

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM (VIRTUAL) MEETING

2 March 2022 / 2 Mawrth 2022

1. (A) Attendance (B) Apologies

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

(B) Apologies - Cllr. Adrian Barsby and Rob Edwards

County Councillor Adele Davies-Cooke – in her absence Cllr. Dave Bolton informed members the county councillor has offered her barn for donations to be stored for Ukraine.

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

Item 12. Councillor Dave Bolton, who is a Trustee on Pantymwyn Village Hall Committee did not take part in the discussion.

The clerk will attend a briefing next week on the forthcoming election with County. The Clerk reminded councillors of the timetable they have all been provided with by email giving deadlines and information on completing their nominations should they wish to stand.

2. Matters Arising from the last minutes

Page 2 Item 9a. The clerk reported former Councillor Kate Johnson was happy to accept the nomination as a councillor who worked in the pandemic making a difference and has entered the draw to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in 2022. The clerk will advise of any developments.

Page 1 item 5. Cllr. Bolton reported he had sent out the map outlining the streetlights in the villages.

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by George Tattum and seconded by Karen Armstrong and will be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

3. To consider future meetings - meeting physically / virtually in 2022.

Members agreed to consider this further post-election after 5 May 2022 as the community council will have reconstituted and may have new members.

RESOLVED: To consider how the community council meet post May elections.

4. To receive an update on community council seat vacancies.

The community council has 12 seats, 6 Pantymwyn ward and 6 Gwernaffield ward.
At present there are two vacancies, one from either ward.

There were two individuals who attended the last meeting. One has offered to support the community litter picks and other working groups if required but has had a change of circumstances and at this time does not wish to join the council and expressed how impressed he was by the work undertaken.

To date we have not heard from the other interested candidate.

5. To consider any Streetscene Matters including any streetlighting updates.

Cllr. Coles reported the Pothole on Cadole Road, she has been informed is now on a waiting list with Streetscene.

General concerns expressed about the speeds allowed on some of the village roads, which are being reviewed by Welsh Government.

6. To receive a verbal update from the Community Events Committee including a request to consider the purchase of lights / decoration in the villages for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr. Armstrong asked if any information for the newsletter can be with the group by the end of the 2nd week of March to enable the deadline to be met.

Cllr. Bolton will write a piece on the street lighting and consider options for mitigating increasing electricity costs.

Mold Connections will assist with Gwernaffield delivery for £35. This option was proposed by Cllr. Karen Armstrong and seconded by Cllr. George Tattum.

The events group are considering assorted options such as lighting, flags, pendants to celebrate the Queens Jubilee including an idea to plant two trees.

A commemorative booklet of photos, or to erect photos in the village halls from the last 70+ years.

The events group will return to the April meeting with costings and ideas to share with members.

A poster is being finalised for the Notice Boards. Cllr Edwards posted a notice on the village Facebook Page offering any assistance to residents should they wish to enquire about holding a street party.

The clerk mentioned a local photography student who may be interested in assisting and will make contact and consult with the events group.

7. To receive an update on the speed monitoring device for the villages.

The device has been ordered and is due to be delivered in March 2022.

The unit opposite the Golf Course on Cilcain Road was put in situ by Flintshire County Council. The community council did not request this and installed by County.

Cllr. Challinor offered to assist with a risk assessment to erect the device to column in the village.

8. To review and adopt the Council Standing Orders 2022.

There are new standing orders being updated by One Voice Wales in due course. Minor amendments were agreed. Including an amendment to draft the budget in November - to be written into the standing orders.

To adopt the Standing Orders proposed by Cllr. Armstrong and seconded by Cllr. D Bolton.

9. To receive an update on the Armed Forces Covenant.

This is a work in progress and requires amendment, prior to signing by the Chairman on behalf of the community council. The clerk has contacted Mr Tony Fish, to make him aware of progress.

10. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

11. To receive correspondence from Flintshire County Council on a new campaign #BeKindOnline to coincide with Safer Internet Day 2022.

