

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on 1 March 2017 at Ysgol Y Waun.

Present: Councillor J Elcock, Councillor C Garrett, Cllr Morgan, Councillor L Pritchard (Chair) and Councillor G Tattum, Cllr. Hughes, Cllr. C Hopwood, Cllr, K Mcdonald

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

Apologies: Cllr. Bolton, Cllr. Barsby, Cllr. K Williams.

1. Approval of Minutes of the last council meeting 1 February 2017.

Resolved: The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Hughes and County Councillor Davies Cooke are both on the Governing Body at Ysgol Y Waun and therefore took no part in the discussion at item 8.

3. Matters Arising from the last minutes

(Page 1) Amendment - Cllr. Garrett reported a visit had since taken place with Cllr. A Davies-Cooke and they are awaiting the outcome from the endorsement officer.

Summer Playscheme 2017. The clerk reported on her contact with Gwernymynydd and Cilcain Community Councils with regard to a partnership approach to the play schemes. Both responded to say they would be going ahead individually with their play schemes this year as planned. A partnership approach may be a possibility in 2018.

RESOLVED: The clerk to confirm the community council's financial contribution of £1,309 with Mrs Janet Roberts, Flintshire County Councils Play Development Officer.

Proposed by Cllr. C Hopwood and Cllr. R Morgan.

The Play Scheme would be advertised in the newsletter and at Ysgol Y Waun. Posters are produced by County. Councillors noted it would be useful to have access to the community centre during the play scheme sessions particularly on cold and wet days. Cllr. Tattum said he would monitor usage of the sessions.

Cllr. Pritchard has been informing residents how to report dog fouling or an overflowing dog fouling bin on line via Flintshire County Council website under Streetscene.

Cllr. Tattum has received a letter from the quarry manager, Mr Jason Parry following the receipt of some complaints from residents. He notes he has looked into matters which may have attributed to material being deposited on the highway and detailed some improvement works. Blasting has been reduced. If any member of the public has a query Jason Parry has offered his office number 01352 742009.

4. Streetscene Matters

Mr A Lightfoot was not in attendance. He tries to attend every other meeting due to work commitments and being on call.

5. Police Matters – None raised at this time.

6. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

7a To consider Membership of One Voice Wales 2017/2018. The Voice of Community and Town Councils in Wales.

RESOLVED: The Community Council does not wish to be a member at this time.

b Walk for Life/Kidney Wales – requesting assistance to organise a walk for life on 23 April 2017

c White Paper on Reforming Local Government – Resilient and Renewed Consultation responses by 11 April 2017

Information received – no further action to be taken.

The clerk circulated Election Nomination Forms and Guidance as provided by Flintshire County Council for completion by interested Councillors.

7. Ysgol Y Waun - request for a financial contribution toward an emergency replacement of a collapsed drain at the school community centre.

The clerk read out a letter from the Head Teacher, Mrs L Ankers at Ysgol Y Waun requesting financial support towards some emergency work which needs to take place to the drains which feed the community centre. Advice had been sought from The Society of Local Council Clerks in this situation who advised there was no obligation for the Community Council to contribute and it is the Education authority's responsibility in this situation. Therefore, it was at the discretion of the Community Council.

RESOLVED: The Community Council unanimously voted not to contribute toward the emergency replacement of a collapsed drain.

This was proposed by Cllr. Tattum and Seconded by Cllr. Morgan.

8. Parking Issues in Y Waen, Gwernaffield – to discuss residents' concerns.

Cllr Pritchard referred to correspondence and verbal reports from some residents about parking in Y Waen, in particular during school drop off and pick up times. Cllr Pritchard had referred to a short survey handed to residents which highlighted some of the issues. The Head Teacher of the school has responded. Some councillors still believed current parking matters were an accident waiting to happen. A meeting would be useful to look at improving matters going forward.

RESOLVED: The clerk to write to Mr A Stanford, Flintshire County Council – Highways Manager, Police, The County Councillor and relevant others.

9. To consider information on defibrillation equipment for the villages.

Cllr. K McDonald was in the process of collating information on defibrillation equipment including costs and would be speaking to the golf club that already has one in situ.

10. Pensioner welfare, bungalow repairs and charges.

Cllr. McDonald reported her concern about older people being concerned about charges should they call someone out from Flintshire County Council if they are having problems with their heating. Some residents have been informed they will be charged if it turns out not to be an emergency. Many older people do not know if the matter will be an emergency or not.

RESOLVED: County Councillor A Davies-Cooke agreed to follow up this community concern.

11. Annual litter pick in the villages April 2017 - to discuss arrangements to litter pick in both villages. A suggested date for the annual litter pick on 29 April 2017. Cllr. Garrett will check if this date is agreeable with Pantymwyn Village Hall. Voluntary assistance would be required. Pantymwyn in particular had few volunteers last year.

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

a Planning Reference : 056463 Boxtree Cottage, Cae Rhug Lane, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5DY.
Proposal: Replacement of utility room and conservatory with pitched roof extension.

b Planning Reference: 056480 Highcroft, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 5EH.
Proposal: Retention of dwelling and outbuilding.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised for the planning applications.

13. To approve payments to be made

100798	Wales Audit Office		265.80
100799	Chairman's Allowance		250.00
100800	Kay Roberts	salary	296.14
100801	Kay Roberts	expenses	95.00
100802	GCHA	Hall Hire Youth Club income	156.00
100803	HMRC	tax	74.00
100804	Deeco lighting	Quarter	1087.49

Awaiting two other invoices from Scottish Power and Zurich Insurance.

14. To receive items for 5 April 2017