024.

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