

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on 5 July 2017 at Ysgol Y Waun.

Present: Councillor K Armstrong, Councillor Bolton, J Elcock, Councillor R Hughes, Councillor K Johnson, Councillor R Morgan, Councillor L Pritchard (Chair), Councillor J Roberts, and Councillor G Tattum, Councillor L Vaughan.

In Attendance: Mrs K L Roberts – Clerk and County Councillor A.D.Cooke

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Councillor C Hopwood, Councillor P Challinor – did not attend.

Councillor L Pritchard welcomed newly co-opted Councillor K Armstrong to her first meeting and introductions from members were provided.

Councillor D Bolton gave his apologies in advance for the September meeting.

2. To record declarations of interest from members

NONE

3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting 7 June 2017

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Cllr. Tattum and Cllr. Vaughan and duly signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the last minutes

Cllr. Tattum requested that some observations and comments be raised with Flintshire County Council's Planning Department re. Planning Reference 056664 Coppy Farm. At the Chair's discretion this would be dealt with under Planning Matters alongside other planning issues.

5. Community Speed Watch Update

Cllr. Challinor was looking into this further however he was not at the meeting to provide an update.

6. Access arrangements to Pantymwyn Village Hall

Councillor Bolton has received a number of phone calls from residents who have been unable to book children's parties particularly at weekends. The village hall, currently do not have sufficient volunteers to help open and close after events. At present there is a Vice Chair – Mrs Pauline Kershaw, other members having recently resigned.

Councillor K Johnson reported she has offered to open and lock up at weekends. A deposit of £10.00 will be requested from groups and if the village hall can be left as it is found this will be returned. Councillor K Armstrong also offered to assist as a back-up should this be required.

7. Streetscene Matters - Mr Andy Lightfoot was in attendance.

The clerk read out a letter from Mr Darrell Jones, Flintshire County Council which advised following a recent review of the attendance of Streetscene co-ordinators at Town and Community Council meetings over the past 12 months there are inconsistencies across the Council. Mr Jones suggests quarterly attendance would be appropriate. Members said they understood this and felt quarterly attendance would be acceptable given that Councillors and the clerk have regular contact with Mr Andy Lightfoot between meetings.

Cllr. Johnson reported the stile is lay flat at Pen Y Fron Road. Mr Lightfoot will report this to Mr Jon Hill of Rights of Way.

Also reports of poor visibility of signage on the roads in the villages. Mr Lightfoot reported this is being dealt with shortly.

Footpaths – Seven Stiles and the footpath behind the village hall are overgrown. The Community Council had assisted with these footpaths in the past. The community council will await feedback from County to see if they can assist. Mr Lightfoot reported all rural lanes are starting to be cut back.

Road patching will also be taking place at Cefn Bychan Road adjoining Cilcain Road.

Mr Lightfoot reported having responded to a number of reports of footpaths being overgrown as have Rights of Way during the month. The footpath between Strathcona and Avalon is due to be cut back by the land owner.

The hedge at the corner of the crossroads by The Hand Pub will be cut back by County.

There was a discussion on gullies needing attendance. Mr Lightfoot reported Streetscene are in the process of looking at these in Pantybuarth. Y Waen, Gwernaffield were noted as requiring attention too.

Cllr. Johnson has been given permission by Streetscene to plant some wild flowers in the memorial garden in Gwernaffield.

The clerk read out a letter by Scottish Power – who need to attend to trees in the villages which impact on power lines and were asking for community council consent. Mr Andy Lightfoot would look into the matter further and took a copy of the letter and map.

Cllr. Johnson reported a dead tree in the conservation garden which requires removal.

8. To discuss the Senior Citizens Christmas meal

Cllr. Roberts commented on the changes to community events over the years and wanted to ensure best value was being achieved for the senior citizens Christmas Meal. The clerk commented that the joint event between Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn was more cost effective. However, the primary reasons were lack of volunteers to cater for around 110 people in one place. There has been positive feedback from the event at the golf club and comments from people who have enjoyed seeing friends from both villages. Cllr. Roberts wants to ensure new pensioners can access the meal. Cllr. Pritchard advised tickets will be on sale from various local venues and Councillors from September 2017. Cllr. Morgan reported when the event was free 10/15 people did not turn up but put their names down. The event will continue to request part payment from attendees and part payment from the community council for a 3 course meal and entertainment.

Councillor Pritchard asked the County Councillor her thoughts on the matter. County Councillor Adele Davies-Cooke commented on the positive feedback she had received from those who have previously attended.

RESOLVED: The Community Council to review the Senior Citizens Meal in 2018.

9. Tan Y Hafod, Gwernaffield – Parking matters

Cllr. Roberts reported her concerns about inaccessibility to access the bungalows at Tan Y Hafod, Gwernaffield due to the number of people with cars now, creating a shortage of parking in the area. An ambulance some weeks ago could not access a resident a bungalow due to cars parked.

RESOLVED: That the clerk write to Highways about this matter.

