

**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2019 AT YSGOL Y WAUN.**

1. **(A) Attendance** - Clls: K Armstrong, J Elcock, D Bolton, D Coggins Cogan, R Hughes (Chairman), K Johnson (Vice Chair), R Morgan, L Pritchard, Jackie Roberts, G Tattum.

**(B) Apologies** – Cllr. Justin Roberts,

**In attendance:** County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke and Mrs K Roberts - Clerk.

**Public Gallery:** 1 resident.

2. **To record any declaration of interest from members**

None from members. Cllr. Adele Davies Cooke left the room during chairman's communications declaring an interest as the woodland being discussed belongs to a relative.

3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 12 June 2019**

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Armstrong and recorded as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

The AGM minutes were proposed by Cllr K Armstrong and seconded by Cllr L Pritchard and signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.

4. **To consider matters arising from the minutes**

The clerk confirmed One Voice Wales advised should members be satisfied with the content of the information from the quarry (to be delivered with the community council newsletter) and no priority is given to a specific company it is within the community councils' discretion and judgement as to whether or not they receive a donation from them. The Chairman reported he had corresponded with Mr Jason Parry and awaits a response. No issues raised from volunteers who deliver the newsletter.

Pen Y Fron Road - Mr Andy Lightfoot has sent a request through to the relevant department – Jon Hill Rights of Way.

5. **Chairman's Communications**

The Chairman asked the resident in the public gallery if he had come to raise a matter on the agenda. He had not, a resident with 53 years as a former electronics engineer he was increasingly concerned about masts in the area impacting negatively on the community. The Chairman asked the resident to email the information to the clerk to be considered on a future agenda.

Ongoing - The Chair is liaising with Thomas Fattorini (TF) re. a new chain for the Chain of office. The clerk had visited Shelia Williams in Mold who could not provide such a chain and suggested TF who is a specialist.

Update via Cllr. Lynne Pritchard from the Gwernaffield Playing Fields Committee they have received £2,500 from the Bryn Gwalia Bowling Club for the purchase of a basket swing for Gwernaffield Park.

6. **To discuss and consider Streetscene Matters**

Cllr. Johnson asked if it could be agreed that she be the main liaison point for the police to do with speeding matters in the villages as she has already commenced communications with PCSO Connor Freel about residents' reports of concern. This was agreed, any speeding concerns to feed back to Cllr. Kate Johnson.

After lengthy discussion, it was agreed to hold a public meeting in the Autumn to consider the speeding concerns of residents in the village/s. Inviting the police and road safety unit.

County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke informed members she would forward via the clerk the road speed requests previously submitted and subsequent responses received about the reduction of speed signs in the area.

Mr Andy Lightfoot confirmed he would enquire about "slow markings" for the roads and get the hedges around the speed signs cut back so these are clearly visible. He also advised of an example of successful work in Cheshire to slow drivers speeds which included signs designed by children which had a positive impact.

Streetscene asked for the community council to nominate areas to be considered for the growth of wild flowers and submit to him. The community council thought this generally a good idea and would support greater diversity in liaison with the council's bio diversity officer. Cllr. Pritchard would collate suggestions on behalf of the community council.

Mr Lightfoot would check Flintshire County Councils stance on markers, links between posts and boulders outside residents' properties. He also confirmed re-surfacing works for The Links, Tan Y Hafod and Cefn Bychan Road. Some patching has been started on the Gwernaffield Road.

Cllr. Bolton reported that Japanese Knot weed was taking hold again opposite Pantymwyn service station off post office lane. Also on Cilcain Road a man hole needs repair/ attention.

Cllr. Pritchard reported her concerns that the footpath from Gwernaffield down to Mold needs attention to cut back the verges and kept tidy.

## **7. Update on Community Councillor Vacancy**

The clerk reported the Community Councillor Vacancy notices have been erected in the villages and we await post 17 July to hear from Flintshire County Council if we can move to Co – option.

**Anyone interested in the position should email the clerk at [gwnaffieldclerk@outlook.com](mailto:gwnaffieldclerk@outlook.com)**

## **8. To receive an update from Flintshire County Council on the local bus service in the village/s.**

Following information provided on the withdrawal of the No6 bus service, Mold – Pantymwyn, Ruth Cartwright, Officer at Flintshire County Council has confirmed in an email to the community council that the Council have agreed to continue to provide subsidy for this route until the end of September 2019. This service will continue to be operated by Townlynx on the current timetable.

## **9. Summer Playscheme Arrangements**

The clerk reported she has had information from Mrs Janet Roberts, Play Development FCC and posters which have been erected to confirm the 3 week playscheme from 22 July – 9 August on the Gwernaffield Scout Field/Church Hall. The free lunch will be served from 11am and will be a picnic type lunch. If any child with additional needs wants to join the playscheme a buddy service can be organised in advance.

## 10. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

No anticipated letter received with regard to a financial contribution to improved access to Gwernaffield cemetery.

The clerk is waiting for updated information from Deeco Lighting to update their unmetered supply certificate which should result in a reduction in the monthly electricity bills going forward now the LED lights are in situ.

The information on the Flintshire Local Development Deposit Plan was circulated in advance of the meeting. This will be in the public domain for consultation from 30 September 2019. Mr Andy Roberts, Planning Department will be visiting Town and Community Councils to brief them in the near future.

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

(A) Planning Application Consultation Ref N0: 060010 PROPOSAL: Erection of first floor extension over garage. LOCATION: 5 Caer Gog, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EX

**RESOLVED: No objections.** (To submit a comment in relation to the installation of a soffit bat box to be considered.)

(B) Planning Application: Onnen Cottage, Pantybuarth Decision: Refused.

## 12. Approval of accounts for payment.

JUNE				
SO	K.Roberts	Salary		511.99
DD	Scottish Power	electricity	49.41	296.45
100945	HMRC	PAYE		18.20
100946	K.Roberts	Salary		184.13
100947	Gwernaffield CC	Hall Hire		£330
100948	Gabriel Media	Website Annual Fee		54.00
100949	Community Events	Treasure Hunt & Sun Comp.		60.00

The clerk had circulated a spreadsheet on spending variances 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 which she had submitted for audit for to the external auditor BDO this demonstrated expenditure of £29,137.93 in 2017/2018 and £29,713.81 in 2018/2019 and asked if members had any questions.

Cllr Pritchard asked why the hall hire charge was not reflected for 2017/2018. The clerk explained as this had no specific cost centre for 2017/2018 it was allocated to miscellaneous. No further questions. **RESOLVED: Members thanked the clerk for her work throughout the year.**

## 13. To Approve the Chairman and Vice Chair deal with any urgent business during the August recess.

**RESOLVED: That during the period of recess the Chair and Vice Chair would deal with any urgent business that arises.** The main email to the office will contain an out of office message providing their contact details.

Acknowledgement of a local residents demise Mrs C Philpot who had been a former councillor and active member of the community for many years. Thoughts are with the family.

**The Next Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on 4 September 2019, Community Centre, Ysgol Y Waun. The meeting closed at 8.15pm.**