

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council held on 3 October 2018 at Ysgol Y Waun (Community Centre).

1. (A) Attendance:

Councillors: K Armstrong, J Elcock, R Hughes (Chairman), K Johnson (Vice Chair), R Morgan, L Pritchard, J Roberts, Justin Roberts G Tattum and C Thomas.

(B) Apologies Councillor D Bolton

In Attendance: Mrs K L Roberts - Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke
PCSO Connor Freel and colleague.

2. To record any declarations of interest from members

Councillor Richard Hughes – Item 10.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2018.

The minutes of the 5 September 2018 meeting were proposed as correct by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. K Johnson and formally agreed by members present.

Matters Arising

Item 5 Cllr. Armstrong offered to enquire about Trelawnyd Community Council's emergency action plan to see if anything can be learned from this.

4. To consider expressions of interest for the Community Councillor Vacancy

No expressions of interest for this vacancy at present.

5. Chairman's Communications – Guest Speaker, Councillor Arnold Woolley, Co-ordinator Speed Scheme Watch Buckley Town Council. To share information on their speed watch scheme.

Councillor Arnold Woolley and Paula Woolley were welcomed to the meeting. Councillor Woolley is the co-ordinator for Community Speed Watch which enables local people to be actively involved in helping to slow traffic in their community. Groups can operate within 20, 30 and 40 mph limits.

In summary - locations to monitor are chosen by members of the community who are then trained in the use of hand held speed devices to record the speed of motorists driving through their area. Vehicles exceeding the threshold are recorded on a data sheet and these sheets are processed by North Wales Police and warning letters sent to drivers. Speeding drivers can receive two warning letters in a 12 month rolling period but if they are recorded exceeding the speed limit a third time, no letter will be sent and North Wales Police will consider appropriate action.

In September 2018, Councillor Woolley kindly conducted a short speed survey which demonstrated average speeds on the roads of between 24.6 and 32.1 mph in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn. The former figure was when yellow high visibility jackets were worn, the latter without. Demonstrating the impact of a visual presence to driver behaviour.

The main focus of the Community Speed Watch is monitoring and education, prosecution is dealt with by the Police Department.

Three volunteers per location would be required. 1 to hold the speed monitor and 2 to cross reference what they record to ensure what is passed onto DVLA is correct. Purchase of a radar gun is £90. Registration and training is provided by the police. The heaviest burden in terms of time and responsibility is on the Co-ordinator.

Members posed questions to Councillor Arnold Woolley, including if there was evidence this scheme was re-educating drivers after the years of conducting this in Buckley, there was not a definitive answer in this regard.

Further discussion will take place at the November meeting.

Councillor Arnold Woolley and Pauline Woolley were thanked for their time.

Chairman's Communications

North Wales Wildlife Trust Event on 24 October at 7pm Loggerheads with Hannah Blythyn AM. The Chair hopes to attend.

The Hand Inn, Gwernaffield, it is understood has a lease until the end of the year. There are some contact details of the person who owns it. Councillor Hughes undertook to find out further information.

6. Police Matters PCSO Connor Freel & colleague were in attendance.

A report of bullying in the park by The Crown Inn by teenagers to a smaller child one Sunday afternoon.

Member asked about any further information about the Crash before the bridge in Cilcain – the police had nothing to report.

The police representatives left the meeting.

7. Streetscene

The clerk reported Streetscene had conducted a speed survey along Cilcain road which demonstrated a mean speed of 37 mph. Go Safe have been informed and will visit the site on a regular basis.

Maintenance issues to address in the villages including cutting back of the hedge in Y Waen. Works tickets in for de weeding the new footpath from Gwernaffield - Mold, attention to potholes and loose kerbs.

Cllr. Johnson asked if the clerk can follow up on the re siting of the yellow bin at Llyn Y Pandy.

Coming into gritting season, Streetscene have been instructed that salt bins and salt piles should be replenished.

8. To review the Summer PlayScheme 2018 including comments from parents/guardians.

The clerk reported that as yet no statistical report had been received about attendance from County.

However, 10 parents responded positively to say how much their children enjoyed having an opportunity to get together with friends and get involved in activities.

The clerk noted a few negative comments about lack of access to a toilet from parents which was an issue for their children. Cllr Morgan reported a colleague has offered a porta loo for the 3 week period for a nominal charge of £50.00. This maybe a consideration nearer to the time.

9. Councillor Kate Johnson to provide feedback from the Community Bus Service Meetings.

Cllr. Johnson reported back from the afternoon meeting she held with County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke in Pantymwyn Village Hall attended by 30 people. Cllr. Johnson had reiterated information known from County. From April 2019, Townlynx the current operator may or may not continue to run the service. If Townlynx don't operate the service it may be reduced to 2 hourly as opposed to hourly. Bus surveys are being completed to formulate ideas. She noted a lot of misinformation among some people in the village

10. Clerk's Update and Correspondence – Financial request, Holy Trinity Church, Gwernaffield, Ground Maintenance Application 2018.

The clerk read out a letter from Holy Trinity Church asking the community council to consider increasing their financial assistance toward ground maintenance. The clerk reported the budget of £750, a robust discussion took place and an increased proposal for £1,000 was put forward by Cllr. Jackie Roberts which was agreed by a majority of 7 councillors with 2 abstentions. Councillor Hughes did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

Invite to a Presentation on the Review of The Electoral Arrangements for The County of Flintshire at County Hall, 23 October 2018 at 6pm.

Councillor Justin Roberts offered to attend this on behalf of the Community Council.

11. Planning Applications (A) Planning Decisions (B)

Planning Application Ref N0: 058829 Proposal: Formation of access Location: 48 Tan Yr Hafod Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5DS

After discussion, members agreed to support the proposal which was thought would improve the highway position should this move vehicles of the road from the area near the junction.

Planning Application Ref N0: 058819 Proposal Erection of replacement dwelling Location Lynwood, Cefn Bychan Woods, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EP

Councillor Hughes reported his disappointment at little feedback from Councillors on this circulated application. Councillor Hughes had visited the site and requested that the clerk raise issues of concern in relation to the proposed height and sizing of the replacement dwelling.

RESOLVED: To object.

The clerk reported concern had been expressed by local residents about Coppy Farm, Gwernaffield these concerns have been raised with Flintshire County Council Planning Department by the resident. However, there is no further application in relation to Coppy Farm to consider by the Community Council. Therefore, members agreed at this stage there was no further action which can be taken by the community council.

12. Approval of accounts for payment and update on expenditure against budget to date.

October			
SO	Kay Roberts	clerks salary/HOA	511.99
DD	Scottish Power	electricity	281.10
100897	Deeco Lighting	1 LED Light	358.80
100898	Deeco Lighting (July/Sept)	Quarterly Maintainence	783.25
100899	One Voice Wales	Training	120.00
100900	Instant Print	Community Newsletters	151.00
100901	Gwernaffield Parish Church	(Annual) Ground Maintainence	1000.00

12a Consider expenditure against budget April – September 2018

The clerk had circulated six month expenditure against budget as at 30 September 2018 as part of the community council's ongoing budget monitoring. Members thought this was self-explanatory demonstrating a £16,880 expenditure against a forecast budget of £31,778.

There were no further questions at this time.

13. The Next Meeting will take place on 7 November 2018, 7.00pm at Ysgol Y Waun, (Community Centre).

A brief update was provided on community council forthcoming events which were publicised in the latest community newsletter.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm.