

**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

**1 January 2022 / 1 Ionawr 2022**

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

Councillors: Ruth Appleton (Vice Chair), Karen Armstrong, Adrian Barsby, Dave Bolton (Chairman), Rob Challinor, Sue Coles, Rob Edwards, John Elcock, George Tattum.

**(B) Apologies**

Cllr. Coggins Cogan

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

The clerk declared an interest in item 5 Budget Review of clerk's salary and item 14. PA 063838 and left the room and took no part in the discussion of these items.

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

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr. George Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Adrian Barsby and will be signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

Item 9. Some concern over the slide in the Pantymwyn Play Area, increasingly rotten. It had been agreed during December by most councillors to move ahead with the replacement of the slide with a mutli play slide with Aura, Play and Leisure Services match funding.

Item 10. The notice boards for Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn have also been installed today and are a considerable improvement on the older boards which were in a state of disrepair.

**4. Chairman's Communications – Feedback from the Senior Citizens Christmas Meal**

The Chairman reported a successful and enjoyable Christmas meal, the food was excellent, and the entertainment enjoyed by residents.

58 residents attended, slightly less than anticipated as there were a few last-minute cancellations due to medical issues.

The Christmas tree, donated by the quarry, again well received by residents. Somewhat larger than the previous year and an offer to donate again in 2022.

Cllr. Coles reported the Christmas tree provided a lovely back drop to the Christmas Eve carol singing, co-ordinated by the events team. 20 people attended, unfortunately no photos due to the very wet weather conditions on the evening. The Crown also kindly donated warm drinks for those who had been carol singing.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to send a formal thank you to Mr Jason Parry at Cefn Mawr Quarry for the donated Christmas Tree.**

**RESOLVED: The precept for 2022/2023 of £34,600 was proposed by Councillor Dave Bolton and seconded by Councillor Ruth Appleton and agreed by members present.** The percentage increase in 2022/2023 band D charge compared to 2021/2022 band D charge is 5%.

**The clerk will make the amendments agreed at the meeting and sign the form as will the Chairman and submit the precept request to Flintshire County Council revenues before 21 January 2022.**

#### **6. To receive and consider the Armed Forces Covenant.**

Members present agreed they wish to take forward the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant which shows a commitment by Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council to support the Armed Forces Community and recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

As Councillor Armstrong was involved in this kind of work previously in her role with Flintshire County Council, she undertook to work with the clerk to prepare this document.

#### **7. To receive any and Streetscene Matters**

Main issues reported potholes – outstanding on Cadole Road and a point raised about potholes on Trial Hill.

The clerk will raise with Mr Andy Lightfoot. The County Councillor was asked to continue to raise the matter of the outstanding pothole on Cadole Road which is worsening over time.

Streetlights on at Tan Y Hafod - these lights are County owned.

Cllr. Barsby thanked Streetscene for clearing the leaves at the Cilcain side of Trail Hill, which residents had reported as being dangerous on the final steep bend, as there was reduced ability to grip if a car had to stop to allow for a car going downhill. Thank you to the clerk for her tenacity at ensuring this was dealt with and communications with Cilcain community council who were also trying to have streetscene deal with this ongoing issue before an accident may have occurred.

#### **8. To receive an update from the Road Safety Committee**

No meeting to report. Speed monitor – a few issues outstanding and will report at the February meeting.

#### **9. To receive an update from the Events Sub Committee**

Given that considerable time has been spent on the budget item this will be deferred to the February meeting.

**PA: 063885 Cae Rhug Farm, Cae Rhug Lane, Gwernaffield CH7 5DY**

**Proposal:** Erection of a roundwood timber framed earth sheltered on three sides with turf roof sewn with seed. Walls and roof insulation being made of straw bales, inside walls plastered with clay and outside a lime render on the one visible elevation.

Members wished to support this proposal which appears to be in keeping with its environment, a place of potential interest, providing a useful resource and project for people in the community. Comments / potential concern raised about no parking spaces for those who wish to visit the project. However, it was thought this may encourage walking to the site. The community council request consideration of a condition attached to Cae Rhug Farm, that the new development must be farm related use only and not for any form of accommodation as it is outside the village envelope and could be used as a potential pretext for other applications. **RESOLVED: To support the proposal.**

**PA: 063895 Pant Y Buarth Cottage, Pant Y Buarth Road, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ER**

**Proposal:** Conversion of outbuilding to annexe accommodation.

Concern expressed that this proposal has potential to provide a separate accommodation, not for an agricultural worker. Comments raised about parking concerns outside the house on the lane which already has lorries travelling up dan down the road from nearby Rowlands Industrial Unit and thus an impact of highway safety for pedestrians.

**RESOLVED: To object to the proposal.**

Not on the agenda – The Chairman has had an informal discussion with two residents who have expressed an interest in the community council seat vacancies and they may attend and observe the February meeting to find out more before deciding to formally express an interest.

The meeting finished at 9.04pm.

**16. To receive Items for the 2 February 2022 meeting.**

Annual Review - Council Risk Assessment

Annual Review - Council Asset Register

Community Events Update as deferred due to insufficient time.