**Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council**

**Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on
6 September 2017 at Ysgol Y Waun.**

**Present:**,J Elcock, Councillor C Hopwood, Councillor R Hughes, Councillor K Johnson, 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 D Bolton and Cllr. K Armstrong / Councillor R Morgan – did not attend.

Public Gallery 15 people

1. **To record declarations of interest from members**

The clerk left the room during the discussion of the Planning Application N0 057038 The Barracks, Gwernaffield.

1. **To approve the minutes of the last council meeting 5 July**

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

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

**The clerk provided an update on item 8 Tan Y Hafod, Gwernaffield – Parking matters.**

Correspondence received from Mr Iwan Cale, Contracts Surveyor at Flintshire County Council with regard to item 8 on July’s agenda who reported the identification of two large grassed verge areas which can be converted into 10 car parking spaces which will be clearly delineated and signage provided to emphasis parking for residents only. Officers from Flintshire County Council had spoken with 3 residents at the time of the inspection at Tan Y Hafod and discussed car parking problems and potential solutions to the issues which they received positively. Inclusion of the new car parking spaces will be during the next financial year 2018/2019 at the latest.

The clerk reported an email was received in August from a Mr Lee Shone, Road Safety Officer at Flintshire County Council apologising for the delay in responding to the concerns the community council had raised earlier in 2017 regarding parking issues at Y Waen, particularly around school picking up and drop off times. Mr Shone reported that the request has been scored in line with Flintshire’s traffic regulation order policy and it falls outside of the top five for funding this financial year. Mr Shone further notes in relation to the community councils concerns about motorists obstructively parking being an offence and is subject to enforcement action by North Wales Police. Therefore he will ensure it is reported to North Wales Police.

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Cllr. Jackie Roberts responded that she was pleased with the outcome as it was something residents had requested the community council pursue.

The clerk reported on a letter received from Mr Gary Nancarrow, Manager Minerals and Waste Planning in response to the community council raising concerns after speaking with some local residents about the noise from blasts at the Cefn Mawr Quarry. The 4 page letter will be uploaded on the Notice Board of the Community Council website www.gwernaffield.org.uk . The clerk reported the letter states the blasting limits imposed on Cefn Mawr Quarry are the most stringent in North Wales, partly due to the close proximity of a number of dwellings. The quarry is considered to be one of the exemplar operations and they have no concerns with regard to blasting. However, they have raised concerns with the quarry relating to cleanliness of the highway between the quarry entrance and junction with the A494(T). The clerk informed members Mr Nancarrow has offered to attend a future community council meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk invite Mr Nancarrow, Manager for Minerals and Waste Planning to the October meeting of the Community Council.**

The Community Council were anticipating PCSO Chey Arrowsmith to attend the meeting. Community Councillors expressed their disappointment and requested the clerk write to a senior police officer, due to lack of communication following the police attendance at the June 2017 meeting when he advised he would circulate a letter either side of junctions at Y Waen and High Park to residents to remind people not to park by the junction due to obstructing road visibility.

**RESOLVED: The clerk write to the relevant Police representative in an effort to improve communications with the Community Council.**

1. **To consider Co-option of a community councillor for the Gwernaffield ward.**

The clerk read out a letter received from a resident of Pantymwyn, Mr Steve Roscoe for the role of community councillor for the Gwernaffield ward.

**RESOLVED: To officially Co-opt Mr Roscoe to the position of Community Councillor for the Gwernaffield Ward. Proposed by Cllr. Elcock and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.**

1. **To discuss future hire of community council event shelters**

The community council owned community shelters were discussed. Concern was expressed about keeping them looked after. It was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Hopwood that the shelters be stored with Cllr. Vaughan for safe keeping as the school are not in a position to check on their condition on return. A deposit of £20.00 was agreed for the hire of the shelters by members of the community. Both councillors will liaise with the school.

**RESOLVED: The community council owned event shelters to be stored with Cllr. Vaughan.**

**Cllr. Pritchard and Councillor Vaughan will now take responsibility for bookings and condition on return of the event shelters.**

1. **Streetscene Matters**

Mr Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene co-ordinator had contacted the clerk with an update. He has submitted work tickets for hedge cutting particularly around signs. An enforcement officer has been over to the pub in Gwernaffield following concerns re. dog fouling and he has notified the resource team that there should be no overflowing dog waste bins.

