

**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 7 December 2022 / 7 Rhagfyr 2022**

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

- (A) Cllrs. Adrian Barsby, Dave Bolton (Chairman) Rob Challinor, and George Tattum.
- (B) **Apologies:** County Councillors: Adele Davies Cooke, Cllr. Ruth Appleton, Peter Eaton, Cllr. Sue Coles and Cllr. Arthur Orme.

**In attendance:** Hannah Arndt, AONB Sustainable Access and Recreation Officer and David Shiel, AONB Manager for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley and Clerk Kay Roberts.

**2. Declaration of interests** (Declarations of interest, whether likely to benefit or disadvantage, should be disclosed prior to commencement of discussion of any items for discussion.)

No declarations of interest made.

**3. To approve the minutes of the 9 November 2022.**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr. Barsby and seconded by Cllr. Tattum and signed as an accurate record by the Chairman, Cllr. Bolton.

**4. (A) To receive any matters arising from the minutes. (B) To approve the minutes.**

Cllr. Challinor raised the matter of a discussion with the monitoring officer. The Chairman said he had spoken subsequently following the last meeting with the monitoring officer about this matter, no code of conduct complaint was made and the monitoring officer advised he would speak to the local member concerned to clarify. It was added that the monitoring officer is available for support and guidance for Town and Community Councils.

In relation to the ongoing issue about the removal of the hedgerow at Coppy Farm, Gwernaffield, it was suggested it would be helpful to find out what was defined as substantial works. Concern was also expressed about the fencing which is not substantial – and may not contain the livestock / sheep which daily roam there. The clerk will make enquiries with planning and Streetscene.

**5. To welcome Mr David Shiel, AONB Manager for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley, to discuss partnership working with the community council on community and environmental projects.**

The two AONB officers were welcomed to the meeting. They updated members on their work to support sustainable access and recreation of visitors to the surrounding AONB area providing information for visitors. Their plan and various initiatives would be forwarded via the clerk and an interest was expressed in supporting the community council to tell the history of the area through new signage in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn.

**RESOLVED: The officers were thanked for their attendance.**

**6. To receive any Streetscene Matters.**

**Streetscene Matters to be raised:**

Dropped wooden post by the gate/footpath which runs parallel to Caer Gafna, making the gate difficult to open.

Tower Lane, Pantymwyn - a fingerpost marking out the footpath has gone missing.

Gwernaffield Road – Hedgerow either side of Y Waun, still needs cutting back.

Winter Maintenance – The clerk read out a letter from Ian Bushell, Flintshire County Council. Re. Winter Weather Forecasts. Members to advise of any grit bins which need filling. Cllr. Bolton to check if the post office holds the community involvement kit, shovels and grit.

Councillor Bolton expressed his congratulations for the Pantymwyn Village Hall to the volunteer community gardeners in achieving the Platinum status award by FLVC Best Kept Community Garden Competition. Can this information be shared in the next community council newsletter.

**7. To receive an update from the Street Lighting and Road Safety Committee. To consider information from Evolis – Elan City Radar Speed Signs (Twin Pack) for the villages.**

The quote from Scottish Power has been requested again for the new column and electricity transfer from the old column in Y Waen, Gwernaffield.

Quotes from Elan City, TWM and others were considered and a discussed ensued. Cllr. Bolton reported he could see the difference in traffic slowing through Pantymwyn responding to the interactive sign. Given that some speed calming options including signage and rumble strips have been ruled out following conversation with the Road Safety Unit. It was thought a practical and tangible road safety measure which could be pursued by the community council was another speed monitoring radar. At present Elan City have an offer on to purchase x2 at a significantly reduced price in 2022.

It was thought initially the portable radars could be installed on Cilcain Road and Cadole Road, were there are concerns of some vehicles doing excess speeds have been expressed. They will be portable and could in time change location.

The clerk by unanimous agreement was instructed to compose an official order letter to purchase x 2 speed monitor radars prior to end 2022 to take advantage of the offer.

**8. To receive an update from the Community Events Committee – Christmas Event.**

78 senior citizens/residents have confirmed their attendance at the Christmas meal to be held at the golf club. The clerk was instructed to pay for these attendees. Members wished residents a good event.

**9. To receive completed financial assistance application from groups/organisations – Nightingale House Hospice 2022/2023.**

Following consideration of the completed financial assistance form by Nightingale House Hospice, it was proposed by Cllr. Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Barsby to give £100 financial assistance toward their work supporting people with progressive and life limiting illnesses through palliative care treatments and to offer bereavement support to their families.

Unanimous agreement to extend the deadline of financial assistance until 31 March 2023.

**RESOLVED: Financial Assistance of £100 to Nightingale House Hospice.**

**10. To approve the schedule of December Accounts for Payment.**

DECEMBER	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
*SO	K.Roberts	Salary and Home Office Allowance		647.38
Bank Transfer	HMRC	PAYE		161.80
*Direct Debit	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity		285.61

Bank Transfer	HSBC	Account charge		5.00
Bank Transfer	JSB Catering	Senior Citizens Christmas Meal		1,170
Bank Transfer	JRB Enterprises Ltd	Dog bag dispensing		144.36
Bank Transfer	Deeco Lighting	Festive Lighting in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn		336
Bank Transfer	Nightingale House Hospice	Financial Assistance		100

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

Refer to Item 3 - Streetscene, Winter maintenance Letter – Ian Bushell at Flintshire County Council.

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

(A) Planning Application FUL/000186/22 High Croft, Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EN.  
Retrospective – garden/decking area.

After consideration and discussion, the clerk was instructed to object to this retrospective application, given the loss of privacy it has created for neighbours.

**RESOLVED: To object to the retrospective planning application.**

**13. The time and date of the next meeting 11 January 7.00pm at Ysgol Y Waun.**