

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6 September 2023 / 6 Medi 2023

1. To record attendance (B) To record apologies

Councillors: Ruth Appleton, Rob Challinor, Peter Eaton, George Tattum.

(B) Apologies – David Bolton, Adrian Barsby, Arthur Orme, Richard Davies and Ian Newman.

In attendance: Mrs Kay Roberts – Clerk to the Council.

2. To approve the minutes of 5 July Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr. Appleton and seconded by Cllr. Eaton and signed by the Chair as an accurate record. (3) To receive any matters arising from the minutes.

3. To receive any Streetscene Matters.

An overgrown hedge blocking a speed sign was reported at Trial Hill. The clerk would report to Streetscene.

5. To receive and discuss a further update as at 23 August 2023 from Flintshire County Council on the Welsh Government 20 mph roll

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

The clerk had circulated further information from Flintshire County Council to members.

At the July community council meeting, a vote was taken on whether to request an exception to the 20 mph to request retaining the 30 mph for Gwernaffield Road and Cilcain Road. A majority vote was taken to request an exception and for the Street Lighting and Road Safety Sub Committee to liaise with the clerk going forward. The validity of this vote was brought into question post the meeting. The information re. the WG 20 mph roll out and exceptions had been received on the afternoon of the last meeting in July, this was not on the agenda and although accepted by the Chair, as late correspondence a vote therefore would be invalid. This was verified by the clerk with Flintshire County Councils Monitoring Officer. The vote whether to request for an exception to the 20mph from County to the main road through Gwernaffield/Pantymwyn, (excluding the area around the school.) As there is no deadline to request an exception the Chair suggested in this instance members assist to monitor the impact in their community, if a negative case of implementation can be raised which is clear and concise and meets the Welsh Government's exception's criteria a future vote/decision for an exception would be placed as an item for the agenda. More information is coming to light which may assist locally based evidence decisions. It was also agreed a future review of the Standing Orders and dealing with Urgent Business may be a useful future agenda item.

The 3 locally owned community council speed radars would be adjusted to 20mph by 17 September 2023 and it is hoped these will continue to raise local driver awareness as it currently does.

6. To receive any Police Matters - The Hand Inn, Gwernaffield - report of anti-social behaviour.

The community council had spoken with PC Kelly Nash, who had agreed to have a PC/PCSO walk around the area at times when residents had indicated where and when most antisocial behaviour was occurring. Since this time there has not been anymore future reports of antisocial behaviour. There were reports of a car having eggs thrown at it in Cae Gafna, Gwernaffield and Gnomes / markings being based outside certain homes thought to convey messages of empty homes. It was agreed to inform residents to contact the police directly if they have any ongoing concerns.

7. To receive any updates from Representatives (Sub Committees, Liaison & Meetings Attended.) 7a. To confirm leads for Sub Committees – Planning, Events and Street Lighting.

Despite review in May of membership of the sub committees and people indicating which groups they wanted to be part of, as there are new members this would be reviewed at the October meeting as would the terms of reference of each group.

8. To consider information from Mr Richard Roberts, Aura Play and Leisure Services regarding options for improvements to Pantymwyn Play Area including information on park access improvements.

The clerk had circulated information in advance of suggested replacement equipment and subsequently access improvements and associated costs. Following a lengthy discussion, members agreed it would be prudent to make enquiries with Flintshire County Council Valuation and Estates re. Pantymwyn Park which may impact on its future prior to further investment by the community council.

Furthermore, queries were raised in relation to Park Insurance and Risk Assessment going forward, to be addressed with Flintshire County Council. The clerk would raise these queries, in the first instance with Mr Richard Roberts.

9. To receive the schedule of August/September accounts for payment.

AUGUST	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
	K.Roberts	Salary and Home Office Allowance		705.63
	HMRC	PAYE		176.20
	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity	98.53	591.20
	HSBC	Account charge		5.00
	Kay Roberts	Currys - Office Printer and inks.		103.98

It was noted that the office printer required replacement and this was approved by the Chair and Vice Chair prior during the recess period. This would be an asset of the community councils.

