

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2019 AT YSGOL Y WAUN.

- 1. (A) Attendance** Cllrs D Bolton, Coggins Cogan, R Edwards, J Elcock, R Hughes, K Johnson, J Roberts and G Tattum.

(B) Apologies – Cllrs: K Armstrong, R Morgan and County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke.

In attendance: Mrs Kay Roberts - Clerk.

Public Gallery: 1 resident of Pantymwyn.

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

None

- 3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 2 October 2019**

Factual amendments in relation to attendance were made.

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr. Johnson and seconded by Cllr. Edwards and signed by the Chairman as an accurate recording of the meeting.

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

Page 2, Item 7 The clerk reported Mr Richard Roberts has advised the match funding scheme for play area improvement has been oversubscribed. The Community Council should hear soon if their submission for match funding of equipment at Gwernaffield Play Area has been approved.

- 5. Chairman's Communications – Feedback from the County Forum**

The Chairman gave permission for a local resident to speak briefly on the proposed Local Development Plan, the resident expressed his satisfaction that Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn are designated rural villages and thus ruling out any big development sites and he welcomed this.

Members asked the clerk to feedback to county this was an encouraging and positive outcome for the villages going forward.

Councillor Richard Hughes provided an overview of the County Forum discussions including the Boundary Review, Local Development Plan, Waste Strategy Consultation – noting 70% of Flintshire County Council waste is recycled, Mirco Care Project and Enhanced Enforcement Scheme. Further information can be found on www.flintshire.gov.uk

- 6. To discuss and consider Streetscene Matters**

Deeco Engineering to be reminded that the street light is still flickering at the Hafod Crossroads.

Large pot hole past the Hafod crossroads up toward the quarry needs attention.

Cllr. Johnson reported she had spoken with Mr Andy Lightfoot about a missing waste bin, dog fouling and he has assured extra patrols, some problems noted with Connelly's vans parking on the Gwernaffield Road.

7. To consider a complaint received from a local resident with concerning vehicles parking in Y Waen during school drop off and pick up.

The clerk reported on a complaint received concerning parking in Y Waen, during school pick up and drop off by a local resident who is asking for the community council to assist. He has approached the school and the police already. A lengthy discussion and debate took place and the clerk was requested to contact Flintshire County Council (FCC) Road Safety department to request monitoring particularly after 3pm and consideration to erect police notices advising parents not to park over drives. The resident's main concern is a potential accident involving a child.

The community council have previously been in touch with FCC in recent years about this matter. A study carried out by FCC did confirm a high score but this did not make it in on the top 5 on the countywide list of projects. Mr Lightfoot has advised it will remain on the list and hopefully will become higher priority over time.

RESOLVED: The clerk to contact with FCC Road Safety Department to convey ongoing concern from the resident.

8. To receive an update from the Community Events Committee

In Cllr. Armstrong's absence, Cllr. Johnson reported on the remaining community events including the carol singing 8 December, 6.30pm at Pantymwyn Village Hall and Gwernaffield Conservation Garden. With refreshments to follow.

Cllr. Bolton reported the senior citizens Christmas meal tickets were held in the post office. The clerk said she believed in the region of 80 tickets had been sold to date to local residents. Local resident, Angela Parker would be providing the entertainment. A possible later time was discussed for the meal, to be confirmed.

The clerk would purchase a bouquet of flowers for Angela Parker from the community council as a thank you, and two tickets would be provided for her and her husband free of charge. The clerk too has a ticket provided to attend the Christmas meal.

9. To consider the purchase of solar lights/trees for Pantymwyn.

The clerk had sought some information on solar powered Christmas trees, however these were rental only and therefore deemed expensive. Cllr. Bolton and the clerk would check a suitable location for a tree near by the millennium stones at the corner of Pen Y Fron Road, if lights are required a suitable electrical source may be needed.

Gwernaffield already have a tree in the conservation garden and a channel for a cable was dug by Deeco lighting some years ago to provide the electricity from the nearest community council owned street light.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bolton to liaise with the clerk to purchase a tree/lights.

10. To review the community council street lighting maintenance contract

The clerk reminded council members this was recommended for review at the last internal audit in Spring 2019. Cllr. Edwards would work with the clerk to research another 2 organisations to provide two quotes as per the community councils standing orders.

