

**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 5 October 2022 / 5 Hydref 2022**

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

(A) Cllrs. Ruth Appleton (Vice Chair – acting as Chair for the meeting.) Adrian Barsby, Rob Challinor, Sue Coles, George Tattum, Arthur Orme, Peter Eaton

(B) **Apologies:** County Councillors: Adele Davies Cooke and David Coggins Cogan.  
Cllr. Dave Bolton (Chairman.)

**In attendance:** Kay Roberts – Clerk.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

A declaration of a personal interest from Cllr. Sue Coles as she is involved in a group campaigning locally for safer roads.

A declaration of a personal interest from Cllr. Rob Challinor as he is involved in a group campaigning locally for safer roads.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting on 7 September 2022**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Challinor and in the absence of the Chairman signed as a correct record by the acting Chair, Cllr. Appleton.

**4. Guest Speakers confirmed post dissemination of the agenda – Anthony Sandford Interim Transport Manager and Lee Shone – Transport Strategy Manager from Flintshire County Councils Road Safety Unit.**

Cllr. Appleton welcomed the guest speakers from the road safety unit to the meeting.

Cllr. Barsby provided context to the discussion on safer roads in the villages and said it is something that has been raised with County by members on previous occasions. He further raised the issue of recent road speeds statistical data from a County Survey, requested by the community council. In relation to Gwernaffield and Cadole Road - stating if those statistics within 85% of the percentile are not deemed to be an issue (i.e. within the speed limit) what about the other 15%, as this data only provides a partial story, perhaps it would be useful to know how many cars in excess of the limit are contained in this 15%? Mr Shone responded to state the 85% enables the slowest within the 15% to be discounted.

The Community Council agreed to review their speed monitor location in the forthcoming months. Cllr. Barsby informed the meeting they are gradually getting used to the data it provides and demonstrates to date 63,000 traffic movements in the village since its installation.

Cllr. Barsby reiterated it is not just Cadole Road and the crossroads by Pantybuarth which have been raised and discussed at the community council in previous years. Cllr. Coles said she was previously involved with a petition in 2017 and if 40mph seems (according to the data) to have been travelled along Cadole Road by the majority of vehicles can this be reviewed?

Mr Shone stated a criminal investigation is still taking place into the accident on Cadole Road, they will meet with police and check if there were any highway contributory factors and if there is anything we can do to prevent this happening again they will try.

An issue raised about Trail Hill in Pantymwyn, some observations of people using excessive speed, any mitigating factors we can do to warn people? Mr Stanford stated any kind of stop sign must confirm to unsuitable visibility, potentially advance give way signs etc and is something Flintshire County Council can consider.

The Local Authority has the power to change speed limit but not enforce that is a Police duty. A 40mph road must meet and confirm to certain criteria including development on 1 side of the road and other criteria. A national speed limit/rural limit a country lane is 60 mph.

If a speed limit was introduced on Cadole Road, could this encourage development from a planning perspective, Mr Stanford responded to say this may assist but not enable a developer.

Mr Stanford said route studies have recently been conducted in Cadole, Cilcain and Trail Hill.

Rumble strips have previously been raised as a speed calming option. However, Mr Stanford said generally these are for straight roads without incline – they are noisy, generally people don't want them by their homes, on wet/wintery days water collects around them and they can become frozen and in such cold weather can be like driving on an ice rink and that they don't stop speeding.

A discussion was held about improving signage including around the Cadole Road, crossroads (somewhat like the stop sign on approach to the main road near Star Crossing, Cilcain.) to warn people of the crossroads in advance. Mr Stanford said this type of sign would not be permitted as there was not a visibility issue at the Cadole crossroads as it is wide. Again, 30mph repeater signs are not permitted on street lighting columns.

Potential improvements were discussed at the junction to Y Waun, Gwernaffield and near The Hand Crossroads, addressing parking issues. Parking is a North Wales Police issue, double yellow lines to restrict parking at peak times, which may assist and would require local member support.

The speakers summarised some things as a local authority they could do, draw up proposals to submit for potential schemes. However, they have zero budget for this, but they can apply for grant funding for potential safer routes in the community, there are lots of people across Flintshire asking for schemes and the highest scoring schemes would be put forward in December 2022.

Both Mr Stanford and Mr Shone were thanked for their attendance and invited to return to inform members as any potential scheme is developed.

