

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

4 October 2023 / 6 Hydref 2023

1. To record attendance (B) To record apologies

Councillors: Ruth Appleton, Adrian Barsby, David Bolton, Rob Challinor, Richard Davies, Peter Eaton, Arthur Orme, Ian Newman, George Tattum.

(B) Apologies – None. **In attendance:** Mrs Kay Roberts – Clerk to the Council.

3. To approve minutes of the 6 September meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Challinor and signed by the Chair, Cllr. Ruth Appleton as an accurate record.

4. To receive any matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Bolton enquired about the principal of the majority vote *not to stand at the July meeting in relation to the request for an exception for Cilcain/Gwernaffield road (excluding the 20mph zone near the school) as he was not in attendance at the September meeting. The Chair clarified that this was a late correspondence received some hours before the July meeting, and therefore was not an agenda item. This was raised post the meeting by a community councillor as any such vote being contestable. This was discussed and options including an extraordinary meeting considered by the Chair and duly raised with the monitoring officer by the clerk, who agreed that items not on the agenda should not be debated. Therefore a decision was made to revisit this item at a future meeting, if required when it can be itemised on the agenda and is therefore transparent.

Some points voiced were potential for increased pollution and traffic issues due to slower speeds. A clear, concise and informed case would need to be considered and supported by members of the community council as was agreed at the July meeting. The clerk provided an overview of exceptions criteria including roads that could be considered to remain at 30pmh.

It was agreed to leave the community council owned speed traffic monitors at 20mph, they are insured and provide a prompt to drivers who are adjusting their speeds due to new legislation.

Cllr. Bolton stated he believed *this decision, had future implications for decision making for late items which may arrive in time to be placed on the agenda. For example, a planning application. This is an important consideration when revisiting and adopting future standing orders.

Some members voiced their discontent about feeling disempowered by Flintshire County Council and Welsh Government in their roles and this is something they will personally consider at the end of their term of office.

Play Areas

The clerk provided feedback from the response received by Mr Richard Roberts about risk assessments by Aura Play and Leisure Services to confirm these take place regularly and the clerk has now contacted Flintshire County Council insurer and valuation and estates and awaits a response.

Community Fund Application to Dŵr Cymru

Dŵr Cymru feedback - the clerk had circulated information to state an outline proposal / application has been submitted to Dŵr Cymru Community Fund for £4,000 toward two historical information boards in each village depicting the history / flora and fauna of the area. The clerk will update a future meeting once a decision is received. Councillors Barsby, Bolton and Tattum will make up the Environment and Community Projects Sub Committee with Cllr. Tattum taking the lead for the historical input.

Multi Location Meetings

The clerk confirmed a Juice adaptor has been purchased to enable virtual access to meetings if requested, to ensure a person and hear and be heard.

Coppy Farm – Orange Mesh Tape/Temporary Fencing

Following the last meeting, Cllr. Coggins Cogan emailed the council to confirm he did not wish to act as an intermediary between the owner of Coppy Farm and the Community Council. Therefore the clerk sent a letter directly to Mr Tim Holt explaining from a community council point of view, what action needed to be taken to lessen a preventable road accident by livestock escaping onto the road. A fencing that was “fit for purpose” as soon as practicably possible. There has to date been no response from Mr Holt.

5. To receive any Streetscene Matters.

6. To discuss further updates from Flintshire County Council on the Welsh Government 20 mph roll out including updated exceptions information.

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/20mph/National-Rollout/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>

On this occasion. This item was discussed in matters arising, see above.

7. To receive any updates from Representatives (Sub Committees, Liaison & Meetings Attended.) See agenda item 8.

7a. To review and confirm leads for Sub Committees – Planning, Events and Road Safety, Street Lighting and Street Furniture.)

The membership of each group was reviewed and new councillors allocated to a sub committee. The clerk reminded members to consider a renewed terms of reference to outline the scope and limitations of each group.

8. To discuss the forthcoming Community Council Annual Scarecrow Competition 2023 entries by 31 October 2023.

The clerk distributed A4 posters to councillors to pin up and said the banners would be going up later this week. The Rhual Dairy would be donating straw too via Ysgol Y Waun and themselves – see dates on poster and community council website.

