

## **GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2020**

**1. (A) ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs. D Bolton, R Edwards, J Elcock, R Hughes (Chairman), K Johnson (Vice Chair), J Roberts, G Tattum.

**(B) APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. R Appleton, K Armstrong, D Coggins Cogan.

**Non-attendance:** R Morgan

**In attendance Mrs Kay Roberts – clerk**

#### **2. To record any declarations of interest**

The clerk left the room during Item 10 Planning Applications – Planning Application Ref: 060981.

#### **3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 5 February 2020.**

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr. K Johnson and seconded by Cllr. J Roberts and signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.

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

NB. Item 7. Hyde Park should read High Park.

#### **5. Chairman's communications – to confirm newsletter co-ordination and distribution for 2020.**

Some difficulties experienced with distribution, The clerk was requested to draft a table of who circulates to which area. KJ will email the information to the clerk which she received from former community councillor Lynne Pritchard to assist her.

#### **Feedback from the County Forum.**

**County Forum** – Key message - balanced the budget without anything too detrimental.

**Local Government Bill** - key recommendation voting age goes down to 16 for all future elections.

**Local Development Plan** - should be finalised by summer 2021.

**Waste proposal** – no changes to collection frequency, taking action against people who do not recycle.

**Improve Welsh language in schools** – building a new welsh primary in Flint.

**6. To discuss and consider Streetscene Matters** – the clerk contacted Mrs Andrea Taylor, deputy head of Ysgol Y Waun to involve pupils to design anti dog fouling notices. Streetscene have provided details of the Wepre Park warden who placed some areas with dog bag waste dispensers, agreed to obtain up to 10 for

frequently used footpaths in the villages dependant on costs. The clerk will make further enquiries.

**Dog waste bins overflowing in Pantymwyn** – reported to streetscene who are monitoring, and community councillors were asked to help with monitoring too.  
Gullies full Pantybuarth, pothole at the Pantybuarth crossroads  
Recycle van discarded waste reported to streetscene.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to report items mentioned above to Mr Andy Lightfoot at Streetscene.**

**7. To receive quotations from Deeco Lighting and Flintshire County Council – Deeco lighting go ahead.**

The clerk circulated information from Deeco Lighting and Flintshire County Council. A third electrical street lighting company, despite numerous follow ups they did not respond.

A lengthy discussion took place and despite call out charge and replacement lighting costing slightly more it was thought Deeco Lighting over the last few years had in general responded promptly and was familiar with the lighting in the villages as they had upgraded the LED lighting originally.

The clerk referred to the standing orders and reported that the community council were not under an obligation to accept the cheapest quote.

Given the information received and the working relationships built over the previous years it was on this occasion voted to contract with Deeco Lighting for 3 years from 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2023.

**RESOLVED: The clerk and Chairman would meet with Mr Gareth Edwards proprietor of Deeco Lighting to confirm the contract on behalf of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council.**

**8. Community Events Update – A verbal report of forthcoming and events was provided by Cllr. Kate Johnson and Cllr. J Roberts.**

**25 April 2020 - Village Litter Pick** – Cllr. Johnson confirmed litter picking equipment had been arranged as had the information for people to read and sign on the day, directing them not to pick up glass, dog waste etc which was important to safeguard members of the community and in adhering to the community council insurance of events.

The weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Village Scarecrow Competition

**7 December Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch** – Cllr. Roberts confirmed this was booked at Mold Golf Club and was priced at £11.00. The entertainment was also confirmed.

**12 December 2020 - Choir service Gwernaffield Church**

A new event proposed by Cllr Jackie Roberts 11 July **“Village Life” Event** on the old school field Gwernaffield Village Hall – she will speak with the scouts, brownies and women’s institute to help support the event.

A discussion was had about 8 May Commemoration of WW2 - although this was thought to be a good idea, concern was voiced about there being insufficient time to properly organise the two events.

**Treasure hunt – June** - Cllr Bolton to lead on this event which went well last year.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Kate Johnson and Cllr. Jackie Roberts will circulate a breakdown of proposed events with costs for agreement at the April 2020 meeting.**

9. **To receive a thank you card from Gwernaffield Church for the financial contribution toward the improved access at Gwernaffield cemetery.** The clerk circulated a thank you card which was well received by members.

To receive an invite to be members of One Voice Wales for 2020/2021

Annual Fee - £292. **RESOLVED: Members decided not to join on this occasion.**

10. **To consider 3 community council annual insurance quotes via Came and Company Insurance.**

The clerk appraised members of the 3 quotes received from Came and Company Local Council Insurance from Pen Underwriting Ltd via Axa, Hiscox and Ecclesiastical.

**RESOLVED: To insure with Came and Company for 3 years with Pen Underwiring Limited via Axa £612.60 per annum.**

11. **To receive the Independent Remuneration Panels (IRP) report for 2020.**

This report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions in relation to this. Any members allowances would be paid at the Annual General Meeting as directed by the IRP.

