

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on 10 January 2018 at Ysgol Y Waun.

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

In Attendance: Mrs K L Roberts

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr. C Hopwood, Cllr. R Morgan, County Councillor Adele Davies - Cooke

2. To record declarations of interest from members

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting 6 December 2018

The minutes of the meeting were approved and duly signed as an accurate record by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Johnson.

4. Matters arising from the last minutes

The clerk reported she had contacted Mr Lightfoot again to request a chase on white lines on Cilcain Road and cutting back on the trees in Y Waen. Mr Lightfoot will look into the progress of these work requests. The trees in question are owned by leisure services and June Morris would be responsible.

The clerk had also reported litter/waste being discarded on Cefn Bychan Road from the recycling vehicles, there was a lot of this on the road around New Year. Mr Lightfoot will speak to the relevant team.

Feedback from the Senior Citizens Christmas meal at the Golf Club had been positive.

5. Streetscene Matters

The clerk reported Mr Lightfoot was in the process of submitting a funding bid to Flintshire County Councils road safety unit to improve the footpath from Factory Pool Lane to Fford Y Bryn down into Mold. Mr Lightfoot will inform the community council of any future developments.

Councillors expressed some concern following the snow fall in December about a lack of gritting particularly on Pantybuarth Road, where there were two car incidents and Pen Y Fron Road, where a call went into a residents wall. Although these routes may be defined by Flintshire County Council as secondary routes when it comes to gritting, concern was expressed due to the gradients they are at which makes them more dangerous.

Ysgol Y Waun also struggled during the snow fall with the teaching staff having to do a lot of snow removal and make safe the surrounding area.

It is understood emails were sent from some community council members to the County Councillor, with little response. A councillor understood a resident had also emailed their concerns.

Cllr. Armstrong suggested taking the concerns about gritting/road safety matters to the next Town and County Forum as it is likely other community councils are experiencing similar problems. Cllr. Armstrong agreed to attend the next meeting on 28 February 2018.

On a positive note, Cllr. Johnson said the community responded well and helped one another during the bad weather conditions.

The public footpath by the conservation garden needs attention.

RESOLVED: The clerk will liaise with Streetscene accordingly.

RESOLVED: The clerk to contact County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke to convey the community councils concerns about lack of gritting in certain areas.

The clerk to write to the relevant officers at Flintshire County Council.

Cllr. Elcock reported a "black spot" in terms of street lighting on Cefn Bychan Road. Cllr. Bolton said once the lighting renewal project had finished, it was previously agreed to look back at any areas. Pantymwyn Councillors agreed to meet and look at this area one evening and feedback.

Councillors agreed to review the hire of hall for the youth club during 2018/2019. There is still no advance notice of when it is going to be cancelled. Cllr. Pritchard is at present getting no response from Mr Holt, Flintshire County Councils Youth Service.

6. Police Matters

The clerk reported that an email from PCSO Chey Arrowsmith had been received earlier in the day in response to the clerk's request for an update. He had responded to say the area had been quiet except for an issue of a male walking a brown Staffordshire bull terrier which had reportedly chased another dog and owner down the Lette path. The police are asking for further information.

PCSO Chey Arrowsmith is moving to the Buckley Area and PCSO Emma Owen will be covering this area from now on.

Councillor Johnson said in contrast to PCSO Arrowsmith reference to a quiet period. There had been reported incident of a break in at the Bryn which is presently being investigated, along with other criminal activity in the area.

7. Councillor Training, future session – information about dementia delivered by Liz Rose, A Dementia Champion.

Councillor Johnson informed members a dementia awareness session for 1 hour has been offered by Liz Rose, if any councillor is interested please speak with Cllr. Johnson directly.

8. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

Information circulated - Invite to Mayors St Dwynwen's Day Charity Dinner Dance and Auction, 2 February 2018, 6.45pm, Clwyd Room, Theatr Clwyd, Raikes Lane, Mold CH7 1YA. Tickets £35.00.

Match Funding Scheme – funding response from Aura to expression of interest for Gwernaffield Playing Fields/Park. Due to the number of expressions of interest received from Town and Community Councils, and associated sums committed have exceeded the level of funding available from the Council. All expressions of interest received have been reduced by 50% in

value. Therefore the original expression of interest from Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields and the Community Council was £5,000. Flintshire County Council will now offer £2,500.

Cllr. Lynne Pritchard and others from Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields will be meeting with Mr Richard Roberts, Aura. Due to the reduction in money, Mr Roberts has suggested a smaller child friendly play area.

