

## **GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE ZOOM (VIRTUAL) MEETING**

**2 September 2020**

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

**(B) APOLOGIES:** CLLRS. D COGGINS COGAN, J ELCOCK, J ROBERTS, R MORGAN

**In attendance:** K ROBERTS - CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

#### **1. TO RECORD ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor R Hughes left the room for item 11d Letter from Holy Trinity Church as his spouse is the treasurer and had no part in the discussion.

#### **2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 1 July 2020.**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. D Bolton and signed as an accurate record by the Chairman

#### **3. Chairman's Communications – Review of the Summer Playscheme**

The Chairman welcomed back councillors from the period of recess. He informed councillors of the Freedom of Information request received and that this will be responded to in due course regarding the change of community council decision to participate in the playscheme. Cllr. Hughes summarised the change of decision for the community council to participate in the Playscheme by a majority vote of 9 councillors to 3 and described the changing climate with social easing which occurred from 1 July to some weeks later when the majority of councillors supported a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote to participate in the scheme. Information was received late from County, days before the meeting and Cllr. Edwards acknowledged the speed of the reaction not to participate on reflection had not been the right one. This was discussed at length by councillors as was communications by social media. It was unanimously agreed that unsavoury comments made by members were not appreciated.

#### **4. To discuss improvements to the Play Areas – Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn**

A discussion took place about the play areas in the villages. Considerable investment over recent years has been given to Gwernaffield Play Area, held in trust by the community council which all agreed now is much improved and following discussions with Mr Richard Roberts, Play and Leisure Services is at its optimum capacity with Play Equipment. The main climbing frame in the centre will be reaching the end of its economic life in around 2 years. Councillors agreed some refocus on Pantymwyn Play Area now, Cllr. Bolton suggested possibly a football goal or other equipment. A discussion took place about its short tenure, Cllr. Edwards commented about a complicated issue - which means longer leases no one can pursue and it is unlikely to have a change of use. Councillors agreed although Pantymwyn may not attract the match funding, tidying up some of the existing equipment and the clerk to get costings for equipment/a goal would be a way forward.

Confirmation the broken tree has been dealt with by Streetscene at Gwernaffield Park.

All agreed the clerk to contact Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields about their future intentions and that a request be made to communicate to the clerk and Cllr. Kate Johnson who is a member. The clerk will contact Mrs Lynne Pritchard.

**RESOLUTION: The clerk to liaise with Mrs Lynne Pritchard Mr Richard Roberts at Aura.**

5. To receive a final update on The Good Neighbour Service – Cllr. Kate Johnson  
In the absence of Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Hughes said the service had done its job well, it was now quiet and thanked all for their participation.

**6. To discuss Community Engagement – Cllr. Dave Coggins Cogan**

As Cllr. Coggins Cogan was not in attendance, this would be deferred to the next meeting in October. Councillor Armstrong proposed revisiting the decision to do a community survey. Code of Conduct and mutual respect for fellow councillors was discussed. The clerk confirmed the agenda and minutes (once approved) are uploaded on the community council website [www.gwernaffield.org.uk](http://www.gwernaffield.org.uk) any suggested uploading of an agenda onto a FB page before this time would be unmanageable.

Cllr. Armstrong would speak to County about their approach to managing negative comments on social media.

**7. To discuss speed calming measures and consider a response from Claire Parry, Flintshire County Councils Road Safety Unit. (Feedback from Cllr. Barsby).**

The clerk had circulated a response from Clare Parry at the Road Safety Unit who was not in a position (due to home working) to access data requested at present. Cllr. Barsby raised a suggestion about a APRN automatic camera which recognises vehicles number plates which can be utilised by police not just for people breaking speeds but other crimes such as harassing individuals, dog napping and he can access costs associated with this. The clerk and Cllr. Barsby would aim to collate more information for a future meeting.