Cllr. Johnson reported the 30mph sign approaching Gwernaffield is not visible until you are almost upon it due to the way it has been cut.

The partially fallen tree still requires attention in the conservation garden, Gwernaffield concern it could injure someone.

Concerns expressed about cars parking by the junction opposite The Hand.

1. **Community Lighting Matters**

The light at the bus terminus at Pantymwyn is overgrown, raise with Streetscene.

The clerk to provide new councillors with the list of community council owned lights.

1. **Active Travel Flintshire - Consultation**

Cllr. K Armstrong had requested this as an agenda item, however today work business had prevented her attendance.

**RESOLVED: Councillors had no comments about this consultation document.**

1. **Planning Applications (A) Planning Decisions (B)**

The clerk reported an exceptionally busy time for planning applications throughout recess and she had liaised with relevant councillors through this period to enable submissions within time limits.

**Cornerways, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn** The clerk reported on correspondence from Flintshire County Council advising of an appeal by the developer following the refusal of planning permission.

Planning Ref Number: 057276 Apple Tree House, Cilcain Road, Gwernaffield

**RESOLVED: No objections**

Planning Ref 057347 Tryfan, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn

**RESOLVED: No objections.**

Planning Ref 057108 Mold Golf Club

The clerk had liaised with the councillors during August and an objection was submitted to Flintshire County Council primarily to do with the building’s location being remote from the golf club and close to a public footpath and the possibility this could become a magnet for people to hand around.

The Barracks, Pant Y Buarth, Gwernaffield, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 5ER

(During the discussion the clerk left the room.)

A number of people attended and sat in the public gallery. At the Chair’s discretion the community council heard from local residents. Objections from the Council were raised primarily due to impact on highway safety, residential amenity, usage and habitat.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk object on behalf of the Community Council.**

The clerk reported on an email response from Mrs Emma Hancock to community councillors concerns following the granting of planning permission Planning Application 056664 re. Coppy Farm. Planning Application 057296 - an application for removal for removal of condition 6 (temporary access) and variation of condition 8 (opening hours) following the grant of planning permission has been made by the applicant.

Councillors expressed their continued concerns on this matter.

Cllr. Karen Armstrong had attended the LDP event at County on 25 July. Cllr Armstrong’s briefing notes had been circulated by the clerk for community councillors.

1. **The Pensions Regulator – Automatic Enrolment Duties**

The clerk reported she had completed the declaration of compliance with The Pensions Regulator on behalf of the community council.

1. **Clerk’s Update – communications and correspondence**

Save The Date Major of Mold invitation Cllr. Bob Gaffey – Charity Dinner Dance and Auction 2 February 2018.

Invite to Civic Service by Councillor J Caruana, English Methodist Church, King Street, Leeswood.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk convey apologies for the Civic Service.**

The clerk read out a letter from a parent and local resident who wished to thank the community council for their decision to part fund the Summer Play Scheme which her son had benefited from.

1. To receive and approve the Annual Return 2016/2017 from the external auditors BDO

The clerk reported she had not yet received the annual return from BDO and anticipates doing so prior to the next meeting.

1. **To approve payments to be made. RESOLVED:**

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| August Payments |   |   |   |
| SO | K.Roberts | clerk’s salary | 476.00 |
| DD | S.Power | electricity | 290.11 |
| 100835 | K.Roberts | expenses | 95.00 |
| 100836 | HMRC | PAYE | 73.00 |
| September Payments |  |  |  |
| 100837 | FLVC | July Newsletters | 176.67 |
| 100838 | VOID |  |  |
| 100839 | JDH Business Services Ltd | accounts | 38.40 |
| SO100840 | K.Roberts | expenses | 76.00 |
| 100841 | HMRC | PAYE | 63.00 |

Cllr. Tattum requested enquiries about a Bus Shelter for Pantymwyn go on the October Agenda following an approach to him by a local resident.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.