12. **To receive information on the innovative practice awards ceremony on the 26 March 2020 at the Royal Welsh Showground. RESOLVED: No further action to be taken.**

13. **To receive information on the local places for nature scheme – a new initiative funded by Welsh Government, that aims to create, restore and enhance hundreds of habitats across the country.**

The information had been circulated in advance of the meeting to members.

Options were considered and discussed. It was agreed Cllr. Johnson would make an application on behalf of the community council for the wildlife garden somewhere visible and open to the public. The conservation garden was thought of as a good option. The clerk said consideration is needed on who would look after what was planted and it was agreed Cllr. Johnson would speak with Mr Andy Lightfoot from streetscene about the conservation garden and assistance with maintenance going forward should the application be successful. Cllr. Johnson already has people who have expressed an interest in volunteering to help with such matters. Cllr. Johnson would furnish Cllr. Richard Hughes with an article for the June newsletter.

**RESOLVED: Cllr. Kate Johnson to appraise members of the community council about the progress of the Local Places for Nature Scheme.**

**14. To receive and consider a letter from Claire Homnard, Chief Officer Education and Youth Flintshire County Council about the Summer Playscheme 2020.**

The clerk read out the letter from Claire Homnard. After discussion, members agreed to contribute to a 3 week scheme. A request from Cllr. R Edwards to consider 4 weeks. However, as historically numbers of those attending drop off in week 3 it was decided to fund the 3 weeks. Cllr. Hughes will confirm if the field next to the Gwernaffield community centre can be used again. It is not confirmed if food would be available like last year which was well received by those in attendance.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to confirm with Janet Roberts that the community council will participate in the 3 week, playscheme in 2020.**

- 15.** To receive and consider a request for financial assistance to help provide services to Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn residents. To receive Citizens Advice Flintshire Annual Report. **RESOLVED: Members agreed to provide financial assistance of £50.00 toward their information and advice services.**

**16. Planning Applications**

Planning Application Consultation Ref N0: 060945 Proposal: Proposed extension Location: 3 Llys Fammau, Pantymwyn, Mold, Flintshire C7 5EZ. **RESOLVED: No objections.**

Planning Application Consultation Ref N0: 060872 Location: Land adjoining Unit A, Pant Y Buarth, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5ER **RESOLVED: No objections.**

**Planning Application Consultation Ref: 059396 Copsy Farm** Update (Erection of 80 dwellings, convenience store and associated development). The Chairman will speak at Flintshire County Council Planning Committee against the Planning Application, 4 March 2020.

Notification post the agenda that this planning application was withdrawn from the planning committee agenda, to allow the applicant further time to furnish Flintshire

County Council with further information. The Community Council understand it may be heard at the June/July Planning Committee.

(B) **Decisions Planning Application Ref: 060686** – Mount Pleasant Farm, Cilcain Road Gwernaffield – approved

**Abandon Standing Orders** – Planning Applications below added to the agenda as the deadline would have been missed by the next meeting.

**PA Ref: 060981 Y Nyth** – Demolition of conservatory and part extension and erection of rear extension comments. **RESOLVED: No objections.**

**PA Ref: 060992 4 Bwlch Y Ddeufryn** – Erection of replacement porch. **RESOLVED: No objections.**

**Reinstate standing orders.**

**17. Approval of accounts for payment.**

**Payments made in between meetings.**

100981	VOID	duplicate in error		VOID
100982	K.Roberts	Unpaid salary Oct 19		696.12
100983	Councillor Richard Hughes	HP Pavillion Laptop		448.99

<b>MARCH</b>	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
<b>SO</b>	K.Roberts	Salary		696.12
<b>DD</b>	Scottish Power	electricity	0	158.18
100984	Deeco Lighting			156.00
100985	JDH Business Supplies	Interim internal audit fee		48.00
100986	Mostyn Community Council	software refund		105.00
100988	Flintshire CAB	Financial Assistance		£50.00
100989	HMRC	PAYE		£58.20

**12a To receive the last quarter bank reconciliation October – December 2019.**

The clerk provided a verbal report on the last quarter which had been verified by JDH business supplies following the HSBC banking errors.

Income for the quarter £12,517.11  
 Expenditure for the quarter £11,363.85  
 Balance of £29,685.47

The clerk was thanked for the update and the quarter bank reconciliation was signed by the Chairman.

**12b To receive the community council updated asset register March 2020.**

This was considered by members, amendments included the deduction of an event shelter and the addition of a lap top computer. Proposed by Cllr. Hughes and seconded by Cllr. K Johnson.

**RESOLVED: The Community council asset register 2020 was adopted by members.**

The meeting closed at 8.51pm.

**The Next Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on 1 April 2020, Community Centre, Ysgol Y Waun.**

**(Further to government guidance – no meetings will be taking place or non-essential activities until further notice.)**