**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on
2 November 2016 at Ysgol Y Waun.

**Present**

Councillor A Barsby, Councillor R Edwards, Councillor J Elcock, C Hopwood, Councillor C Garrett, Councillor K Mcdonald, Councillor R Morgan, Councillor L Pritchard (Chair) and Councillor G Tattum (Vice Chairman).

**In Attendance** and Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk.

1. **Apologies for absence** Councillor D Bolton,Councillor R Hughes, Councillor R Hughes,

County Councillor A Davies-Cooke

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting of the council held on 5 October 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Matters Arising from the last minutes**

**5. Streetscene Matters**

Cllr. K Mcdonald reported increased dog fouling on pavements in Gwernaffield and said she would enquire about another dog waste bin in Gwernaffield. Also the possibility of lowering of hedges near Y Waen.

The clerk reported an email from local resident concerned about speeding in Pantymwyn village, who had made a request for yellow lines on the left hand side of Fron Deg to prevent overflow from dog walkers and users of the pub. Road markings request are the jurisdiction of the County Council, the community council will notify Streetscene and the resident informed.

An observation there appears more HGV’s using the village.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. K Mcdonald liaises with Streetscene.

That the clerk raise matters with Mr A lightfoot, Area Co-ordinator of Streetscene accordingly.

That the clerk raises with Chey Arrowsmith PCSO the residents speeding concerns.

**6. Clerk’s Update – communication and correspondence**

* The clerk brought the following to Councillors attention
* A letter from Nightingale House Hospice about their fundraising events
* Connahs Quay Town Council, New Years Eve Party at Civic Hall 31 December 7.30pm – 1.00am
* The clerk read out a letter from BDO, external auditor to explain the delay in the auditor’s bill as they are liaising with the Wales Audit Office and the other audit supplier to ensure the same approach to billing is taking place throughout Wales. The issue should be resolved this month and an invoice issued in due course.

**6a Request for financial assistance toward maintainence of Church yard and cemetery Holy Trinity Church, Gwernaffield.**

The clerk read out a letter from Mrs Shirley Hughes PCC Treasurer, requesting financial assistance for £750.00 and noted the costs so far for them was £4,030. They are requesting further quotes from other contractors in 2017.

It was noted the significant increase in costs from their request in May 2015. After some discussion an agreed sum of £700 was agreed as part contribution from Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council.

**RESOLVED: Unanimous vote to provide financial assistance of £700 to Holy Trinity Church, Gwernaffield toward Church yard and cemetery maintainence.**

**7. The Christmas Lunch – Mold Golf Club**

This will take place on 12 December. Entertainment has been arranged. County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke has offered two hampers and further prizes for the raffle would be welcome.

**8. Planning Applications**

**Bellan House, Ffordd Y Bryn, Gwernaffield, Mold, Flintshire, CH8 5DE. Planning Application- 055995**

Demolition of conservatory and flat roof extension and erection of single story extension to side/rear of dwelling.

**RESOLVED: That no objections be submitted for the above planning application.**

**Llys Fammau 8 Llys Fammau, Pantymwyn, Mold Ch7 5EZ Planning Application - 056056**

Remodelling, roofing and extension to dwelling

**RESOLVED:** **That no objections be submitted for the above planning application.**

**Erw Deg – 056072 Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EW. Planning Application 056072**

Change of use of garage and stable to tourist accommodation.

Some members noted their concern with reference to character and appearance of the planned development in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Members voted - four members - no objections, three - objections, two - abstained from voting.

**RESOLVED: The no objections be submitted for the planning application.**

**9. Update from lighting sub committee**

Cllr. Edwards produced a letter to Scottish Power Public Relations/Social Responsibility Department requesting possible assistance to accelerate the pace of the lighting renewal project in the villages by asking them to consider the sponsorship of a further 20 LED lamps.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk send the letter.**

Cllr. Barsby reported that following discussions with Cadwyn Clwyd a number of potential funding opportunities are on hold as the Welsh Assembly Government are waiting for confirmation of funding following the UKs decision to leave the European Union.

**10. Update on Gwernaffield Playing Fields/Park**

Cllr Pritchard reported a £1,000 was raised at the last fundraising event.

Cllr. Mcdonald advised there will be another fundraising event, a Christmas Fayre on 26 November 2016 at Gwernaffield Village Hall.

Cllr. Mcdonald hopes to approach potential funders in the near future for grants to improve the Play Park. Training is available from One Voice Wales on making grant applications and Cllr. Pritchard proposed and Cllr Elcock seconded this be funded for Cllr. Mcdonald. A bursary can be applied for up to 50% of the short course.

Cllr. Tattum will be attending the Quarry Liaison Meeting in November and can request information about the mineral grants.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to enquire about a bursary for Cllr. K Mcdonald’s training.**

**11. To approve payments to be made**

The clerk said it would be helpful to agree a level of financial reserves going forward. The clerk had sought various guidance from the Society of Local Council Clerks and External Auditor. After consideration and discussion it was agreed a minimum reserve of £5,000 should be retained.

**RESOLVED: Accounts for payment**

**Cheque No Payee**

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| 100769 | FCC |  | Summer Playscheme |  | 900.00 |
| 100770 | Lynne Pritchard | Scarecrow competition | 90.00 |
| 100771 | Kay Roberts | Salary |  |  | 296.14 |
| 100772 | Kay Roberts | expenses |  |  | 95.00 |
| 100773 | HMRC |  | Income Tax |  | 74.00 |
| 100774 | HMRC |  | NI employer/employee Contributions | 51.66 |
| 100775 | Scottish Power | electricity |  | 289.15 |
| 100776 | Gwernaffield Parish Church |  | Ground Maintenance | 700.00 |
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The meeting closed at 8.45pm