Confirmation of monthly regular Standing Orders - clerk's salary and a monthly direct debit for Scottish Power.

SEPTEMBER	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
	K.Roberts	Salary and Home Office Allowance		705.63
	HMRC	PAYE		176.20
	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity	103.08	618.47
	HSBC	Account charge		5.00
	Flintshire CC	Summer PlayScheme x 3 weeks		1,595.80
	Kay Roberts	Office Stationery		8.99
	Mr D Kynaston	Commemorative / Honours Board		180
	TBC	Juice Adaptor to enable virtual meetings		TBC 15.00

Other items agreed at the meeting – a remembrance wreath from RBL (£28.98), financial assistance toward Holy Trinity Church Soup Kitchen (£100) and JRB Enterprise Ltd for 2 cases of biodegradable dog waste bags for both villages (£76.68.)

The payments were approved by Cllr. Appleton and seconded by Cllr Eaton and agreed by members present.

9a. To consider the request for a juice adaptor to assist in the holding of virtual meetings.

This item was proposed by Cllr. Ruth Appleton and seconded by Cllr. George Tattum. It was suggested in inclement weather in particular the use of virtual meetings would be helpful.

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

Cllr. Orme has had both two boards inscriptions updated. He has suggestions on future hanging of the boards at the community centres, this will be followed up at the next meeting as he was not present.

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

This item would be deferred until the October meeting. It was suggested that a refocus on primarily sharing community council activity was important.

12. To explore and confirm ideas for an application to the Dŵr Cymru Community Fund for a community project.

A discussion took place and it was suggested an application with assistance from councillors including Cllr. Barsby, Cllr. Bolton and Cllr. Tattum be submitted to acquire historical notice boards for Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn. The deadline is the end of the month and members agreed work taking place on the application and an update provided at the next meeting.

13. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

13a. To receive a letter from the Royal British Legion, thanking the community council for their support in 2022 and to consider the order of a wreath for remembrance day 2023.

RESOLVED: The clerk was requested to order a wreath from the Royal British Legion to be laid for Remembrance Day.

13b. To receive the amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations from One Voice Wales.

13c. To consider options for dealing with urgent business for the agenda.

This item was agreed to be deferred to a future meeting.

13d. To receive a request from The Holy Trinity Church for financial assistance toward their monthly soup lunch on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

The completed financial assistance form was considered and it was proposed by Cllr. Challinor and seconded by Cllr. Peter Eaton to award £100 financial assistance toward the monthly soup lunch, in particular for them to purchase a slow cooker and kitchen equipment.

RESOLVED: The clerk to inform and administer £100 financial assistance to Holy Trinity Church toward the monthly soup kitchen.

13e. To receive an invite from the Major of Mold to attend her Civic Service – “A celebration of Community” – St Davids RC Church, St David's Lane, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1LH. RSVP 22 September 2023.

RESOLVED: Vice Chair, Councillor Barsby would attend this event, this would be RSVP by the clerk.

13f. To receive a letter from Theatr Clwyd requesting financial assistance to help toward raising funds for their new building. Received: no further action.

13g. To receive an invite (via County Councillor Coggins Cogan) to a site meeting with Mr Tim Holt, owner of Coppy Farm, Gwernaffield.

The invite to Copsy Farm was discussed, it was agreed as appropriate action speaking to relevant officers about community concerns had already taken place and the action now required, a “fit for purpose” fencing to be erected had been conveyed a site visit would not be required. The clerk was asked to respond to the County Councillor.

14. Summary of main information/emails sent to all Councillors in recess.

Flintshire local area energy plan – stakeholder workshop 22 September 2023 from Danial Evans, Energy Project Officer.

A reminder - Update to Reporting any livestock upon the highway in the future on either 101 or [Live chat | North Wales Police](#) Live as advised via PC David Allen.

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

Application to lop, top fell TPO. Approved August 2023. The Conifers, Cefn Bychan Crossroads To Pantybuarth Crossroads, Pant Y Buarth, Gwernaffield, CH7 5HY. Approved – August 2023.

NMA/000674/23 Lynwood, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EP Proposal for non-material amendment to planning reference: 059228. Refused - August 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.