

**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**6 July 2022 / 6 Gorffennaf 2022**

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

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

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting on 15 June 2022.**

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Orme and were signed by Cllr. Bolton as Chairman.

**4. To raise any matters arising from those minutes.**

**Page 1 Item 4** The clerk was requested to chase a response from Mr Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene in relation to the overgrown hedgerow on Cilcain Road as reported in the previous meeting by Cllr. Orme.

**Page 2 Item 7** The clerk confirmed following a conversation with the Gareth Owens, monitoring officer at Flintshire County Council there is an equality of coverage between the two County Councillors. Both cover all areas in the ward.

**Streetscene Matters** – thank you the Japanese Knotweed had been dealt with in Pantymwyn and the Seven stiles pathway had been cut back following community council intervention.

**5. To receive an update on community council vacancies.**

The clerk reported the co-option period had expired and council is in a period for casual vacancies. The Council will be notified by County when/if they can co-opt again later in the month.

The clerk advised councillors to ask any prospective candidates to write/email an expression of interest, it is not sufficient to verbally mention an interest on behalf of an individual.

There are presently five vacant seats.

**6. To receive a verbal update from the Events Committee – to consider commemorative planters for the villages.**

Cllr. Appleton had proposed that a flower display be provided in two tractor tyres for the parks to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. As the park is held in trust by the community council placing one on the concrete area already in place was agreed. Cllr. Appleton would need to acquire permission to place one in Pantymwyn play area which is much smaller from Mr Richard Roberts, Aura Play and Leisure Services. Cllr. Appleton would contact Mr Roberts on behalf of the council. It was agreed flowers /lavender and something similar could be purchased if permission is granted instead of a tree.

The treasure hunt would be postponed this year.

No invoice had been received for the newsletter distribution in Gwernaffield from Trevor Arnold. Cllr. Appleton would follow this up. A newsletter would be going to print in the Autumn, it was agreed to include community councillor vacancies within this.

The event shelter is stored in Pantymwyn Village Hall – it was recently difficult to access this for a resident. It was suggested Chris Johnson may be a good contact in addition to Pauline Kershaw.

### **7. To receive a verbal update from the Road Safety Committee.**

Cllr. Bolton is sourcing prices for the battery for the road speed monitor, which charges intermittently. It was agreed to move the monitor later in the year, to other hot spots such as Cadole Road, Gwernaffield and Pen Y Fron, Pantymwyn.

Claire Parry has been contacted by the community council with reference to the request for a speed survey.

Cllr. Coles would send a photo of the blocked grid/gully on Cadole Road to Streetscene. Also report of similar on Cefn Bychan Road.

### **8. To receive a verbal update from the Ward County Councillors.**

The County Councillors for the Ward were not in attendance.

### **9. Clerk's Update and Correspondence**

9a. To receive correspondence from Janet Roberts, Play Development Officer for the Summer Playscheme 2022 at Flintshire County Council. To confirm a location for the scheme.

Councillors expressed their disappointment and in some cases concern that the community council were not advised of the Holiday Club from 1 August, £30.00 per day being run by Sunbeams Play Group at Ysgol Y Waun, therefore the school field was not available.

The Free Summer Playscheme will run from Thursday 21 July to 10 August 2022, and following risk assessment and discussion with Janet Roberts, their preference is to run it from the scout field and they would pay for the grass cutting.

The clerk to contact Mr Graeme Peacock, Scout Leader to confirm usage and request cutting as soon as possible.

### **10. To approve the schedule of July Accounts for Payment. 11. To receive and review the first quarter of the budget year 2022/2023. (1 April 2022 – 30 June 2022) . To receive the 1st Quarter Bank Reconciliation.**

<b>JULY</b>			
*SO	K.Roberts	Salary and Home Office Allowance	647.38
Bank Transfer	HMRC	PAYE	161.80
*Direct Debit	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity	598.84
Bank Transfer	HSBC	Monthly Bank Charge	5.00
Bank Transfer	Gabriel Media	Annual license and support	154
Bank Transfer	Election Costs (T&CC's)	Flintshire County Council	197.27
Bank Transfer	Dave Bolton (reimbursement)	Cllr. Elcock - long standing leaver gift.	25.00

The clerk circulated the quarter one expenditure against budget which demonstrated a spend of £8077.36. Quarter 1 Income – £13,222.62 inclusive of the first of three precept payments, annual VAT reclaim and bank interest.

It was agreed that Cllr. Bolton be reimbursed for a gift purchased for long standing former councillor John Elcock.

Members reviewed the budget and the following adjustments were made:

To increase electricity by £4,500 due to increased costs per kWh from Scottish Power. The clerk to make enquiries with Daryll Jones, Street Lighting Manager about further steps which could be taken to minimise expenditure in this area.

Lighting maintenance – increase from £2,000 by £2,000 to £4,000. Given the costs of a recently acquired new column. The clerk asked the Chairman if he could complete the relevant form sent earlier in the year, to transfer the electric to the new column before the Autumn and darker nights.

Hall Hire – double to £500 from £250 due to use of community centre room for physical council meetings now.

Improvements to Play Areas – Increase by £1,000 to £4,000.

Grants and Donations to increase from £250 by £750 to £1,000. A financial assistance application would be confirmed and a time of year to receive applications from groups / charities and brought back to the September meeting. This could be advertised in the next newsletter.

Ground Cemetery Maintenance could be applied for under financial assistance – like other grants and donations as this had not been requested in recent years.

Election costs – now in receipt of the invoice for £297, can be reduced from £3,000 to £1,000

Considering these changes, the reserves would be re quantified.

All changes agreed unanimously by members present at the meeting.

**12. (A) Planning Applications and (B) Decisions (A) Planning Application Reference N0 FUL/000125/22 – Ty Haf, 1 Bryn Rhosyn, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EQ. Proposal: Erection of Garden office on land at 1 Bryn Rhosyn.**

The application was considered by members and after discussion no objections were raised.

**RESOLVED: No objections to PA FUL/000125/22**

**13. The time and date of the next meeting 6 September 2022, 7.00pm at Ysgol Y Waun.**

Cllr. Barsby briefed members on the Welsh Governments resilient communities' grants scheme.

The clerk would check suitability for application should the community council decide to apply. To be a September agenda item.

The meeting closed at 8.49pm.