

**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

**6 October 2021 / 6 Hydref 2021**

**1.(A) Attendance (B) Apologies**

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

**(B) Apologies**

Cllr. Rob Edwards

**2. Declaration of interests in relation to the listed agenda items.**

None. The clerk reminded members to inform her of any interests they may have to enable her to update the register of interests for 2021 as soon as practically possible.

**3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held 1 September 2021.**

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

**Matters Arising from the minutes**

The clerk thanked Cllr. Coggins Cogan for his draft of the letter in response to Pauline Kershaw's request for financial assistance for a defibrillator.

**4. Chairman's Communications – to report on the successful trim trail installation in Pantymwyn Park.**

Cllr. Bolton reported numerous residents have expressed their pleasure in the new equipment. The clerk reported Mold Golf Club had also expressed their members were pleased with the equipment. Overall, generally very well received by all.

The Crown Inn have commented that they would in the future assist to raise funds for other equipment as required.

Former Councillor Kate Johnson – the clerk was requested to send a formal letter of thanks for her work. A plant had already been provided as an informal thank you. Cllr, Johnson had been instrumental in establishing some events, always well received by the community, she moves onto co - run the Brownies and members wished her well.

The Chair and Vice Chair unfortunately cannot make the November meeting date due to personal circumstances. A date of 17 November 2021 was agreed. **RESOLVED: To change the date of the next meeting to the later date of 17 November 2021.**

**5. To raise any Streetscene Matters – reported potholes, full dog waste bins, feedback from Mr Jon Hill, Rights of Way Officer regarding work to be conducted in the villages on stiles in response to requests from the community council.**

Members raised various concerns about outstanding work to be conducted on potholes including at the top of the hill by High Park which have potential to be dangerous. No response re. rumble strips yet.

County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke confirmed accessing of the potholes is taking place. However, the County Councillor will follow this up.

Members requested given the outstanding matters with Streetscene Mr Andy Lightfoot be invited to the November meeting.

An email to the clerk from Mr Jon Hill, Rights of Way Officer had been circulated in advance of the meeting responding to the issue of stiles and areas where work would be completed going forward.

Discussion of the paint spillage which commences on the road outside Mold Golf Club into Mold Town Centre. Can anything be sprayed on it to lift it? The County Councillor will make enquiries.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk to invite Streetscene Area Manager Mr Andy Lightfoot to the November meeting.** (A pre booked guest speaker will be rearranged for a future meeting.)

**6. To receive a verbal update from the Road Safety Sub Committee. 6a. To receive an update on the interactive speed monitor for Pantymwyn.**

**The Planning Sub Committee provided feedback on options for the interactive speed monitor.**

TWM Knutsford – little information provided by them although they are Flintshire County Councils preferred supplier. Prices in the region of £3,600 plus VAT with an additional £200 for data analysis tool.

Elan City – a lot of detailed information provided. Demonstrated 3 different types of interactive speed monitor, various varieties which can be attached to BT power poles. Cllr. David Bolton has discussed this company with Northop Hall Community Council who can verify them as a tried and tested company. These monitors can be moved around and relocated, and some are solar powered. This monitor also records (for no further cost) the type of vehicle for example HGV, motorbike, car, and records data. Another interesting feature is the monitor can change to different speeds 20 mph / 30 mph etc

Councillor Challinor stated information in our community council newsletter about the plans would be helpful and he would welcome going to different parts of the community to see the

concerns about speeding. He believes there are still people who use the road down to Trail Hill too fast and without caution.

Members discussed the possibility of having 2 monitors due to an option potentially being considerably less.

Locations discussed in Pantymwyn and potentially Cadole Road, where concerns have been raised about speeding vehicles.

The Road Safety Sub Committee will continue collating information and summarise this for the next meeting after speaking with Northop Community Council.

**7. To receive a verbal update from the Events Sub Committee including feedback from the scarecrow competition and discussion about other events including the senior citizens Christmas meal.**

Cllr Armstrong reported back on a recent events committee meeting. The senior citizens lunch – discussions with local groups which confirmed the lunch club in Gwernaffield is meeting again.

It was agreed should the Christmas meal go ahead the community council will pay the full amount for all eligible Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn residents. The clerk commented on appropriate risk assessment by the Golf Club to ensure residents can attend in safety.

