

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on 4 October 2017 at Ysgol Y Waun.

Present:, 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

In Attendance: Mrs K L Roberts

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr. K Armstrong, Councillor L Vaughan, County Councillor Adele Davies - Cooke
Non-attendance: Councillor R Morgan and Councillor C Hopwood

2. To record declarations of interest from members

Cllr. Pritchard and Cllr. Johnson declared an interest in item 12e on the agenda as they are members of Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields Committee.

3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting 6 September 2017

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

4. To welcome Mr Stephen Roscoe who is being co-opted as a community councillor for the Gwernaffield ward.

Cllr. Pritchard welcomed Councillor Roscoe to his first meeting and brief introductions to community councillors were given. Councillor Roscoe signed his declaration of office.

RESOLVED: Councillor Roscoe duly signed his declaration of office which was witnessed and signed by the clerk.

5. Guest Speaker - To welcome Mr G Nancarrow, Minerals and Waste Planning at Flintshire County Council to give a brief presentation and answer questions following concerns by residents about blasting from Cefn Mawr Quarry, Pantybuarth.

Mr Nancarrow introduced himself and explained his responsibility for waste and quarrying issues in North Wales. The catalyst for his attendance was councillors and some residents raising concerns about quarry blasting noise from Cefn Mawr Quarry. Mr Nancarrow reported some of the frequency of vehicles to the quarry had increased due to closure of other quarries. Although Tuesday is a regular blasting day this can vary. Blasts are monitored by the quarry and there is some independent monitoring. Some councillors raised concerns about blasting potentially affecting dwellings close by. He explained certain winds can make blasts feel different and there are tight controls on blasting and Cefn Mawr Quarry is well below the allowed limit blasts.

The clerk asked Mr Nancarrow if there are concerns, who do people contact? Mr Nancarrow will enquire and report back to the Clerk. The Community Council representatives have attended quarry liaison meetings, these were infrequent and minutes not received.

Mr Nancarrow reported the quarry wheel wash could work better so that debris is not carried out onto the road. Mr Nancarrow has informed the quarry about this and explained it requires improvement.

RESOLVED: That Mr Nancarrow be thanked for his attendance.

6. Streetscene Matters

The clerk reported from an email received from Mr Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene Co-ordinator.

The partially fallen tree in the conservation garden has had a work ticket raised with leisure services. They will remove this tree and prune others.

Footpath between Y Waen and Cae Rhug Lane Mr Lightfoot reported a small piece of concrete protruding which may be a trip hazard.

RESOLVED: The clerk to contact Mr Griffiths, of Landscapes and Groundwork as this was footpath work completed on behalf of the community council.

Cllr. Pritchard now has a key to provide access to Gwernaffield Playing Field/Park.

Work tickets have been sent out for pruning around road signs, a priority as this has been outstanding for several months now. Also around the light at Pantymwyn Bus stop. Cllr. Pritchard noted the trees in Y Waen still require pruning.

Cllr. K Johnson reported concerns from some residents about an overgrown tree on The Links, Gwernaffield.

A stile which was in a state of disrepair off Pen Y Fron Road, Pantymwyn has been replaced with a kissing gate which is much improved.

7. To consider an enquiry about a Bus Shelter in Pantymwyn. Cllr. G Tattum.

Cllr. Tattum has been approached by a resident to ask if the Community Council can consider a bus shelter opposite The Crown in Pantymwyn. The resident believes she may be able to raise some funds through sponsorship. Councillors agreed this should be something which is considered again when agreeing the budget as part of the precept setting in 2018.

RESOLVED: To consider when setting the precept for 2018.

8. To receive an update on Community Street Lighting Renewal from the Chair and Clerk.

Cllr. Pritchard and the clerk have met with Mr G Edwards of Deeco lighting. They reported the LED lighting renewal project, which is gradually replacing the old sox (orange) lights with LED, energy efficient lighting and which emit lower light pollution was at a half way point. There are in the region of 50 lights across both villages remaining which overtime will require replacement. This project has reduced the electricity bills for the community council and the annual maintenance contract paid by Deeco.

9. To consider arrangements for Christmas meal for senior citizens.

Cllr. Dave Bolton will be meeting with Kam who caters at the Golf club for the Christmas meal. Options for entertainment were discussed. Entertainment has been provided free of charge by people of the years. However, it means going back to the same individuals each time. Therefore, it was proposed by Cllr Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard to allow up to £100 be for entertainment for the evening.

RESOLVED: A majority vote for up to £100 to be spent on the entertainment for the Senior Citizens Meal.

