

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

15 June 2022 / 15 Mehefin 2022

1.(A) Attendance (B) Apologies

(A) Cllrs. Ruth Appleton, Adrian Barsby, Dave Bolton, Sue Coles, George Tattum and Arthur Orme
(B) Councillor Rob Challinor (County Councillors David Coggins Cogan and Adele Davies Cooke.)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. To reaffirm the appointment of Councillor Arthur Orme to the community council for the Gwernaffield Ward.

Councillor Arthur Orme was welcomed to the meeting, his expression of interest had been considered and he was proposed by Councillor Tattum and seconded by Adrian Barsby. Councillor Orme has signed the Declaration of office as witnessed by the clerk.

The clerk received the resignation of Councillor David Coggins Cogan from the Community Council since the last meeting.

There are now 5 vacancies on the community council and notices are being prepared.

RESOLVED: Councillor Arthur Orme was co-opted to a community councillor seat for the Gwernaffield Ward.

The Annual General Meeting Minutes and General Meeting Minutes of 18 May 2022 were proposed by Councillor Dave Bolton and seconded by Councillor Sue Coles.

4. To welcome Mr Andy Lightfoot Co-ordinator for Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn to discuss Streetscene Matters.

Members raised various issues on behalf of residents including pot holes, particularly on Cadole Road and near the Cefn Mawr Quarry. At present some of these areas Mr Lightfoot stated are not defective enough to score highly on the matrix County use. He will continue to do his highway inspections each month and liaise with minerals at Flintshire County Council, regarding the possibility of a different type of road surface due to the heavy vehicles turning into the quarry. These issues were also requested to be raised with Mr Jason Parry, Manager at the Quarry going forward by the quarry representatives.

Mr Lightfoot briefed members on the Welsh Government's plan to reduce 30mph roads to 20 mph roads soon.

Discussion about road signage, rumble strips – at present more than 85% of traffic is travelling under the speed limits, few accidents and / or fatalities. It was suggested a speed survey in the villages be conducted again perhaps on Cadole Road before the Cemetery.

Trail Hill was inspected for pot holes, after this was raised by Cllr. Challinor and was checked and did not score high enough to warrant treatment.

Japanese Knotweed is again growing by the Pantymwyn garage reported Cllr. Bolton – Mr Lightfoot informed the meeting he is meeting with an environmental officer next week with a few to starting treatment in September.

Cllr. Tattum reported a fallen post in the hedge on Bryn Road.

The community council had reported the overgrown pathway at Seven Stiles, Pantymwyn following contact from a local resident, this was dealt with by County swiftly.

Cllr. Appleton had reported overgrown tree by the footpath which runs parallel to The Links / Golf Course – Mr Lightfoot informed the meeting this is a civil matter as the property owner is the tree owner not County and unless it becomes a matter of health and safety County would not intervene.

Cllr. Barsby reported a way marker had gone missing by Tower Lane, Pantymwyn. Also, residents had approached him to enquire about more dog bins by the entrance to The Lette and Cilcain Road / Pen Y Fron Road. Cllr. Barsby was asked to send a relevant google screen shot to Mr Lightfoot – as to suggested locations.

Cllr. Orme had residents approach him about the overgrown state of the hedge along Gwernaffield Road, he stated to his knowledge they were not cut last September. Mr Lightfoot explained the hedge cutting is contracted out to Sherrards by County and this should have been cut and will investigate it, however it is now more difficult due to nesting birds until the Autumn, unless this is perceived as a health and safety issue.

Mr Andy Lightfoot was thanked for his attendance.

5. To receive a verbal update from the Events Committee

The events committee were thanked for their work, erecting the bunting and the Queens Platinum Jubilee Booklet which received positive comments from residents.

The Treasure Hunt would be postponed until the middle of July and would start and end at The Crown, Pantymwyn. The clerk suggested any advertising was probably best (by the committee) distributed prior to the end of the school holidays.

Cllr. Coles as The Hafod Federation representative for the community council on the Governing Body reminded members of the School Fair at Ysgol Y Waun 3.30pm – 5pm and reminded councillors that the community were welcome.