Mr Richard Roberts had also advised of a sum of £2,850 earmarked for the play area, which can be used to replace the boundary fence material to the right hand side of the gate entrance where the chain-link cladding is in a poor state or can be added to the match funding total.

RESOLVED: Councillor Pritchard will meet with Mr Richard Roberts of Aura to discuss equipment options.

To consider a letter from Flintshire County Council regarding the Town and Community Council Summer Play Scheme Programme 2018.

The clerk reported on the letter from Claire Homard, Interim Chief Officer Education and Youth who advises there is no level of match funding for summer play schemes across the county for summer 2018. Meaning County are reliant on Town and Community Councils to now fully fund the schemes and are looking for ways in which work with Town and Community Councils to achieve some provision. This year's scheme will cost £1,309 for 3 weeks.

Following discussion, it was agreed the community council want to offer some kind of Playscheme in 2018 and to approach Gwernymynydd to explore participating in Partnership.

RESOLVED: The clerk to write to Gwernymynydd Community Council to explore a partnership approach to the summer Playscheme 2018.

To consider a letter regarding Citizens Advice Flintshire Rural Outreach Project.

The clerk reported on a proposed new project by Flintshire CAB to commence in spring 2018 until 2020 to offer information and advice to those in rural communities. The letter requested in principal support for the initiative.

RESOLVED: The clerk write to Citizens Advice Flintshire to outline support for the proposed project.

9. To receive, consider and approve the budget for the financial year 2018/2019.

The clerk had worked with the Chair and Vice Chairman on the proposed 2018/2019 which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. In year, savings had continued to be made in particular on street lighting electricity and maintainence which would continue and have been reflected in the proposed budget. The budget was considered and discussed.

Newsletter increase from £700 to £800, well received particularly by older residents who are less likely to access the internet.

The clerk left the room and did not take part in the discussion about Clerk's salary and expenses.

Cllr. Pritchard proposed that the clerk have an increase of 1.5%. The home office allowance would remain the same. **RESOLVED: Agreed as per proposal £6331.15 plus £ 1140 expenses per year (£95 a month) by majority vote.**

A financial contribution toward Gwernaffield Cemetery maintenance was reviewed/considered. A majority vote for £750 for cemetery.

Community events - Cllr. Armstrong offered to arrange an events meeting to look at events throughout the year. A proposal by Cllr. Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Armstrong to increase the community events budget from £800 - £1000. 7 votes for, 1 against, 2 abstain.

Proposal by Cllr. Pritchard to increase the contribution for the hire of the community centre to £330 for 11 meetings a year from £250. Unanimous vote to increase.

Resolved: To submit the precept request for £32,500. Proposed by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

10. Planning Matters and Planning Decisions

Planning reference 057760. Mount Pleasant, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5DJ.

Listed building application for internal alterations and erection of porch over main door.

RESOLVED: No comments received from Councillors.

Planning reference 057710: Cornerways, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold CH7 5EL.

Erection of replacement dwelling - Decision Approved.

Planning reference 057038: The Barracks, Pantybuarth, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ER.

The clerk had circulated further information including an ecology survey for councillors' information.

No further comments had been submitted from the community council.

Mold Golf Club, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold CH7 5EH.

Removal of condition 1 attached to planning permission ref: 052686 to allow permanent retention of protective net barrier. Decision: Refused. An appeal has been made to the planning inspectorate.

11. Review of Community Councillors attendance at monthly meetings.

Cllr. Pritchard reported briefly on the importance of regular councillor attendance and commented that a third of councillors had attended all meetings since May 2018. Councillor Morgan had not attended a meeting for some time. The clerk was asked to contact him.

12. To receive items for the 7 February 2018 meeting at Ysgol Y Waun, commencing at 7.15pm.

13. To approve payments to be made. RESOLVED:

Jan-18	SO K.Roberts		476.00
DD	Scottish Power		290.11
100860	Deeco Lighting		951.25
100861	Flintshire Citizens Advice		100.00
100862	Kay Roberts	expenses	76.00
100863	GCHA	Hall Hire	120.00
100864	HMRC	PAYE	63.00
100865	Lynne Pritchard/l. Print	Jan newsletters	209.00
			2285.36

List of legal powers and duties SO/100862/64 Local gov act misc. s19 / DD/100860 Local gov. act highways 1957 s3.

100861 Local gov act 1972 s 142 (2A)

100865 Local gov act 1972 s142

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.