

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM (VIRTUAL) MEETING

1 September 2021 / 1 Medi 2021

1.(A) Attendance (B) Apologies

Councillors: Ruth Appleton (Vice Chair), Karen Armstrong, Adrian Barsby, Dave Bolton (Chairman), Sue Coles, David Coggins Cogan, Robin Edwards, John Elcock, Kate Johnson, and George Tattum.

(B) Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of interests

Councillors Dave Bolton declared an interest in agenda item 10 as he is a Trustee on the Village Hall committee and did not participate in the discussion.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held 7 July 2021.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as an accurate record and proposed by Cllr. George Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Rob Edwards. They will be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the minutes

Page 2, Item 8 the clerk reported some raffle money is still available and flowers have been purchased and planted by Pantymwyn Village Hall Committee, in the villages. Cllr. Sue Coles has planted in Gwernaffield.

It was proposed by the Chairman that daffodil / tulip bulbs are purchased with remaining funds and agreed by all.

4. Chairman's Communications

4a. Bereavements in the community. The Chairman paid his respects to former councillor Lynne Pritchard who was laid to rest recently. The Chairman and two other representatives had stood outside the church, and it was testament to her that so many people lined the pavements. Lynne's character and influence in the villages will be missed by many. The family had thanked the community council for the wreath in Lynne's memory.

Streetscene updates – Cllr. Bolton has met with Mr Andrew Lightfoot, Streetscene Manager to discuss the interactive speed monitoring sign in Pantymwyn. Further information under Streetscene Matters.

Japanese knot weed – opposite the garage in Pantymwyn, the contractor will be asked to return to treat.

Rumble Strips – to be considered near the golf links, old vicarage and cadole road and trial hill. The clerk reminded council that rumble strips were previously something the former head of streetscene had not approved as if they were damaged and broke up people had complained about damage to their cars. However, this approach may have changed with a new Head of Streetscene recently.

4b. To review the format of future meetings.

After detailed discussion about physical, remote and hybrid (combination of physical and remote) meetings it was agreed to keep this under review in 2021 depending on the situation concerning covid at the time and councillors feeling safe returning to physical meetings. Some councillors expressed concerns about returning too soon when some felt business can be safely conducted remotely. A risk assessment would need to take place prior to any recommencement of physical meetings.

The clerk advised as yet she has not had a response from Ysgol Y Waun or the church since contacting them by email some weeks ago about use of their venues.

RESOLVED: To keep the format of meetings under regular review.

5. To receive an update on the community councillor vacancies

The clerk reported two emails expressing interest have been received, during recess and yesterday by a person in the village. Further information has been provided and an invitation for an informal chat with the clerk and or Chairman and the clerk will provide an update at the October meeting.

The vacancies are on notice boards in the villages, website, it went on the village facebook page.

A discussion ensued about the use of Social Media its pros and cons of a Community Council specific facebook page and Cllr. Armstrong and Cllr. Kate Johnson said they would research a little more and report back later to members.

The clerk commented from hearing about other community councils' experiences that without specific ownership of any facebook page and time to continuously invest in the longer term this is likely to have limited benefits.

The clerk was requested to send the notice of vacancies to The Golf Club and The Crown Inn in due course.

At this point the Chair raised the resignation of Cllr. Kate Johnson at the end of September, as she moves to pastures new to jointly run the Gwernaffield Brownies. Thanks were given to Cllr. Johnson for her commitment and ideas and events she has helped organise which have engaged the community.

6. To raise any Streetscene Matters

In relation, to an interactive speed monitor - the Chairman had met with Mr Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene Manager and considered various sites, some which were suggested are not possible as verges are not owned by Flintshire and would require residents' permission. Also, appropriate power supply would be required from a BT column.

It was agreed an interactive bilingual sign, which can turn both ways on the hill past the golf club would be a suitable option. Cllr. Coggins Cogan said some studies (not in the United Kingdom but in the United States) have shown an 80% driver retardation of speed and that 20% are unlikely to comply regardless.

Cllr. Edwards suggested this could be part of a phased approach to the road safety project in the villages.

Cllr. Bolton commented that Flintshire County Council have informed him that Cadole Road doesn't meet the criteria. Cllr. Coles queried this and would like to see the information on the speed survey which took

place? Cllr. Bolton stated that part of the problem is lack of a footpath which doesn't exist up to the cemetery which he understands is being reviewed.

Cllr. Barsby commented perhaps initiating street lighting in areas to assist with a reduction to 30 mph?

7. To receive a verbal update from the Events Sub Committee

Cllr. Johnson is leading on the Scarecrow competition; it is hoped the Gwernaffield Brownies will have an entry.

The Autumn newsletter is in draft.

The senior citizens Christmas meal was discussed, members thought it would be a good idea to gauge if residents would feel comfortable attending a large event such as this at the present time. Cllr. Bolton would have an informal discussion with Kam at Mold Golf Club.

8. To review the Community Council Financial Regulations 2019 for adoption.

The clerk is reviewing comments received by members and will bring back to the October meeting to finalise.

9. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

10. To receive an update from Pauline Kershaw, Chair of Pantymwyn Village Hall requesting financial assistance toward the purchase of a defibrillator.

The letter had been circulated in advance of the meeting; members considered its content.

A lengthy discussion was had by members about the pros and cons of the community council purchasing a defibrillator being mindful of the nearby proximity of two existing defibrillators (in both villages) and the need for ongoing training to provide optimum benefit to the community. A decision was made not to provide financial assistance, the Pantymwyn Village Hall Committee has confirmed they do not have funds to contribute and were asking for the community council to make full payment of over £2,200 toward a defibrillator.

Appropriate signage to where the existing defibrillators were in the villages was suggested and this will be revisited at a later meeting.

Cllr. Coggins Cogan would summarise this discussion and draft a letter to be forwarded on behalf of the community council in conjunction with the clerk.

11. The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales has updated the guidance in support of the 2016 Model Code of Conduct. Please note that the 2016 Code of Conduct remains unchanged.

Information received; no further action required.

AUGUST	PAYEE	DETAIL	
SO	K.Roberts	Salary and HOA	£767.56
DD	Scottish Power	Street Lighting	£168.65
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Bank Transfer	Cllr. K Armstrong	Instant Print – Community Briefing reimbursement	£67.99
Bank Transfer	K.Roberts	Flowers by Anne (Wreath)	£43.00

12. To approve the August / September Accounts for Payment -

The accounts were proposed by Cllr. Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Tattum.

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

(A) Arthog, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EN. Proposal: Proposed extension and alterations. RESOLVED : No objections.

(B) Trevone, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EH. Proposal: Proposed extension and alterations. RESOLVED: No objections, single storey garage which does not overlook other properties.

(A) The following were approved: PA 062286 Erw Deg – with conditions the clerk will circulate the officer’s decision to all members. PA 062489 Norland, Pantymwyn. PA 062777 White Gables, Pantymwyn. 062837 Fellside, Pantymwyn.

During recess comments were submitted in relation to Cornerways, Pantymwyn and the height of the suggested fencing around the property being lowered.

Cllr. Bolton asked if County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke had heard back in relation to Planning Enforcement and Highcroft, a property in Pantymwyn? The clerk will enquire with the County Councillor.

14. To receive items for the next meeting on Wednesday 6 October 2021.

The meeting finished at 20.45pm.