**RESOLVED: The clerk to communicate the community council's thanks for their attendance.**

**5. To welcome Peter Eaton to his first meeting and to witness the signing of his declaration of office.**

Mr Peter Eaton signed his declaration of office for a community councillor for the Pantymwyn Ward and this was duly witnessed by the clerk.

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

No report received; the County Councillors were not in attendance.

**7. To receive any streetscene Matters.**

A resident had complained about an overgrown hedgerow impacting on other residents and their visibility onto the road, which the clerk had raised with Mr Andy Lightfoot at Streetscene to investigate.

**8. Events Group – Verbal Update.**

Cllr. Appleton updated the group to say the planter in Gwernaffield Park had been completed and at present this was a memorial planter for the recent queen's passing.

Scarecrow Competition – entries by 5 November, judging 6 November. Publicity / banner to be completed in the next week.

Senior Citizens Christmas meal – Mold Golf Club, 12 December 2022 at 1pm. The events team to organise who will advertise and hold the tickets and liaise with the Golf Club. Raffle prizes gratefully accepted and to be brought to the meetings prior to the event.

Cllr. Coles informed members that she understood Cllr. Coggins Cogan will be organising the Father Christmas event again on 18 December in the Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn community council ward.

Any information for the newsletter to be sent to Cllr. Coles as soon as practically possible.

**9. To consider a donation to the North Wales Wildlife Trust for their help and assistance toward the new planter in Gwernaffield Park / Playing Fields.**

The clerk has made available the financial assistance form to the NWWT following discussion with Cllr. Ruth Appleton and a representative of NWWT. As a request would need to be made and considered by members.

The Financial assistance form would be publicised in the next community council newsletter.

### **10.To approve the schedule of October Accounts for Payment.**

<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
*SO	K.Roberts	Salary and Home Office Allowance	647.38
Bank Transfer	HMRC	PAYE	161.80
*Direct Debit	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity	TBC
Bank Transfer	HSBC	Account charge	5.00
Bank Transfer	Connections Magazines	Newsletters Gwernaffield - delivery	16.80
Bank Transfer	Flintshire County Council	Summer Playscheme x 3 weeks	1,540
Bank Transfer	Clerk - reimbursement - Flowers by Anne	Wreath for the Queen's Passing - laid in Gwernaffield.	45.00
Bank Transfer	Cllr. Sue Coles - reimbursement	Heathers and Compost for village planters	32.90
Bank Transfer	Cllr. Ruth Appleton - reimbursement	Lavender x2 for planter and topsoil x3 - Gwernaffield Park	42.50

The accounts were approved by Cllr. Barsby and seconded by Cllr. Tattum.

### **11. To receive quarter 2 Bank reconciliation 1 July – 30 September 2022.**

Deferred to the November meeting.

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

#### **12a. To receive an update following the Summer Playscheme from Flintshire County Council.**

No specific report received on attendance as yet. However, the clerk had spoken with Janet Roberts, Play Development Officer at Flintshire County Council who confirmed there were 144 attendees over the 3 weeks, 10 daily attendances and 40 registrations. This was down on last year and it was thought the Ysgol Y Waun, Holiday Club (for which there is a daily charge) may have impacted.

#### **13b One Voice Wales – Importance of Community and Town Councils in building resilient spaces for nature. Biodiversity Conference online 10.00am – 4.00pm.**

Information had been emailed to all councillors in advance of the meeting. The clerk advised any members who were interested in attending to inform her and she will make arrangements.

#### **13.(A) Planning Applications and (B) Decisions**

- (A) Planning Reference N0: 059235 (Non material amendment for planning application)  
Location: 52 High Park, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5EE.

Planning Reference N0: NMA/000401/22 (Non material amendment to planning permission ref: 063809. Location: Pant Y Garth, Pen Y Fron Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EF.

#### **Resolved: Members considered the two planning applications above and no objections were raised.**

- (B) Planning Application: 063697 – Erw Deg – Refused.  
Planning Application: LDP/000243/22 Erw Deg – Certificate of lawfulness approved.

Abandon standing orders.

The matter of a recent hedgerow removal was raised in Gwernaffield by Copy Farm.

Flintshire County Council Planning Enforcement had been made aware of this to ensure it confirmed to the planning permissions previously granted some years ago.

Reinstate standing orders.

The clerk advised that a lay member of the planning standards committee would attend a community council meeting prior to the end of the year.

### **14. The time and date of the next meeting 9 November 2022, 7.00pm at Ysgol Y Waun.**

The meeting closed at 20.47pm.