**8. To discuss an idea for regular village litter picks with volunteers – Cllr. Kate Johnson**

Cllr. Hughes explained this, an idea of Cllr. Appleton's and Cllr. Johnsons, unfortunately both were not present. After a lengthy discussion, the members agreed that whilst they were generally supportive, the council did not wish to act as regular organisers but could enable the litter picks to take place by sourcing litter pickers and gloves. The clerk to make enquiries with Streetscene.

**9. To discuss the Christmas trees for the villages – Cllr. Dave Bolton.**

Cllr. Bolton reported a discussion with Mr Andy Lightfoot, streetscene co-ordinator about having a permanent tube in the ground for the annual Christmas tree and it was agreed for him to follow this up. Also, it was proposed to get quotes for lighting to the tree and a channel perhaps needed to be dug (similar to Gwernaffield's conservation garden some years ago). The clerk would liaise with Cllr. Bolton, Deeco Lighting & Streetscene.

## **10. To receive the Clerk's Update and correspondence**

11a. To receive a letter from A.E.Rowlands Plant Hire Ltd - responding to a resident's concerns. Concerns from another resident has been raised with Rowlands and there appears to be some progress with reducing noise impact locally.

11b. To feedback on the consultation on PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) previously circulated in recess by email. This was sent out during recess; councillors were given opportunity to comment. No further action required.

### **11c. To receive a letter from Welsh Border Community Transport requesting funding.**

The letter was circulated to all councillors in advance of the meeting, after discussion members agreed toward financial assistance of £50.00. Proposed by Cllr. Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Edwards.

11d. To receive a letter from Holy Trinity Church, Gwernaffield toward funding for annual ground maintenance. Cllr. Hughes left the meeting and did not take part in the discussion.

The letter was circulated to all councillors in advance of the meeting requesting £1000 toward ground maintenance, after detailed discussion members agreed toward financial assistance of £850.00. Proposed by Cllr. Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Edwards.

## **12. To receive any (A) \*Planning Applications (B) Planning Decisions**

12a. Planning Application 061559, Location: Ty Ni, Hafod Road, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ET, Proposal: Demolition of conservatory to rear and garage conversion to office.

12b. Planning Application 061511 Location: Rock Bank Cottage, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EH. Proposal Renewal of expired planning permission N0 050859, Kitchen extension rebuild garage adjacent to house and raise roof to enlarge bedrooms and provide en-suite.

12c. Planning Application 061650 Location: The Croft, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold CH7 5EL Proposal: Construction of first floor balcony and new roof profile over the single storey element of the property.

**RESOLVED: After discussion, the clerk was instructed to submit no objections to the planning applications.**

Cllr. Bolton confirmed the border fencing around Cornerways, Pantymwyn had been moved and set back from the road.

PA. 061270 Erw Deg, Pantymwyn – Cllr. Hughes informed members Mr Alan Wells, Planning Officer is presently off work. Members asked if County Councillor Davies-Cooke could follow up any progress, as there has been no response following the community council letter raising concerns with Planning Enforcement. **RESOLVED: The clerk to contact County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke.**

Coppy Farm, Gwernaffield proposed development Cllr. Hughes informed members that there were no further updates. Cllr. Tattum advised he had recently been informed from a Flintshire Planner that a much larger proportion a third to a half of houses would need to be affordable homes.

Street Lighting Matters – some issues outstanding previously reported:  
 Sox Light at Norlands requires LED  
 Pen Y Fron – light out  
 Caer Gafna – the streetlight requires switching on.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to contact Deeco Lighting to pursue these matters.**

**13. To approve accounts for payment**

September	Payee	Detail	VAT	Amount
SO	K.Roberts	Monthly Salary & Home working payment 10 Sept		
DD	Scottish Power	Street Lighting electricity	28.11	£168.65
101018	JRB Enterprise Ltd	x4 dog dispensers/bags	80.28	481.68
101019	Gwernaffield Parish Church	Ground Maintenance		850
101020	K.Roberts	Increment		33.96
101021	HMRC payments	PAYE		18.40
101022	W.B.C.T	financial assistance		50.00

**14. To receive items for the 7 October 2020 agenda.**

**The meeting closed at 8.43pm.**