

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on 4 July 2018 at Ysgol Y Waun (Community Centre).

1. (A) Attendance:

D Bolton, R Hughes (Chairman), K Johnson, R Morgan, L Pritchard, J Roberts, G Tattum, C Thomas.

2. (B) Apologies

Cllr. K Armstrong, J Elcock and S Roscoe / County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke

3. To record any declarations of interest from members

None declared.

4. To approve the minutes of the General Meeting on 6 June 2018.

The minutes of the 6 June 2018 meeting were proposed as correct by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Kate Johnson and formally agreed by members present.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. At the Chairman's discretion agenda item 9 was taken earlier in the meeting and he welcomed Mr A Lightfoot, Streetscene Co-ordinator to the meeting.

Mr Lightfoot reported there will be some road resurfacing work by The Hand crossroads, Gwernaffield. As part of next year's programme Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn will be surface dressed. He reported the footpath from Gwernaffield to Mold had been completed.

Cllr. Pritchard reported on ongoing problems with refuse collection and asked who was "Kerb Loader"? Mr Lightfoot said they are new County vehicles hired in but they are County staff who drive them. Mr Lightfoot advised the refuse collection is now being monitored in the area by County. Cllr. Roberts reported some people are having to wait weeks to receive the relevant stickers for their brown bins and she would report this.

Mr Lightfoot agreed to provide bins for the forthcoming Gwernaffield Carnival which would be collected the Sunday after.

Cllr. Pritchard have received complaints from 3 residents about the hedgerow over the pavement at Copsy Farm and requested the responsible landowner be contacted by Streetscene to maintain.

7. To co-opt Mr J Roberts to role of Community Councillor and to sign the declaration of office.

The Chairman welcome Mr Justin Roberts to his first meeting and introductions to members and the clerk were provided.

Councillor J Roberts duly signed the declaration of office which was witnessed by the clerk.

Training in Code of Conduct will be provided by Flintshire County Council in the autumn and the clerk would advise accordingly.

8. Community Emergency Planning to discuss the community council response. (Following the presentation by Mr Julian Templeton at the June 2018 meeting.)

Members discussed the presentation and subsequent emails from Mr Julian Templeton, North Wales Emergency Planning Officer.

There was disappointment expressed that the resilience grant was specific to flooding and although 9 years ago there were some flooding issues by The Old Crown Inn this has not happened in recent years so not thought to be relevant.

Members felt the community already came together and supported each other at times of severe weather i.e. heavy snow fall and the main issue was the reduction in gritting service over the years which had left some areas particularly in Pantymwyn feeling vulnerable. Options to extend the gritting service had been explored but for a small community council this was not affordable as this was more than the total community council budget for the year.

Cllr Hughes asked the clerk to write to Mr Julian Templeton to voice the community councils disappointment and explain that at this juncture the community council would not be proceeding further.

RESOLVED: That the clerk write to Mr J Templeton, North Wales Emergency Planning Officer to advise that what is being suggested does not fundamentally improve the situation in relation to treating the roads in severe weather.

9. Chairman's Communications – Feedback from the County Forum meeting.

The Chairman had attended the recent forum at Leeswood and briefed members on a small fund to help celebrate Armed Forces Armistice and Armed Forces Communities Programme which included the purchase of fibre glass figures to remember soldiers for the future event perhaps in November 2018?

There were speakers promoting the Welsh Language and this is something to be mindful of should road signage be erected again as a small number of residents had been disappointed this was not bi-lingual some years ago. Steve Jones, Streetscene had briefed on the various options being discussed at County about the future of bus services which the community council had fed into. Also Andrew Farrow, Flintshire County Council Planning Department had spoken and concern from attendees was expressed that Flintshire County Council still do not have a 5 year land supply and in the absence of this there are planning approvals being given on speculative developments.

The scouts have abandoned their idea to develop on the field near the Gwernaffield Church Hall due to insufficient funds and Cllr. Hughes said the Church Hall Committee and scouts would be meeting in the near future to discuss shared options. More car parking was suggested which seems to present problems at present. Cllr. J Roberts suggested something to benefit the village might be a bowling green as there is very limited recreation in the village. Cllr Hughes says this meeting will open up options to explore.

10. Streetscene Matters – Highways, Roadworks and Street lighting.

Dealt with under item 6 at the Chairman's discretion.

11. Police Matters – to consider residents’ concerns about speeding through the villages.

PCSO Emma Owens had been invited to the meeting but was unable to attend.

The PCSO had sent a brief update on police matters last month which included a neighbour dispute, arson at Gwernaffield School (small camp fire by youths) and an escaped dog.

