**Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council**

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

**Present:** Councillor A Barsby,Councillor J Elcock, Councillor C Garrett, Cllr Morgan, Councillor L Pritchard (Chair) and Councillor G Tattum, Cllr. Hughes, Cllr K Williams (did not stay at the meeting).

**In Attendance:** County Councillor A.D.Cooke andMrs K L Roberts - Clerk

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Bolton, Cllr. K Williams.

Public Gallery: 3 local residents.

1. **Approval of Minutes of the last council meeting 1 March 2017.**

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

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

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

The clerk had circulated an email from Mrs L Ankers, Head Teacher at Ysgol Y Waun expressing her disappointment in response to the decision not to financially contribute toward an emergency repair to the community centre drain which feeds the community centre. A Councillor noted the tone of the response was disappointing. Councillors agreed to consider a review of a contribution to the Community Centre particularly in light of the fact it is now used for each monthly meeting throughout the year.

Cllr. A Barsby had contacted Mr J Hill, Rights of Way Officer at Flintshire County Council who informed him that the path leading off Fron Deg would be on the improvement programme for 2017.

1. The clerk reported about the Parking Matters/concerns previously reported at Y Waen with relevant people via letter. Mr A Stanford, Highways Strategy Manager contacted the clerk to advise he will be conducting two surveys in the near future of traffic in Y Waen. They would take place at school dropping off and picking up times after which he would attend a future meeting with findings.

Councillor C Garrett and Councillor K Williams informed members this would be their last meeting. The Councillors and Clerk thanked them for their commitment to the community council over the years. Both were given small gifts of appreciation.

The Chair reported Cllr. K Mcdonald had taken a personal decision to resign as councillor. Councillors expressed their disappointment.

The Youth Club is currently not running following a complaint which is being investigated.

As a number of residents were present in the public gallery the Chair exercised her discretion to amend the order of the agenda and brought Planning Matters upper most on the agenda.

**Planning Matters. Item 13 Brought forward.**

The clerk reported correspondence had been received by the Community Council from local residents with regard to their concerns about a planning application ref: 056664 Coppy Farm for a Farm Shop. In particular, they noted a lack of consultation about the application or if there is a need for a farm shop like this in Gwernaffield. A resident was concerned about further pressure on sewerage and impact on residents’ privacy. The Chair informed residents should they have an objection to contact the appropriate planning officer in writing.

Residents were permitted to speak – one resident reported animal holiday boarding was being suggested but this was not in the planning application.

Cllr. G Tattum submitted his concerns in writing. Concerns about highways and road safety query about home grown produce not actually coming from the farm.

The Community Council requested sight of the road traffic survey. The clerk reiterated what were material considerations and the council asked the clerk to convey their concerns about the planning application to Mrs Emma Hancock, Planning Officer at Flintshire County Council.

**RESOLVED: Cllr. G Tattum proposed the clerk write to Planning at Flintshire County Council to object to the planning application, seconded by Cllr. L Pritchard. A unanimous objection by all councillors present. Recorded vote of 7 objections.**

**Penlinford, Pantymwyn Planning Application Reference: 056598**

**RESOLVED: No objections**

**Bryn Goleu, Gwernaffield Planning Application Reference: 055866** –The applicant has appealed to the Welsh Government about Flintshire County Councils refusal to grant planning permission.

1. **Streetscene Matters**

Continued concerns about dog fouling. The Clerk reported Mr A Lightfoot has requested a meeting with a couple of councillors to advise him of suitable locations for more dog waste bins.

1. **Clerk’s Update and Correspondence**

The clerk provided an update at the meeting of those nominated for County Councillor.

Adele Davies-Cooke – Welsh Conservative Party, Maxine Louise Dickin - Independent, David Michael Hytch - Welsh Labour and George Gwynfryn Tattum - Independent.

6 local people have been nominated as Community Councillors for the Gwernaffield ward including two new nominations. 2 existing community councillors have been nominated as for the Pantymwyn ward.

This information is available in detail on Flintshire County Councils website (front page) under statement as to persons nominated.

The clerk had received an email about a scheme to enable community organisations to acquire their local telephone box for £1.00 as an asset; some community councils have done this. If the Community Council were interested they would need to provide the clerk with the relevant phone number for the telephone box in their community and she would make enquiries.

1. To consider the Community Council Risk Assessment document and update the asset register for 2017/2018 accordingly.

**RESOLVED: A unanimous vote to adopt the Risk Assessment document March 2017.**

Cllr. A Barsby, thanked the clerk for her work and asked if she believed her current pay was reflective of some of this other work. The clerk said following the annual pay review she did.

1. **Ysgol Y Waun – to consider a financial contribution toward community centre hire in 2017/2018.**

The Community Council now use the community centre at the school every month (with the exception of the August recess) and currently make no financial contribution towards its use. Members considered and discussed this at length. It was proposed by Cllr. R Morgan and seconded by Cllr. A Barsby that a financial contribution of £250.00 per annum be made to the Community Centre.

**RESOLVED: The clerk will write to The Gwernaffield Community Centre Management Committee (at Ysgol Y Waun) to advise of the £250.00 annual hire of the community centre in 2017/2018.**

1. **Annual litter pick in the villages 29 April 2017**

The Chair confirmed the litter pick will take place from 10.30am - 12 noon on 29 April 2017 meeting either at Gwernaffield Church Hall or Pantymwyn Village Hall to collect high visibility coats, litter pickers and bin bags. Voluntary assistance would be welcome.

1. **Community Street Lighting Renewal Project Next Phase**

The clerk had spoken with Deeco Lighting contractor, Mr G Edwards who suggested that Y Waen and Cefn Bychan Road Street Lights are in need of upgrading and could be the next phase to renew/upgrade.

A query if the lights in Maes LLan, Gwernaffield are community council owned. The clerk would enquire.

**RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr R Morgan and seconded by Cllr. G Tattum that Y Waen, Gwernaffield and Cefn Bychan Road are the next phase of lighting renewal for 2017/2018.**

Cllr. Barsby reported the possibility of some funds which may be available through Cadwyn Clwyd. He hoped Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn may have potential to be a pilot community for dark skies. Cllr. G Tattum would also enquire about any potential funding through the limestone legacy/quarry as community council representative.

Cllr. Tattum reported Flintshire County Council is borrowing 8 million toward its own street lighting.

Flintshire County Council – transport initiative Information was requested to be forwarded to the clerk in the first instance for dissemination to councillors.

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm.**