The community council newsletter should be finalised during November. Items to include Road Safety, Community Councillor Vacancies, Carol Singing and other events. Tidy Wales – Litter Pick and general community news from the church and Ysgol Y Waun.

Another successful scarecrow competition well received and good entries although fewer this year.

Cllr. Armstrong, Cllr. Sue Coles and Cllr. Ruth Appleton are members of the events committee but would welcome another helping hand following Cllr. Johnson's departure. Cllr. Coggins Cogan offered to assist going forward.

Cllr. Coggins Cogan informed council he would co-ordinate a Christmas event in the villages – a visit from Santa and this would involve a road closure – Gwernaffield to Pantymwyn on Sunday 19 December 2021. The Chairman, Cllr. Dave Bolton asked if there was anything the community council could offer by way of assistance and should this have a financial implication then this would need to go on the next agenda and to let the clerk know as soon as practically possible.

**8. To approve the purchase of a new notice board(s) in Gwernaffield village.**

The notice boards in Gwernaffield have been an agenda item throughout 2021. Those originally donated by residents are in a state of severe disrepair, the wood not withstanding weathering very well, it was agreed as part of the budgeting in January to ring fence money of £1,500 for their replacement (x2) and installation.

A local company was approached and could not meet the council requirements and offered wooden open notice boards not suitable for notices in inclement weather.

Another company Earth Anchors used by other community councils had a range of good quality, weather resistant notice boards with personalised headers for community councils. Traditional dual door notice boards supplied with posts for setting into the ground in anodised aluminium (silver) finish two sections (with separate doors) - one for community council information and statutory notices and one open for residents own community news. Two will be required to replace the existing ones - a smaller notice board opposite Y Waun near Cae Gafna and a larger notice board for the Gwernaffield Conservation garden. The total cost including VAT amounts to £1,317.60. Another Flintshire Community Council has used them will good feedback on quality and service.

**RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement for the clerk to order x2 Notice Boards via Earth Anchors.**

**9. To adopt the financial regulations and confirm bank signatories and the community councils regular standing orders and direct debits.**

Minor amendments agreed to document proposed by Cllr. Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Armstrong.

The Bank Mandate needs reviewing and updating – agreed that Cllr. Bolton and Councillor Appleton will be included as signatories on any new mandate in addition to the clerk. The clerk to make enquiries about the mandate renewal going forward.

**10. To approve the October accounts for payment.**

OCTOBER	Payee	Detail	Amount
SO	K.Roberts	Salary and HOA	767.56
DD	Scottish Power	Street Lighting	163.30
Bank Transfer	Cllr Armstrong	Scarecrow Competition	50.00
Bank Transfer	Mostyn CC	SLCC Annual Membership	92.50
Bank Transfer	Flintshire CC	Summer Playscheme 2021	1428.90
Bank Transfer	HMRC	PAYE (May - Sept)	37.00

**The accounts were approved by Councillor Challinor and Councillor Appleton.**

**11. To receive information about a new Wales wide fund – Brilliant Basics – supporting public, third sector and not for profit organisations to deliver basic small scale tourism infrastructure improvements – Councillor A Barsby.**

Cllr Barsby reported on this Wales wide fund from Welsh Government to fund community initiatives supporting public, third sector and not for profit organisations to deliver basic small scale tourism infrastructure improvements. Providing grants up to 80% of the total project costs from 25k – 128k. The clerk was requested to share this information with neighbouring

community council so that they may inform their communities. For more information <https://businesswales.gov.wales/tourism/finance#guides>

**12. Planning Applications (A) Planning Decisions (B) - No new Planning applications for consultation at the time of agenda distribution.**

Not on the agenda as not open for consultation yet – PA: 063594 Green Acres – erection of one dwelling. Comments to the clerk.

County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke reported regarding concerns re. the summer house at High Croft, Pantymwyn the planning department has visited the property in Pantymwyn unable to gain access and has written to the residents with no response.

Cae Rhug Lane – County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke has had discussion with Mr Jon Hill about improvements to the lane and an approach may be made to the community council regarding possible financial assistance in the future.

County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke - a request to use a personal email at present as the County Councillor is experiencing some technical problems.

(B) PA N0 063405 Trevone - Pantymwyn – Approved.

**13. To receive items for the next meeting on Wednesday, 3 November 2021.**

**The meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, 17 November 2021.**

**The meeting closed at 8.41pm.**