

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on 7 December 2016 at Ysgol Y Waun.

Present: Councillor D Bolton, Councillor J Elcock, Councillor C Garrett, Councillor R Hughes, Councillor K McDonald, Councillor R Morgan, Councillor L Pritchard (Chair) and Councillor G Tattum, Councillor K Williams.

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

Public Gallery: 5 residents

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. A Barsby, Cllr. R Edwards and Cllr C Hopwood.
Mr Andy Lightfoot, Area Co-ordinator, Streetscene.

2. **Approval of Minutes of the last council meeting 2 November 2016.**

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

3. **Declarations of interest**

Item 4 Cllr. Garrett – neighbour to a planning application being discussed.

Item 6 Cllr. Hughes – relative of treasurer who has written to the community council requesting consideration for financial assistance for Holy Trinity Church.

Item 9 Cllr. McDonald – Committee Member for Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields.

Item 9 Cllr. Pritchard – Committee Member for Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields.

When items were discussed the Councillors did not vote or take part in any of the discussion.

4. **Planning Matters**

Cornerways, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EL Planning Application Reference 056215

As there were 5 residents from Pantymwyn present in the public gallery who wished to comment on Cornerways, planning application 056215, the Chair asked that this item be considered first on the agenda.

Residents spoke of their shock at the density and dominance of the proposed application for Cornerways on Cefn Bychan Road - being three dwellings on what they considered to be a relatively small area on a blind bend which was out of character and caused concern due to three new driveways being proposed. The highway matters were concerning due to already poor visibility at the location and the increase of vehicles accessing drives. There have been accidents involving vehicles, with the property Southernwood having had its wall knocked down on numerous occasions. The proposed development is near a bus terminus further compounding problems of visibility. It was also noted that the area has had subsidence problems in the past.

It was noted that Pantymwyn Village may have reached its potential for new dwellings over and above replacement dwellings as per the existing Unitary Development Plan. This would be clarified in the letter to the Planner Mr D G Jones at Flintshire County Council.

RESOLVED: Unanimous vote from Councillors to object to this planning application on grounds of impact of highway safety, impact on the character and appearance of the area and planning policy.

The clerk to write to Mr D G Jones Planning Officer with the objections.

Residents in the public gallery left the meeting.

Wood Cottage, Pantymwyn, Planning Reference 056254 Resolved: No objections

Pre-planning consultation – Clarke Telecom Mast, Gwernaffield.

A full planning proposal has yet to be received.

Cllr Tattum had spoken with residents who generally had two main issues: would this have any impact on the television signal as this has been an issue in Rhydymwyn where a mast was erected and would other mobile phones have access in addition to vodaphone.

County Councillor Adele Davies-Cooke reported the proposed application for Coppy Farm has been withdrawn by the applicant.

May Villa, Pantymwyn, Planning Reference 055750 was refused.

5. Matters Arising from the last minutes

Cllr. Pritchard reported outstanding streetscene matters including rocks on the grass verge after the playing fields on Rhydymwyn Road which have not been removed, Trees on the green in Y Waen still waiting to be cut and was first reported in June 2016. Hedge in High Park has been trimmed back by the owner but not to the residents boundary, at present to walk past with a pram requires you to step on the road.

Cllr Tattum and Cllr Elcock had attended the bi annual quarry liaison committee meeting. A number of residents had reported their concerns about blasting noise from the quarry. Blasting noise monitoring will now take place in both villages. Cllr. G Tattum advised the quarry has informed him that blasting is well below allowed levels. Cllr. Tattum said the quarry reports no complaints about blasting and if residents are concerned they should contact the quarry directly.

Cllr. Tattum reported grants for community projects have diminished. There is still opportunity to obtain resource materials if required in the future.

Cllr. Bolton apologised for his absence from previous meetings. Cllr. Bolton asked about the knotweed in the village and was informed by Cllr. Pritchard that she understood from Streetscene it was under control. Cllr Bolton had been asked by residents about the new signage on entry into both villages and why this was not bi-lingual, this was considered and voted on by councillors and overseen by County who advised the signs were fit for purpose.

6. Streetscene Matters

Cllr Prichard reported trees on the green by the bus stop. The tree roots are pushing up the drive at the adjoining property.

A request for a dog warden as despite numerous warning notices being displayed, people are still letting their dogs defecate in the villages.

Cllr. Pritchard reported Mr J Griffiths of Landscapes, groundworks and plant hire can carry out the footway improvement between Caer Rhug Lane and Y Waen and has quoted £250.00 to complete the work. Cllr. Pritchard had tried other individuals/organisations for quotes. However, they were not interested in a relatively small piece of improvement/maintenance work. Residents had previously noted their concerns about this walkway.

RESOLVED: The clerk to raise the matters accordingly with Mr A Lightfoot at Streetscene

Mr J Griffiths of Landscapes, groundworks and plant hire would undertake the footway improvement work for a fee of £250.00.

7. Police Matters

PCSO Chey Arrowsmith was unable to attend. Cllr. Pritchard reported continued concerns about speeding through the villages.

A request for the Police to attend the Youth Club in Gwernaffield for a general talk on behaviour within the community.

An ongoing concern with regard to vehicles continuing to park either side of the entrance to Y Waen estate, making visibility more difficult for those turning out of the estate onto the main road. A request that something urgently be actioned on this matter as it has been a past complaint. Councillors fear at some point an accident may occur.

RESOLVED: The clerk to raise the matters accordingly with PCSO Chey Arrowsmith.

8. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

The clerk read out a letter from Holy Trinity Church which requested the community council to consider the financial assistance provided from £750 to £1000 for 2017/2018. This would be decided when the budget and precept is considered in January 2017.

The clerk reported the form from Flintshire County Council to submit the precept request for 2017/2018 has been received. This requires completion in January 2017.

A letter had been received from Welsh Border Community Transport requesting financial assistance of £42.00 contribution toward community transport for residents in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn.

RESOLVED: Councillors to consider the Holy Trinity Church and Welsh Boarder Community Transport request at the January 2017 meeting.

9. Flintshire County Council Funding for Play Areas 2017/2018

The clerk reported email correspondence from Flintshire Play and Leisure Alan Roberts with regard to match funding for Play Areas in 2017/2018.

RESOLVED: Not to participate in match funding arrangements in 2017/2018.

Cllr. Garrett, suggested Gwernaffield Playing Fields could explore other financial options for improvements.

10. Request for financial assistance from Gwernaffield Playing Fields (GPF)

The clerk read out a letter from Mrs S L Williams, Secretary for GPF which requested financial assistance toward a fun disco evening on 22 December for the local children to be held at Gwernaffield Village Hall.

Councillors agreed to contribute £100 towards the event. A contribution is made to the Senior Citizens Christmas meal each year.

RESOLVED: Unanimous vote to provide £100 financial assistance to Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields.

10. To approve payments to be made

RESOLVED:

100777	void		
100778	OVW	councillor training	22.50
100779	FLVC	newsletters	176.67
100780	Kay Roberts	expenses	95.00
100781	Kay Roberts	salary	296.14
100782	HMRC	income tax	74.00
100783	FLVC	Christmas event	12.88
100784	FOGPF	financial assistance	100.00
100785	Kam's Catering	Senior Citizens Xmas Meal	970.00
100786	Scottish Power	Electricity	279.82
100787	Mr J Griffiths	Footway improvement	250.00
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To receive items for the 4 January 2017 meeting.

Cllr Morgan raised when considering the precept to consider a contribution toward funding of CCTV security at Ysgol Y Waun.