The clerk informed the committee an invoice from Trevor Arnold had not been received for the QPJ newsletters and if they could ask that this be sent for her attention to gwersnafieldclerk@outlook.com prior to the next meeting.

6. To receive a verbal update from the Road Safety Committee

After a lot of discussion and planning the VAS speed monitor sign was erected in Pantymwyn and as it is portable its location can be changed.

It is now on the Community Council asset register and has been included in the council insurance.

7. A verbal update from the two County Councillors covering the Gwernaffield and Gwernymydd Ward.

Not in attendance.

Clarification was requested on the coverage of the now two County Councillors, would one attend certain community council meetings in one area and the other another area? The clerk advised her understanding was equality of coverage by both councillors, so they can choose to attend meetings in both geographical areas, as it is one ward. However, the clerk would seek confirmation of this from the monitoring officer.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to speak to Gareth Owens, Monitoring Officer to confirm County Councillor coverage.

8. To approve the schedule of June Accounts for Payment

The clerk had in advance of the meeting circulated a schedule of payments for members to consider. This schedule was approved by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Orme.

JUNE	Payee	Details	Amount
*SO	K.Roberts	Salary and Home Office Allowance	647.38
Bank Transfer	HMRC	PAYE	161.80
*Direct Debit	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity	618.47
Bank Transfer	HSBC	Monthly Bank Charge	5.00
Bank Transfer	Cllr. Ruth Appleton (reimbursement)	Flags/Bunting Banners - QPJ	395.75
Bank Transfer	Cllr. Sue Coles (reimbursement)	QPJ - 900 Booklets	301.56
Bank Transfer	JDH Business Services Ltd	2021/2022 Internal Audit Fee	283.50
Bank Transfer	Cllr. Dave Bolton (reimbursement)		£10.25

A payment was made to reimburse the clerk between the May & June meeting of £215.88 for the calculators for school as agreed at the May meeting. *The clerk reaffirmed with members the above two Standing Orders for clerk salary and Scottish power electricity.

The clerk appraised members of a payment previously approved and paid since the last meeting for the gifts for Year 6 Leavers at Ysgol Y Waun.

The clerk reaffirmed the monthly standing orders and direct debits, which are for the clerk's salary and Scottish Power electricity for street lighting in the villages.

9. To receive an update on the preparation for the external audit with The Wales Audit Office.

The clerk reported now the internal audit had been completed, she has commenced work alongside the Chairman with the external audit preparation, which this year as well as explaining financial year variances, focuses on community council Bank accounts and process and procedure and will be submitted prior to the deadline of 30 June 2022.

10. Clerk's Update and Correspondence.

Flintshire Local Development Plan 2015 – 2030 Examination. The Schedule of Matters Arising Changes) MAC's and supporting documents can be viewed online at www.flintshire.gov.uk/ldp and can also be viewed at Connects Offices during normal opening hours as set out in <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Contact-Us/Flintshire-connects.aspx> and libraries during normal opening hours as set out in <https://aura.wales/libraries/find-a-library/>. **RESOLVED: Received**

11. Planning Applications and (B) Planning Decisions

Planning Application Consultation: 064475 Alyn Boarding Kennels, Tan Y Graig, Lette Walk, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EP. Proposal: Four handmade glamping pods associated waste/recycling, bike and car parking.

Concerns were raised about a potential increase in vehicles down a single-track lane with limited passing points to the Alyn Boarding Kennels. Also, the increased waste management which 4 glamping pods would require. Cllr. Sue Coles would speak with a local resident.

The clerk would draft a submission and circulate to the Planning Sub Committee. Cllr Tattum asked that a reminder of the process in the event a planning application is received during recess or between meetings which may make the deadline difficult to meet and consult with all members. In this circumstance, it was agreed that formal delegation be given to members of the planning sub committee to submit a response be affirmed.

RESOLVED: The Planning Sub Committee has a delegated power to decide on a planning application consultation if the planning submission deadline, is prior to the next full meeting.

12. The Time and Date of the next meeting 6 July 2022, 7.00pm Ysgol Y Waun.