

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 February 2020 AT YSGOL Y WAUN.

1. **(A) Attendance** R Appleton, J Elcock, K Johnson, R Hughes, R Morgan, J Roberts and G Tattum.
(B) Apologies – D Bolton, K Armstrong, D Coggins Cogan, R Edwards

In attendance: County Councillor Adele Davies-Cooke and Mrs Kay Roberts - Clerk. Cllr. Hughes reminded councillors if they give their apologies to state their reasons so that councillors can decide if these are to be accepted.

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

None.

3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 8 January 2020**

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

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

None

5. **Chairman's Communications**

Cllr. Hughes had received a letter from a resident post the deadline for submission of comments to Flintshire County Council in relation to Planning Application Consultation: 060820 who expressed some concern about the proposed Sunday working at Cefn Mawr quarry. A decision had been made at the January 2020 meeting by the community council to submit comments about concern over migration of sound. There is no proposal to blast or crush – just transport, so hopefully this should be minimal. The quarry can already work 12 days a year on Sundays. The quarry seem keen to work with the public to minimise any impact and if there are any problems these can be reported to the quarry representatives Cllr. G Tattum and Cllr. D Bolton. The quarry meetings are April and November.

Councillor Hughes summarised his work to date with Cllr. Johnson and input from the clerk to finish the newsletter in the absence of Cllr. Karen Armstrong. It is unsure if the quarry information would fall in line with when distribution of the community council newsletter which would be distributed 3 times a year Spring, Summer and Autumn/Winter editions.

6. **To consider a candidate for co-option for the Gwernaffield ward**

To date a potential candidate who is moving back to the area has expressed an interest in the councillor vacancy, no further information received to date.

7. **To discuss and consider Streetscene Matters – street cleansing of villages particularly in relation to dog fouling and emptying of dog waste bins.**

Discussion about dog fouling in certain areas of Gwernaffield in particular along High Park and Hand Lane. The clerk has been in touch with Streetscene about cleansing and they recently tended to two full dog waste bins in at the junction in Pantybuarth and end of Cefn Bychan Road. Councillors to monitor and report.

Discussion about a short piece of work with perhaps Ysgol Y Waun pupils School Council to design notices to go up on well walked footpaths in the villages and the community council to consider providing dog poop bags to encourage responsible dog ownership. The clerk was asked to contact the school for their thoughts on this suggestion and report back at the March meeting.

8. **To receive information to aid the review of the electrical contractor for Community Council owned street lighting for the next 3 years.** Deeco lighting is the only company to respond. The clerk has contacted the other two companies who had said they will forward information before the next meeting.

A light out has been reported to Deeco on Tower Lane. Also a response received from Scottish Power to say they will look into the light which was taken away opposite the long crème barn by Cartrefle some time ago, leaving the lane darker. The Community Council has asked that this be re-erected following a concern from a member of the public about the dark lane (Pantybuarth Road).

9. **To receive and consider 3 quotes for a community council lap top and printer.**

The clerk had circulated a briefing paper on lap top options for councillors' information, providing 3 quotes from different companies. After discussion it was agreed option 1 Currys lap top £399.00 (or the closest to this at the time of purchase) and Microsoft office 365, £59.99 to be purchased. It was thought Currys may be best placed to provide any further advice or aftercare if required. The clerk to make further enquiries about extending the warranty.

This will be a community council owned lap top and as such it was agreed this will be listed on the asset register.

At present the clerk said although her personal Epson printer is old it is fit for purpose and should this require a replacement she will raise it with the community council when the time arises.

RESOLVED: To purchase a lap top (as per the briefing paper) from Currys.

10. To receive and consider forthcoming community events 10b Spring Annual Litter Pick

Cllr. Kate Johnson reported a date for the community litter pick would be Saturday 25 April 2020, she will confirm with Streetscene or Mold Town Council to use their litter picking equipment.

A date will be confirmed for the community events team to meet. Cllr. Kate Johnson, agreed in Cllr. Karen Armstrong's absence short term to act as Chair. Cllr. Ruth Appleton would join the committee.

Members include: Acting Chair Cllr. K Johnson, Cllr. Ruth Appleton and Cllr. Jackie Roberts. (Cllr. K Armstrong).

RESOLVED: Cllr. Kate Johnson will circulate the date of the next meeting and co-ordinate the litter pick.

11. To receive and consider a request to attend Planning Aid Wales Training Responding to Planning Applications and Maximising your influence from councillors and clerk.

The clerk had made enquires as requested about a bespoke planning training course for all councillors from Planning Aid Wales however this was £650. Therefore, 2 councillors and the clerk will attend a local course for £105. All discussed and agreed it was important to keep abreast of information given various planning proposals in the village submitted in recent years.

RESOLVED: Planning Aid Wales Course to be attended March 2020.

Planning Application Consultation: Ref N0 060686

Proposal: Alterations and extension of existing dwelling into the adjoining outbuilding to provide accommodation for dependant relative Location: Mount Pleasant Farm, Cilcain Road, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5DJ. (No objections/comments received).

Planning Application Consultation – Ref N0: 060820

Proposal: Variation of condition number 5 attached to planning permission 047536 to allow for limited Sunday working to allow the existing silos to be refilled with pre crushed rock. Location: Cefn Mawr Quarry, Cadole Road, Gwernaffield, Mold, Flintshire. Comments confirmed in item 5.

12. Approval of accounts for payment.

FEBRUARY				
SO	K.Roberts	Salary / HOA		696.12
DD	Scottish Power	electricity		169.57
100976	K.Roberts	Laminate pouches		£8.99
100977	Via R.Hughes	Instant Print Newsletter		£112.00
100978	HMRC	PAYE		18.20
100979	Holy Trinity Church	access improvement cemetery		500.00
100980	Planning Aid Wales	Training x 3 cllrs & clerk		105.00

The Next Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on 4 March 2020, Community Centre, Ysgol Y Waun.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.