No information about increased incidents of speeding. Various measures for traffic calming in the villages were discussed. Cllr. Tattum will enquire with Buckley Town Council about their speed recording volunteer programme.

12. Events Planning Sub Group – feedback from 20 June 2018 meeting KA/KJ/JR

As Cllr. Armstrong was not available and this meeting did not take place.

Cllr. Johnson reported the next event was the scarecrow competition and Rainbows and Brownies have already been contacted.

Members expressed their disappointment the group did not meet to review the litter pick and enable fuller feedback to the meeting.

A future event may be in November to celebrate the Centenary of the 1st World War.

13. To receive an update on Gwernaffield Playing Fields and the Gwernaffield Carnival.

Cllr. Pritchard reported plans are going well, there will be various competitions and groups helping out. They are happy with the new play equipment and adjustments will take place by County to the matting surface. County have reported there is not much which can be done on the area near the goal posts which was reported by a resident as being very worn.

County will have match funding in 2018/2019 toward improvements to play areas and Cllr. Pritchard on behalf of Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields would like to request £5,000 from next year’s community council budget toward match funding. Cllr. Hughes asked if Cllr. Pritchard had looked at information on other funding streams which may be available as he had forwarded some information to Cllr. Pritchard and FOGPF. Cllr. Pritchard said in many instances they are restricted as they do not have charitable status.

The clerk will provide expenditure against budget update to the September meeting.

14. To receive, consider and adopt the Councils Retention of Documents Policy July 2018.

In response to an internal audit recommendation prior to the meeting the clerk had circulated a community council retention of documents policy for consideration. This was proposed by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Pritchard. This will be implemented by the clerk and reviewed annually.

15. Clerk’s Update and Correspondence

Letter from the Society for Local Council Clerks to renew membership. The clerk said the advice/guidance can be useful as well as accessing relevant courses.

RESOLVED: The community council renew its membership of the SLCC which is £74.00 per annum.

Consultations/Information had been circulated electronically and are available at [*https://gov.wales/betaconsultations/](https://gov.wales/betaconsultations/)

Consolidation and amendment of the Classes Order and Permitted Development Order.

Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for Local People

The clerk briefed members on the strengthening local government – delivery for local people paper which is a policy aimed to create larger stronger local authorities, ensure members have the support and reward they need to undertake their roles and explore what power/flexibilities local government needs. Decisions may not be made until 2026 however some local authorities may know by 2022.

There is a possibility of the 22 County Councils becoming 10. There is also a report expected in October 2018 on Town and Community Councils looking at how to make them stronger.

It was noted there are numerous consultations which now can be accessed on the *link above. It is not practically possible or environmentally good practice for the clerk to circulate hard copies of all of the above. The link was provided to encourage councillors to access/read the relevant documents electronically. Other emails circulated included:

Flintshire County Council published Well Being Plan 2017 -2023
50+ Action Group Newsletter from Ella Jackson at Owl Cymru

Abandon Standing Orders (This denotes information which has been received post the agenda being agreed and therefore in some cases may not be listed on the agenda.)

The clerk read out a letter from Mrs L Ankers, Head Teacher Ysgol Y Waun, thanking the community council for their financial assistance toward the leaver dictionary's and said she would be happy to explore alternative assistance in the future. Members agreed Cllr Pritchard would liaise with Mrs Ankers on behalf of the community council and bring back any future options.

The clerk reported details of this year's Summer Playscheme which will take place at Ysgol Y Waun School Fields from 23rd July – 10 August for 5-12 year olds. Free and all welcome, members to promote.

Cllr. Hughes and Cllr. Johnson had attended a Chairing skills course which suggested a meeting should be given to the budget setting in the future. January 2018 is the meeting where the precept is agreed and sufficient time would be provided. Reinstate Standing Orders.

16. Planning Applications (A) Planning Decisions (B) (B) Planning Reference 58390 Approved No other planning applications received.

Further to the resolution of the last council meeting. Cllr. Tattum has other commitments and Cllr. Hughes agreed to work with co-ordinating members responses to planning applications with Cllr. Dave Bolton, liaising with the clerk.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hughes and Cllr Bolton would be responsible for co-ordinating responses to planning applications, liaising with the clerk.

17. Approval of accounts for payment

JULY			
SO	Kay Roberts	clerks salary/HOA	511.99
DD	Scottish Power	Electricity	281.10
100892	HMRC	PAYE	110.60
100893	Deeco Lighting	Quarter Payment	783.25
100894	SLCC	Annual Subscription	73.50

18. To agree arrangements for dealing with any urgent matters during the August recess.

During the recess period the Chairman and Vice Chair will deal with any urgent business that arises.

19. The Next Meeting will take place on 5 September 2018, 7.00pm at Ysgol Y Waun, Community Centre.