Cllr. Elcock has raised the matter of some "dark spots/areas" along Cefn Bychan Road. A street light between Inchcape and Rocklands he believes also may be obscuring the street light, the

clerk has reported this to Streetscene. The Chair asked all members to consider where they perceive to be any particular “dark areas/spots” in the villages which will be reviewed by the community council.

11. Clerk’s Update and Correspondence

11a. To receive feedback from Road Safety concerning a request to hold a public meeting.

At present Claire Parry, FCC Road Safety is not able to attend any provisional meeting suggested for 4 December, members therefore concluded without road safety representation any meeting would go on hold until a future date possibly in 2020.

11b. To receive and consider a letter requesting a financial contribution toward improved access to Gwernaffield cemetery.

The clerk read out a letter from Mr Peter Davies, Warden at Holy Trinity Church stating a number of residents have requested improved and safer access to the new church cemetery on Cadole Road, Gwernaffield. Following their own consultation with residents there has been a proposal to make a new gated entrance way. This has been costed at £1,500, £500 from Holy Trinity Church, £500 from voluntary contributions and a request from the community council of £500 to complete the project.

This was discussed and the proposal of £500 contribution moved by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Coggins Cogan.

RESOLVED: To provide a financial contribution of £500 to Holy Trinity Church toward an improved, safer new gated entrance to the church cemetery.

The clerk will be advised by the Chairman Cllr. Richard Hughes when to release the financial assistance.

The clerk read out a letter from Mrs Shirley Hughes, Treasurer at Gwernaffield Church explaining due to a change in contractor reducing costs and income from increased burials. The Church is returning the cheque for £1,000 from the community council. The increase from burials was exceptionally high this year so they may still request funding next year should they need to.

Cllr. Coggins Cogan left the meeting.

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

12a.Planning Application Reference: 060516 9 Llys Fammau, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EZ Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions to front of dwelling. (Comments were required by 31/10/2019 – no objections were submitted).

12b.Planning Application Reference: 060495 Cefn Mawr Quarry, Cadole Road, Gwernaffield, Mold. Application for the approval of details reserved by condition no. 29 attached to planning permission ref. 047536 (Comments were required by 25/10/2019 – no objections were submitted).

Listed on Flintshire County Councils Planning Portal – but not received by the community council at the time of circulating the November agenda.

12c.Planning Application Reference: 060533 Cornerways, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EL. Proposal: Erection of new dwelling house.

This application was discussed and the clerk had circulated information in advance of the meeting regarding a previous objection letter sent to FCC by the community council during January 2017 when the original proposal was for 3 dwellings. After discussion, members unanimously agreed to object to the proposal for a second dwelling as their original reasons for objection had not changed. The Community Council to object proposed by Cllr. Rob Edwards and seconded by Cllr. David Bolton as the proposal does not satisfy the requirement in respect of housing policy in a category C settlement in Pantymwyn. This is an overdevelopment in relation to character and surrounding area.

RESOLVED: The clerk to submit objection/s to Flintshire County Council Planning Department.

11e.Planning Application Reference: 060590 Warren Cottage, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, CH7 5NL.
Proposal: Alterations to the existing cottage, addition of first floor space. (Not received).

13. Approval of accounts for payment.

NOVEMBER	PAYEE	DETAILS	VAT	AMOUNT
SO	K.Roberts	Clerk Salary / HOA		696.12
DD	Scottish Power	electricity	28.26	169.57
100960	Fineline	1,000 Newsletters		209.09
100961	Holy Trinity Church	Cemetery Maintenance		1,000
100962	Flintshire County Council	Summer PlayScheme		1,373.95
100963	Flintshire County Council	Play Equipment, Gwernaffield		5,000
100964	One Voice Wales	Councillor Training		20.00
100965	JDH Business Services Ltd	Interim Audit Fee	7.20	43.20
100966	HMRC	PAYE		18.20

13a HSBC – community council account/s update.

The clerk reported on the bank reconciliation 1 April – 30 June 2019 at £20,809.30.

The clerk requested due to un-presented cheques which occurred following an operational error on the councils bank account by HSBC she has sought guidance from JDH Business Supplies who has provided assistance with the reconciliation. The clerk requested agreement for an interim audit prior to the end of financial year, to ensure the auditors are satisfied with the accounts prior to the year end. This would be in the region of £50. Proposed by Cllr. Richard Hughes and seconded by Cllr. Kate Johnson. Members unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: The clerk to liaise with JDH Business Supplies about an interim audit, prior to the financial year end.

14. The Next Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on 4 December 2019, Community Centre, Ysgol Y Waun.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm.