

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM (VIRTUAL) MEETING

1 JULY 2020

(A) ATTENDANCE: CLLRS. R APPLETON, K ARMSTRONG, D BOLTON, D COGGINS COGAN, R EDWARDS, K JOHNSON (VICE CHAIR), R HUGHES (CHAIRMAN), G TATTUM.

(B) APOLOGIES: CLLRS. J ELCOCK AND J ROBERTS
NON – ATTENDANCE - R MORGAN

In attendance: K ROBERTS - CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER
COUNTY COUNCILLOR ADELE DAVIES COOKE.

1. TO RECORD ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor K Armstrong left the room and did not participate in the discussion about PA 061242.

2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 4 MARCH 2020.

Item 6 Page 2 The clerk reported the Annual Accounting Statement is now on the homepage of www.gwernaffield.gov.uk the community councils website and other financial information has been submitted to BDO the external auditors.

Item 8a Page 2 The clerk updated councillors on the dog bag dispensers – the clerk has been asked to check the fit measurement with the manufacturer and streetscene will fit as a gesture of good will.

Item 8c Page 3 Cllr. Johnson reported about social distancing and keeping safe she is awaiting a response from Shaun at Keep Wales Tidy regarding rules and regulations prior to starting the project in the conservation garden.

Item 11 Page 3 The clerk had circulated to Cllrs. A detailed response from A E Rowlands Plant Hire outlining how they intend to keep noise to a minimum. The Chairman has provided this information for the local residents who raised the complaint with the community council, and they are satisfied with the response and note improvements. The residents thanked the community council for assistance with this matter.

RESOLVED: The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. D Bolton and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS

TO WELCOME COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR ADRIAN BARSBY – NEWLY CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR FOR THE GWERNAFFIELD WARD AND TO RECEIVE HIS DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

Councillor Barsby was welcomed by councillors in attendance and the clerk confirmed she is in receipt of his signed declaration of office.

4. To consider Streetscene Matters – update from Cllr. Kate Johnson on footpath signage from Flintshire County. 5b. Street Lighting matters including consideration for a replacement street lighting column in Y Waen, Gwernaffield.

4a. The clerk reported on an email received from Streetscene who advised grass cutting will commence in the next week in Gwernaffield, it is taking teams longer due to the growth in areas.

4b. Deeco lighting have not yet updated the lighting list. Also, the light outside Norlands, Cefn Bychan Road is repaired but still a sox light.

All agreed on the purchase of a new column for Y Waen which has been outstanding and temporarily repaired.

Cllr. Johnson had reported a problem with a tree on a pole which is for BT to deal with.

Cllr. Tattum reported a resident who lives on Cadole Road has expressed concerns about traffic which she perceives to be exceeding the speed limit opposite the cemetery entrance. All councillors agreed that speed calming should be an item on the September agenda, in the interim the clerk will request information on traffic speeds from Flintshire County Councils road safety unit.

Cllr. Barsby noted 3 noisy vehicles driving around the villages and raised the point of an ANPR system which he would feedback on at the September meeting.

5. Clerks Report and Correspondence 6a. To receive the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Final recommendations Report <https://ldbc.gov.wales/?lang=en> . County Cllr. Adele Davies Cooke gave a brief update.

The Commission has given the name Gwernaffield and Gwernymynydd (Welsh Language name of Gwernaffield a Gwernymyndd.) The recommendation is the communities of Gwernaffield, Pantymwyn and Necrwys are combined to form an electoral ward of 3,030 electors and represented by two councillors. (Pages 23, 24 & 25 of the report). It is part of Welsh Governments aim to reduce the number of County Councillors. It has been a lengthy exercise resulting in 4 less County Councillors.

Questions were asked about how in practice it might work if decisions differ for example on planning matters between community councils, what does a County Councillor do? Do we invite both councillors to future meetings? County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke is unsure how it will work in practice. It was proposed by Cllr. Dave Bolton and seconded by Cllr. G Tattum that no further comments be submitted this was agreed by those present.

RESOLVED: The Community Council have no further comments in relation to the LDBC final recommendations report.

- 6. To receive an update from Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields (FOGPF).**
- 7. 7a. To receive an update on installation of the new equipment at Gwernaffield Park.**

The clerk reported an update from Mrs Lynne Pritchard – there are 6 members of FOGPF including Cllr. Kate Johnson, Mrs Pritchard has trouble getting members to respond to emails. Members agreed to the last round of Match Funding with Aura and the community councils contribution to new pieces of equipment, since then there has been no communications. They have considered a few free-standing boards for the younger children, after which they do not know if the FOGPF will continue. They have a balance of £4,500 at present.

A fundraising page was set up by a local resident Liz Barron to raise funds, but this has not had a huge amount of support. She wrote to the Golf club see 8. Below they wish a donation to be considered for community use and contacted the community council to decide on how best to spend this.

