

## **Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on 7 February 2018 at Ysgol Y Waun.**

**Present:** Cllrs. K Armstrong, J Elcock, R Hughes (Vice Chair), K Johnson, L Pritchard (Chair), J Roberts, S Roscoe and G Tattum and R Morgan.

**In Attendance:** Mrs K L Roberts and County Councillor Adele Davies-Cooke.

**1. To consider accepting apologies for absence**

Cllr. D Bolton and Cllr. C Hopwood.

**2. To record declarations of interest from members**

None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting 10 January 2018**

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

**4. Streetscene Matters**

At the chair's discretion Streetscene matters were received at the start of the meeting as two County Council representatives were in attendance. Mr Steve Jones, Manager Street Scene and Councillor Carolyn Thomas, Cabinet member for Streetscene and Countryside in response to the community councils letter of concern regarding winter maintenance for rural villages.

Mr Steve Jones explained Flintshire County Councils winter maintenance policy is in line with national guidelines and is reviewed every two years. This is subject to full scrutiny and cabinet approval. Flintshire County Council has to keep roads clear of ice and snow as much as reasonably practical.

Mr Jones showed a map which demonstrated where the gritting routes are and how this has changed in recent years. Changes were due to inconsistency in where Flintshire County Council used to grit compared to other rural areas and this had to be rectified. He confirmed some agricultural routes had been removed.

On 24 November 2017 were the community council letter highlighted an incident in the snow/ice, Mr Jones informed members the main Priority 1 routes (P1) and Priority 2(P2) routes had been salted 3 times that day. Mr Jones encouraged people to drive to the road conditions. Cllr. Hughes said there were times on the priority 2 routes, Pantybuarth, Cefn Bychan Road and Pen Y Fron road were exceptionally difficult as the roads were like sheets of ice.

Mr Jones advised they regularly monitor salt bins to allow residents to help themselves.

Cllr. Pritchard said school routes i.e. Y Waen footpaths were not cleared in the last main snow fall. Mr Jones confirmed that they do not precautionary include them as part of a P1 route. However, Mr Jones advised he would look at Y Waen being included as part of the P1 route.

Cllr. Hughes said there must be a cost saving for the local authority by removal of some routes? Mr Jones agreed there were some savings.

Councillor Hughes enquired if there is any possibility some areas can be included which are more elevated, it is usually a couple of degrees cooler than Mold. Can we ask that as part of the review we look at higher located areas P2?

Can the community council consider speaking with a sub contractor for some gritting on high risk roads to salt? Mr Steve Jones advised this would be difficult what about liability considerations and how would the community council analyse risk? The community council asked about the County Council extending its route to some priority 2 routes. Mr Jones will look into this and respond to the community council.

County Councillor Adele Davies-Cooke said she used to personally salt by Cefn Bychan Woods and was informed not to, as if there was an incident there could be repercussions.

Cllr. Karen Armstrong asked Mr Jones about the possible impact this may have on capacity to do P1 and P2 routes. Mr Jones said they will grit when they usually grit but would have to look at staffing etc. A tonne of salt costs £50/60.

Mr Jones advised the community council that improvements to the footway between Gwernaffield and Mold will be taking place. Councillor Thomas said this was due to capital funding from Welsh Government to improve active cycling and walking.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Pritchard requested the community councils thanks be conveyed to Mr Andy Lightfoot Streetscene coordinator for his assistance.**

## **5. Matters Arising**

Item 8 Cllr. Pritchard informed members Cllr. Lynne Vaughan resigned on 6 February 2018 for personal reasons. The clerk will contact the elections office and place a vacancy notice on the notice boards and website.

Cllr. Pritchard advised various quotes have been received for the equipment on the playing fields to include a toddler area and asked if the previously agreed £850 can be released toward this. Councillors agreed to this financial assistance. Cllr. Pritchard also asked if the trees planted could be covered in the park as County had advised children may fall onto them. Cllr. Johnson agreed to make safe the newly planted trees.

The clerk was awaiting correspondence from Gwernymynydd community council whose clerk had in principal responded positively to a partnership approach to the summer Playscheme 2018. However, he would be required to ask councillors to consider at their next meeting.

Outstanding Streetscene matters of requests for tree pruning and white lines on Y Waen and Cilcain road would be followed up by County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke.

Cllr. Hughes commented that the sweeper which had passed through the village down Pantybuarth had done a good job.

## **6. Police Matters - No communications from the Police**

**RESOLVED: The clerk to check the new PCSO details are correct as provided by PCSO Chey Arrowsmith.**

## **7. Planning Events Calendar – establishing an events planning group.**

The clerk provided Cllr. Armstrong with guidance from the Standing Orders on Sub Committees as she will be establishing a group to co-ordinate local events in the villages. Cllr. Pritchard had already furnished Cllr. Armstrong with events which take place regularly.

## 8. To agree a date: Spring Clean/Community Litter Pick 2018

Cllr. Armstrong will lead on the spring clean/community litter pick and welcomed other councillors to join her.

## 9. Clerks Update and correspondence

The clerk read out a letter of thanks for financial assistance provided by the community council to Flintshire Citizens Advice.

Letter from the local government finance policy division, section 137 expenditure limit for 2018-2019, the maximum sum increases from 7.57 to 7.86 per elector.

Invite from Councillor Brian Lloyd, Chairman's Annual Charity Dinner – Friday 16 March 2018, Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton, Near Mold. 6.30pm. Cost £35.00 per ticket.

**RESOLVED: Information recorded as received, no further action required.**

## 10. Planning Matters and Planning Decisions

No planning matters received. County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke reported Planning Application Reference 057038 The Barracks, Pantybuarth had been refused.

Cllr Hughes provided feedback from a meeting of Pen Y Fford Community Planning Group he had attended on 31 January 2018. He advised there will be 2 meetings a year. He explained a number of Councils are under pressure for big housing developments including Penyffordd, Llay, Rossett, Hope and Wrexham. Planning objections and enquiries have been made by community councils and there was a general feeling at the meeting that the community councils input is not taken seriously. Therefore, if the community councils grouped together would this have more influence? After discussion and consideration, it was agreed it would be beneficial if Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council had a representative on this planning group.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Hughes to act as representative of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council on Pen Y Ffordd Planning Group.**

Cllr. Roberts reported Tan Y Hafod, Gwernaffield that work on creating additional car parking spaces will start from 18 February 2018 for 4 weeks.

Cllr. Hughes reported a lottery grant has enabled the purchase of new cupboards for Gwernaffield Church Hall and a defibrillator including a part contribution from Cilcain Young Farmers. Cllr. Pritchard will place this news in the next community council newsletter.

## 11. To approve payments to be made. RESOLVED:

Feb-18			
SO	K.Roberts		476.00
DD	Scottish Power		290.11
100866	expenses		76.00
100867	GPFT		850
100868	HMRC		63.00
			<b>1755.11</b>

**List of legal powers and duties** SO/100862/66/68 Local gov act misc. s19, DD Local gov act highways 1957 s3. 100867 Public Health Act 1875 s164,

The meeting closed at 8.25pm