10. Summer Play Scheme 2017 – arrangements to date

The clerk had hoped to provide members with an update on the time and date of the summer Playscheme. However, she had not had a response from Mrs Jackie Roberts – Flintshire County Council Play and Leisure

Services despite leaving messages. This was frustrating as she had hoped to furnish members with this information at this last meeting and a poster to circulate to promote the service for children and young people in the community.

RESOLVED: County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke will look into the matter.

11. Cefn Mawr Quarry – Blasting concerns

Cllr. Tattum reported residents continued concerns about levels of blasting noise.

RESOLVED: That the clerk write to Mr G Nancarrow, County Minerals Officer to enquire about County Blasting Policy.

12. Clerk's Update - communication and correspondence

The clerk shared an email from Cardiac Safe on Defibrillators for communities. This was something a former Councillor had started to research. Cllr. Hughes took the information as this may be something Gwernaffield Village Hall may be interested in acquiring. The clerk reminded members there was a defibrillator in Mold Golf Club.

Cllr. Armstrong reported Llanarmon Yn IaL community have an external defibrillator and Cllr. Hughes may wish to make enquiries.

The clerk reported One Voice Wales would be holding a conference and their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 30 September 2017 at the Royal Welsh Showground.

The clerk reported on information from Flintshire County Council.

The Standards Committee will be meeting on 2 October 2017 and The Ombudsman for Wales will be speaking should members wish to attend 2 October 2017. Please advise the clerk.

A letter received from Welsh Border Community Transport requesting financial assistance. This would be placed on September 2017 Agenda.

Flintshire County Council has today launched its consultation on its draft Active Travel Integrated Network Map proposals. Please follow the link below to the consultation page: <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Streetscene/Active-Travel-Integrated-Network-Map-Consultation.aspx> To improve infrastructure for walkers and cyclists across the County. The clerk will email further details to members and update the community council website Notice Board Area accordingly.

Cllr. Armstrong asked if a joint response could be considered by the Community Council. This will be an agenda item on 6 September 2017. The consultation runs from 3 July – 24 September 2017.

The clerk reported on an email from SP Energy Networks, which maintains the electricity network in the area. They wish to explore how they can promote their hotline number so local people know to report power cuts in the event they happen.

RESOLVED: That the clerk responds to offer the opportunity to display information on the community council website.

13. Budget Monitoring 1st Quarter (April-June 2017).

The clerk had circulated the quarterly monitoring budget form to members for their information.

Discussion commenced about the community council newsletter which is ordinarily has a colour front/back page. Cllr. Hughes felt the July edition due to go out in black and white with a colour centre did not have the same impact. Cllr Pritchard who completes the newsletter requests feedback prior to circulation and asked members for this before printing in the future.

Sponsorship for the newsletter should be promoted by Councillors to assist toward the cost of printing. The cost has decreased as it is not in colour throughout and has fewer pages.

Cllr. Armstrong suggested writing to the Quarry and asking for sponsorship as part of their Social Corporate Responsibility.

RESOLVED: That the clerk write to Cefn Mawr Quarry to request sponsorship.

Cllr. Tattum reported a street light out by Tower Lane, Pantymwyn. Cllr. Pritchard enquired why the street light near N0 7 Y Waun was not changed to an LED.

RESOLVED: That the clerk report to Deeco lighting.

14. To approve payments to be made. RESOLVED:

Jul-17			
100825	SLCC	membership	£54.00
100826	Gabriel Media	website fee	VOID
100827	HMRC	PAYE	£229.44
100828	HMRC	PAYE	£73.00
100829	K. Roberts	expenses	£95.00
100830	S. Power	electricity	£280.76
100831	Deeco lighting	QUarter 1 April - June	£951.25
100832	Deeco lighting	16 New LED lights	£7,584.00
100833	Ysgol Y Waun	Leaver dictionaries	£108.44
100834	Gabriel Media	website fee	£141.50
SO	Kay Roberts	Salary	£476

15. Planning Applications (A) Planning Decisions (B)

Planning Reference 057081 Braeside, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EN
Alterations to roof, internal alterations, demolition of conservatory and internal store.

RESOLVED: No objections.

To discuss Planning Reference 056664 Copsy Farm, Cilcain Road, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5DQ.

Cllr. Tattum and Cllr Davies Cooke had attended the Planning Committee meeting and reported on today's decision by Flintshire County Council planning to approve (with a condition) the planning application for Copsy Farm. This was despite a unanimous objection from the community council and local residents.

The community council wish to enquire how approval with the condition to stop up the new access if the farm shop ceases to operate for a period of 3 months will be monitored in the future?

RESOLVED: The clerk will liaise with relevant councillors and contact Planning Officer, Mrs Emma Hancock.

Planning Number: 057098 Cedarwood, Pant Y Buarth, Gwernaffield, Mold CH7 5ER
Ash Tree to rear of property to take out completely to ground level. **RESOLVED: No objections.**

Cllr Hughes reported on some alteration work which may take place inside Holy Trinity Church. People are being encouraged to visit the church and leave comments on the proposed work.

To receive items for the next meeting on Wednesday, 6 September 2017 at Ysgol Y Waun.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.