Received. Cllr. Coles will summarise this for the newsletter and liaise with the clerk on how this can work alongside the code of conduct.

12. To receive a request from Pauline Kershaw on behalf of Pantymwyn Village Hall (PVH) Committee for a defibrillator cabinet.

The clerk circulated this request in advance of the meeting by email.

After discussion and consideration, members unanimously agreed to provide 50% of financial assistance toward a defibrillator at £279 out of a total cost of £558.

An idea to discuss having a sign stating this cabinet was financially supported by G&P CC. As the amount of work the community council do and things which are supported can often be understated.

RESOLVED: The clerk will write to PVH to advise of the £279 donation toward the cost of a defibrillator cabinet.

13. To receive a guide on Town and Community Council elections and timetable for local elections in Wales from Lynn Phillips, Team Leader Democratic Services at Flintshire County Council.

The guide was circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. Again, the clerk advised those planning to complete a nomination form and stand for council to be mindful of the deadlines.

Any questions, please do raise in a timely fashion with the clerk of the council.

14. To receive an update from Mr Richard Roberts, Aura Play and Leisure Services on the installation of the multi play slide structure in April and the increase in supply cost in 2022.

Mr Richard Roberts has confirmed the planned installation of the multi play slide structure in April 2022, made possible by funding from the community council, Aura Play and Leisure Services and a donation from Hi Turf Tech Ltd.

Correspondence received to advise of an increase in supply cost by £223.82 from the supplier and would the community council be willing to share the extra cost through the match funding programme by aura.

Members agreed to progress with the installation of the multi play slide structure for the Pantymwyn Play Area including the slight increase in supply cost.

15. To receive a letter of thanks from Chief Elf, Father Christmas's Workshop North Pole.

The letter was circulated in advance of the meeting and those in attendance thanked Cllr. Coggins Cogan for his work, the younger people in the village enjoyed it.

16. To receive the March schedule of payments and an update on the 2021/2022 accounts.

MARCH	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
SO	K.Roberts	Salary and Home Office Allowance		767.56
Bank Transfer	HMRC	PAYE		14.80
Bank Transfer	Scottish Power	Electricity - New Rate per kWh		152.42
Bank Transfer	Elan City	Evolis Radar Speed Sign	418	2,508.00
Bank Transfer	Deeco Lighting	Replacement Column- Gwernaffield		1,440.00
Bank Transfer	Deeco lighting	Lighting Repairs - June 21		746.40
Bank transfer	David Coggins Cogan	Financial Assistance - Father Christmas Visit		50.00
Bank transfer	David Coggins Cogan	Councillors Annual Allowance 21/22		150.00
Bank transfer	Pantymwyn Village Hall	Financial Assistance toward defibrillator cabinet		279.00

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

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

(B) Planning Application Reference: 063838 Penhallow, Cilcain Road, Gwernaffield - Approved.

(B) Planning Application Reference: 063895 Pantybuarth Cottage, Gwernaffield - Approved.

Members requested a letter be written to the Planning Department to clarify this decision. There was concern about parking on the roadside by residents which means cars / lorries must squeeze past resulting in lots of mud on the lane. There was no objection from Highways.

The clerk noted a condition had been suggested by the planning officer which would restrict the use of the building as ancillary accommodation.

The clerk would consult with the Planning Group first and make enquiries with the planning department as members would like to be notified if there was any change to policy.

RESOLVED: The clerk to write to the Planning Department at FCC to enquire about any change of policy.

(There were no new planning applications at the time of agenda distribution to members.)

Abandon standing orders, not on the agenda.

Cllr. Armstrong reported, if members were satisfied, she would be willing to draft a response on behalf of the community council in relation to the information on Flintshire's Well Being Plan which was received recently. Cllr. Armstrong would share with members by the April meeting.

18. To receive items for 6 April 2022 meeting.

As outlined in the minutes.

The meeting closed at 20.34pm.