The clerk had contacted Mr Richard Roberts, Aura, Play and Leisure Services about Gwernaffield Playing Fields, and he confirmed that it is now a good quality park given recent years of investment by the Community Council, Aura and FOGPF.

- 8. To discuss email communication from Debbie Barton, Club Manager on a community donation from Mold Golf Club.**

Mold Golf Club has provided a £500 donation to the community council for community use. Councillors agreed this be ring fenced for improvements to play areas. The clerk reported Mr Richard Roberts confirmed an Independent Playground Survey will report shortly and assess all the parks in Flintshire. Councillors agreed to wait until we have this report to decide about spending the donation.

Pantymwyn Park has had no investment in recent years partly due to the short annual lease agreement with Flintshire County Council on the land with an individual and therefore does not attract any match funding at this present time for new equipment. This will be a September agenda item.

- 9. To receive a final update on The Good Neighbour Scheme from Cllr. Kate Johnson and others.**

Cllr. Kate Johnson thanked volunteers for their help with the scheme supporting over 45 residents locally some of whom are now increasingly able to support themselves with easing of restrictions. Main continued assistance is with medication drop off. There has been no feedback from the Reverend Daniel Stroud.

Cllr. Karen Armstrong reported about a Community Need and Recovery Plans, ZOOM Meeting organised by FLVC to discuss the support available /support needed for communities on Tuesday 7 July 4pm-5pm. Cllr. Kate Johnson would attend as a representative of the community council. She has liaised with them, receiving helpful communications to develop the service.

Cllr. Richard Hughes asked that thanks be recorded to all those volunteers involved for their timely support.

10. Planning Matters (A) Applications (B) Decisions

(A) Planning Application: 061320 Location: Bryn Celyn Farm, Pantymwyn, CH7 5HT
Proposal: Erection of a covered food storage and new silage store facilities.

(A) Planning Application: 061352 45 Tan Y Hafod, Gwernaffield, CH7 5DS Proposal:
Application for a dropped kerb.

(A) Planning Application: 061432 The Bungalow, Hafod Road, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ES
Proposal: Application for the approval of details reserved by condition N0 3
(demolition method statement) and 4 (materials) attached to planning permission
ref 061093.

**RESOLVED: After discussion of the planning applications above it was
agreed not to submit any objections.**

(B) Decisions PA 061232 8 Llys Fammau, Pantymwyn – approved.

Cornerways, Pantymwyn – Cllr. Bolton commented that 2 residents have complained about the fencing put up around the verge of the property which they believe have taken away more ground. CC Adele Davies Cooke will ask enforcement to look at this.

Muirhead, Pantymwyn – (Cllr. K Armstrong left the room). The clerk had received concerns from a local resident about loss of amenity / privacy and they did not receive a letter of consultation from Planning. Although the Chairman spoke to the immediate neighbours, who had no objections. This nearby resident had not had a letter from County and was unaware of the proposal and will make a complaint directly to the planner. Cllr. Hughes said the council will do a short submission to represent these concerns.

The clerk confirmed she had emailed Mr Alan Wells for an update on Planning Application: 061270 for Erw Deg and received an out of office reply.

County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke has had no further detail from Mr J Beattie on PA Coppy Farm.

11. To approve the July accounts for payment.

JULY	PAYEE	DETAILS	VAT	AMOUNT
SO	K.Roberts	Monthly Salary and Home Working Payment 10 July		
DD	Scottish Power	street lighting electricity	28.11	168.65
101014	K.Roberts	Increment		33.96
101015	HMRC	PAYE		25.00
101017	SLCC membership	Annual		£80.50

12. To receive an update on National Joint Council Pay Scales 2000/2021 and to apply to clerk's salary accordingly.

The clerk reported the new NJC scales have been put on hold at present.

13. To approve arrangements to deal with any urgent matters during the August recess period.

The clerk will have an out of office message on her email directing to the Chair or Vice Chair in the event of any urgent matters.

14. To receive agenda items for the next community council meeting on 2 September 2020.

Improvements to Play Areas
Feedback from Cllr. Johnson from the FLVC meeting
Traffic / speed matters

Late addition to the meeting - The Summer Playscheme Information

The clerk had circulated information at short notice which had come in following the agenda being circulated but which required a response by 10 July and therefore at the Chair's discretion this was considered.

All Councillors had opportunity to read in advance details about now how a potential 2-week scheme may be available in August by County (subject to easing and rules on gathering.) The Play Development team have been working in the resilience hubs in Flintshire since May and thus the information explained these staff members were "well versed" in managing risk assessments for COVID.

A detailed discussion ensued about the seriousness of the pandemic and managing groups of young people at this stage of the pandemic.

It was proposed by Cllr. G Tattum and seconded by Cllr. D Bolton that the community council would not participate in the Playscheme this year due to the current COVID concerns.

RESOLVED: The clerk to inform Mrs Janet Roberts that the community council will not participate in a scheme next week.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.