10. Update on planting of trees donated from The Woodland Trust. Cllr. K Johnson

The trees are arriving on 17 November 2017 which will be planted in the Gwernaffield Playing Fields/Park and will provide natural fencing in the conservation garden and Ysgol Y Waun on 19 November 2017 as part of the "Big Dig" in the Park – volunteers needed bring your spade! This has been placed on the website notice board at www.gwernaffield.org.uk

11. To consider Christmas lights in the villages. Cllr. L Pritchard

Cllr. Pritchard proposed to source and price Christmas lights for the villages. Councillors agreed this was a good idea and to place this for consideration on the 8 November 2018 agenda.

12. Clerk's Update - communications and correspondence.

10a Information on www.Oil-club.co.uk

The clerk reported on information from the Oil Club and it was agreed this can be displayed on the community council website. Cllr. Bolton also said The Crown has an oil syndicate.

b To consider the annual request for financial assistance for Holy Trinity Church, Gwernaffield.

A proposal from Cllr Pritchard of £700 financial assistance which was seconded by Cllr. Roberts for maintenance of the church yard and cemetery in Gwernaffield. The tone of the letter from the church was somewhat unusual and councillors requested the clerk respond and advise that the amount has to be agreed by vote at a Community Council meeting.

c To consider a request for financial assistance from Pantymwyn Photography Group.

The Chair briefed the meeting about Pantymwyn Photography group's "History In The Making Project". Councillors agreed by majority to make a financial contribution of £50.00 during 2018. This was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard.

Cllr. Pritchard asked the clerk to enquire if Mr Partner would take a photograph of the community councillors.

RESOLVED: The clerk to enquire with Mr Partner, if he would take an official photograph of the community councillors.

d. To consider a request for financial assistance from Welsh Border Community Transport (WBCT).

The clerk reported on a letter received from WBCT who are seeking financial assistance to help with their journeys of residents in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn. As some local journey data was not available the clerk was asked to contact WBCT to seek further information.

RESOLVED: The clerk contact WBCT for clarification on local journey data.

e. To consider a request for financial assistance from Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields (FOGPF). Cllr. Pritchard and Cllr. Johnson left the room during the discussion.

The clerk reported FOGPF wish to apply for match funding with Aura Leisure and Libraries in the region of £5,000 to invest in upgrading play equipment in Gwernaffield Park some of which Flintshire County Council has reported as being beyond economic repair. They are seeking up to £850 toward two pieces of play equipment provided by Aura.

A proposal by Cllr. Elcock and seconded by Cllr. Bolton of £850 toward new play equipment for Gwernaffield Play Area. This will contribute toward money already raised through fundraising by FOGPF. Flintshire County Council will be requested to match fund in the region of £5,000.

f. Aura Leisure and Libraries Match funding scheme – Improvements to Children’s Play Areas 2017/2018. Invitation of nominations by community councils by 31st October 2017.

As at 12 e. Mr R Roberts has written to the community council requesting nominations for match funding to improve Children’s Play Areas 2017/2018.

FOGPF and Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council will jointly approach Aura Leisure and Libraries for match funding up to £5,000. £850 from the community council and in the region of £4,150 from FOGPF.

13. Community Council Budget Monitoring April – September 2017.

The clerk, had circulated the half year budget monitoring information to councillors. This demonstrated expenditure of £16,073.35 against the annual budget of £31,669.00.

The clerk reported the annual insurance had been paid to Zurich and no further payment would be due in this financial year. Ongoing electricity costs and the annual maintenance contract with Decco lighting is reducing due to installation of LED lighting through the villages.

Councillors were satisfied with the information received and there were no questions at this time.

14. Planning Applications – Tal Y Llyn, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 5EH. Erection of extension to front and side of existing bungalow.

RESOLVED: No objections

15. To consider the Annual Return and BDO Report 2016/2017.

The clerk reported on the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017. The clerk made the report from BDO, external auditors available and referred to minor issues arising from the audit.

The clerk will place the Notice of Conclusion of Audit on the village notice boards. The audited accounts are published on the community council website www.gwernaffield.org.uk

RESOLVED: That the external audit report from BDO be accepted.

16. To approve payments to be made including May 2017 election costs from County.

The clerk reported on the payments to be approved and the election costs of the uncontested elections for the villages of £290.30.

17. To consider a change of dates for November 2017 and January 2018 community council meetings as current dates clash with school holidays.

The meetings will now take place on 8 November 2017 and 10 January 2018.

18. To receive items for the November 2017 meeting at Ysgol Y Waun.

19. To approve payments to be made. RESOLVED:

October			
SO	K.Roberts	salary	476
DD	scottish power	electricity	280.76
100843	K.Roberts	expenses	95
100844	Deeco Lighting	July - Sept Charge	951.25
100845	Flintshire CC	election fees	390.30
100846	Lynne Pritchard	Scarecrow Prizes	90.00
100847	Lynne Pritchard	Newsletters	144.40
100848	Gwernaffield Church	cemetery	700
100849	PAYE		63.00

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.