8a. To discuss and agree the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch at Mold Golf Club including this year’s prices for 11 December 2023 at 1pm.

Cllr Bolton has liaised with Mr Steve Quinn, new chef at Mold Golf Club re. the Christmas lunch. Mold Golf Club is still the main venue which will provide food in the villages for up to 100 or more people and comments are often received about the joining of both villages at one event being pleasant. The clerk provided information on the events budget. All agreed to the increase to £15.00 for the 3-course meal for senior citizens living in Gwernaffield and Pantywryn they would pay £5.00 and the community council would pay £10.00.

Entertainment was discussed, some councillors knew of those who may be able to offer a band and or a singer for entertainment. Councillors to come back to the next meeting with further information and any costs involved to inform a decision going forward.

RESOLVED: The community council would contribute £10.00 towards a residents Christmas Lunch. The resident would contribute £5.00.

If tickets were available others would be considered from outside the village but would have to pay the full price of £15.00.

Local Councillors, who are senior citizens, would need to pay £5.00 toward their meal.

The clerk would organise A4 posters and tickets in readiness for the 1 November meeting.

8b. To receive and consider the Streetlighting quote from Scottish Power for the work to be completed at Y Waen, Gwernaffield.

The clerk advised a quote had been received for full works by SP Energy Networks £2,733.51 (of which £455.59 can be reclaimed as VAT)

The column replacement and removal quote is awaited from Deeco Lighting who have been a previous tried and tested local supplier.

Given the length of time waiting and the need to progress this project it was agreed the clerk should proceed with SP Energy Networks for the full works provider for the area and liaise with them and Deeco Lighting to enable this maintenance and renewal work to take place as soon as practically possible as it has been for some time since being identified by Flintshire County Council as outstanding. The amount would fall within that budgeted for streetlighting and maintenance back in January 2023.

9. To receive the schedule of October accounts for payment. 9a. To receive an update on the last 6 months of income / expenditure. (1 April 2023 – 30 September 2023)

October	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
	K.Roberts	Salary and HOA		705.63
	HMRC	PAYE		176.20
	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity		598.84
	HSBC	Account charge		5.00
	Wall Signs (NW) Ltd	Updated Scarecrow Banners 2023		55.20
	*Kay Roberts ®	Scarecrow Event - Prize money x 3 winners		50.00

*The clerk would ensure prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the scarecrow competition would be available following the 31 October deadline and would then seek to reimburse herself accordingly.

10. To receive an update on the two-community council commemorative boards from Councillor Orme and their future locations.

Cllr. Orme would liaise with relevant councillors to have a board placed back at Pantymwyn Village Hall and a new location of Gwernaffield Church Hall.

11. To agree the future way forward for the Community Council's newsletter 2023.

A discussion took place regarding the future direction of the community council newsletter for 2024. It was agreed Cllr. Appleton and Cllr. Eaton would meet with Mr Trevor Arnold Editor of Mold Connections to discuss any assistance he may be able to provide in 2024

12. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

12a. To receive the amended Standing Orders from One Voice Wales including options for dealing with urgent business for the agenda.

It was agreed by members present that more time and consideration was required before adopting these documents, which was not available now at this meeting.

12b. To receive an email from Mr Jason Parry, Cefn Mawr Quarry Manager inviting councillors for a tour of the quarry in October on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 1.00pm - 2.30pm and 4.00pm - 5.30pm. To advise the clerk of day preference if interested.

10c. To receive the Flintshire Play Development Summer Playscheme 2023 report.

The clerk had circulated this in advance of the meeting. Flintshire County Council have suggested a rotation of venue between Gwernaffield Park and the Scout Field and this will be considered nearer the time. Number attending had decreased from previous year; it was noted the weather generally affects attendance and this was a particularly wet summer.

13. To receive any (A) Planning Applications (B) Planning Decisions

Planning Application Consultation - Ref No: FUL/000806/23, PROPOSAL: Replacement dwelling, Substitute house type from existing approval. Location: Lynwood, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EP.

Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council have no objections to the planning application. The fact that it has been reduced from 3 to 2 stories also reduces the impact it would have on adjacent properties.