

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 March 2019 AT YSGOL Y WAUN (COMMUNITY CENTRE)

1. (A) ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS: D BOLTON, D COGGINS COGAN, J ELCOCK, R HUGHES (CHAIRMAN), K JOHNSON (VICE CHAIR), R MORGAN, L PRITCHARD, JACKIE ROBERTS, G TATTUM AND C THOMAS.

(B) APOLOGIES

COUNCILLORS: K ARMSTRONG
J ROBERTS – NON ATTENDANCE.

IN ATTENDANCE: MRS K ROBERTS - CLERK.

2. TO RECORD ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 6 February 2019.

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Cllr. D Bolton and seconded by Cllr. K Johnson and duly signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

None.

5. To discuss and consider Streetscene Matters – Mr A Lightfoot is away from the office this week.

It was agreed the clerk to contact Mr Stephen Jones at Streetscene and Transportation about residents and councillors concerns discarded rubbish from refuse/recycling vans particularly in February. In addition, a number of residents black bins and the Gwernaffield Church Hall were not collected.

An overgrown hedge reported in Gwernaffield, after due consideration it was agreed as the person is new to the property/village, a polite call to highlight this matter by a councillor would be appropriate action at this stage.

Renewal work by a company called Gallagher's on behalf of scottish power is ongoing at present (hence the need to close Cilcain Road) for renewal of the cables and columns. Some adjustments have been made to the street lights and rendered them not working. Cllr. Bolton and the clerk have liaised with the work men and Mr Paul Rowlands running the job to help ensure they are put back in working order opposite the golf club.

RESOLVED: That the clerk contacts Mr Stephen Jones to raise a complaint about recycling vans discarding rubbish along the roadside in the villages.

6. Guest Speaker - Mr Richard Roberts, Aura Play and Leisure Services to inform about Childrens Play Areas in the two villages – Gwernaffield Play Area and Pantymwyn Play Area.

Mr Richard Roberts, Play Design Officer at Aura Leisure and Libraries Ltd was introduced by the Chairman and he provided an overview on the two Play Areas in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn. Gwernaffield Play Area, commonly known as Gwernaffield Playing Fields is held in Trust by the Community Council and Pantymwyn Play Area is rented by Flintshire County Council (FCC). In particular, Gwernaffield Play Area, has benefited in recent years from some investment from FCC and G&P CC prior to that most pieces of equipment were considerably old and in need of replacement. Aura have a service level agreement with FCC to maintain and inspect on a fortnightly basis 163 play areas, 12 skate parks and 16 kick about areas in Flintshire.

Cllr. Lynne Pritchard on behalf of Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields met recently with Richard Roberts to discuss equipment options including a slide for the Gwernaffield Park.

Various options were discussed which would require proper costing and following the meeting it was agreed the clerk would liaise with Richard Roberts and circulate options/costings for equipment for the play areas to be discussed at the April meeting.

Cllr. Morgan suggested a piece of play equipment for Pantymwyn, although this area is not held in trust it would benefit from play equipment for slightly older children as much of what is there at present is for a younger age group.

The clerk asked for the community council to be updated with the latest WRAG assessment once complete which is a good marker for prioritising future investment in the areas.

RESOLVED: That the clerk liaises with Mr Richard Roberts regarding play equipment for the parks and brings relevant information and costings to the April meeting.

7. Chairman’s Communications – Feedback from the County Forum

The Chair provided an overview of the County Forum including the Boundary Review, Council Plan, Community Resilience Update and update on the County Budget. Information was shared about Dewis Cymru www.Dewis.Cymru which was promoted at the forum as a place to find well-being information in Wales and local organisations that can help.

The Chairman had attended a Charity Dinner Dance which had been a relatively formal event. He asked if the “Chairman’s Chain” can go on the April agenda for discussion.

7a Summer Playscheme 2019 and options to consider regarding access to the community centre and/or alternative location.

Agenda Item 7a Gwernaffield Community Centre had been circulated regarding historical information about the centre, factors to take into account in the hiring of the community centre during the summer holiday period as an indoor alternative included the requirement of designated key holders, cleaning of toilets, risk assessment & insurance with buildings and accidental damage. Locations/venues used by other community councils include Gwernymynydd use their village hall, Lixwm use a local park, and Bagillt and Abermorddu use their school ground not buildings. Leeswood use the school field.

Summer Playscheme indoor alternatives were discussed including use of Gwernaffield Village Hall (GVH) as following informal feedback from some parents' access to a toilet and indoor play area on wet days would be useful. There would be a small charge to the community council each time the GVH was used £12.00 for the session. The Chair through discussions with Mrs L Ankers, Head teacher understood from Flintshire's Education and Property Services that in February 1983 there was a surrender of the lease and said piece of land was incorporated within the curtilage of the school. This play space (3670 square yards) it was understood was only ever outdoors. A councillor queried this and Cllr. Tattum offered to speak with Ms. K Brookes at Flintshire County Council about the community centre.

After considerable debate and discussion Cllr. J Roberts proposed the Gwernaffield Church Hall as 2019 indoor venue during wet / bad weather and the scout owned playing field as the outdoor play space which has been agreed with the scouts. The vote was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: The clerk to advise Janet Roberts, FCC Play Dev Officer of the alternative venue of the scout field and Gwernaffield Church Hall, and ask FCC to carry out a risk assessment to ensure this would be suitable before proceeding further.

8. To discuss pedestrian access to the cemetery in Gwernaffield.

The Chair explained about some difficulties with access (expressed by a local resident) to the cemetery due to close proximity to the road. It is understood the Church are in discussion with a local resident for safer access, which may include a new gate entrance. In principle the community councillors were supportive of this. It is not known what the costs would be or indeed if the community council had the powers to be authorised to spend in this area should a contribution be requested.

RESOLVED: The clerk to research community council powers for spending in this area.

9. To consider and review the Community Council Asset Register 2019-2020

The clerk had circulated the asset register for 2019. The clerk asked if the location of the event shelters and silhouette soldiers' could be ascertained. It was agreed that the play equipment for GPF should be listed as a community council asset going forward, the clerk advised this would increase the insurance paid.

10. Update on Community Events – annual litter pick.

Cllr. Johnson asked if councillors wished to proceed with a litter pick this year, as turn out from volunteers was low in the villages last year. It was proposed by Cllr. Kate Johnson and seconded by Cllr. Lynne Pritchard to undertake a litter pick this year.

An outline of events would be shared at the April meeting and circulated in the community council newsletter. Cllr. Bolton suggested an event for young people in 2019/2020.

11. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

Email correspondence from Janet Roberts, Flintshire County Council (FCC) for feedback into The Welsh Government Play Sufficiency Survey. Email correspondence thanking G&P CC for sharing feedback and Mrs J Roberts is in agreement with the difficulties the late notice of funding for the playscheme can bring when trying to prepare the budget for community councils. However, Welsh

Government pay toward the playscheme out of slippage from other service areas so there is a tight timescale. FCC will work on an improved poster in 2019 to advertise the playscheme.

A letter dated 14 February 2019 from Hannah Blythyn regarding the community councils concerns about winter maintenance in rural villages. A letter in response from Mr Stephen O Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene and Transportation at Flintshire County Council (FCC). This letter was circulated electronically to all members prior to the meeting reiterating FCC stance on gritting matters. Steven Jones noted FCC was providing a consistent service with similar classifications and demographic characteristics and to treat one particular road in the County with the same characteristics as another would provide dual standards. Their winter maintenance policy is reviewed every 2 years. Roads previously treated included Pen Y Fron and Pantybuarth and in the event of prolonged icy conditions following satisfactory treatment on priority 1 routes will be treated. Cllr. Kate Johnson asked for the definition of prolonged icy conditions? This was discussed and debated and Cllr. Hughes was looking into local gritting but it was apparent a previously contracted local farmer was not doing this any longer. It was agreed should residents encounter difficulties during the winter period to call the Streetscene contact centre on 01352 701234 and councillors signpost residents to this.

RESOLVED: Councillors to inform residents to contact the Streetscene Contact Centre on 01352 701234 should they encounter difficulties in the winter period.

Invite for the community council to become a member of One Voice Wales 2019/2020, offering a 50% reduction for the year to £139.

A majority vote was taken, 1 abstention and monitor how useful this membership was to the community council in a years time. The clerk said with increasing emphasis on standing orders, paperwork and drafting of policies this would help the community council to meet its duties.

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

Planning Application Ref: 059342 The Cottage, Cilcain Road, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5DQ. Proposal: Erection of conservatory to rear of the dwelling.

RESOLVED: No objections.

13. Approval of accounts for payment.

MARCH			
DD	Scottish Power	electricity	262.39
100920	Wales Audit Office	external audit	226.05
100922	Kay Roberts	Staples -Laminator for council.	26.85
100923	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership	139.00

14. The Next Meeting will take place on 10 April 2019, 7.00pm, Gwernaffield Church Vestry as a one off due to a double booking by Ysgol Y Waun. A decision was taken not to use Pantymwyn Village Hall as the meeting would only be able to commence from 8.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.