

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2019 AT YSGOL Y WAUN.

1. **(A) Attendance** – Cllrs: J Elcock, R Hughes (Chairman), K Johnson (Vice Chair), R Morgan, J Roberts, G Tattum.

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(B) Apologies – Cllrs: K Armstrong, D Coggins Cogan, D Bolton.

In attendance: County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke and Mrs K Roberts - Clerk.

Public Gallery: 1 resident of Pantymwyn.

3. To record any declaration of interest from members

A declaration of interest at item 7 by Cllr. Richard Hughes as the letter requesting the financial assistance for The Holy Trinity Church was signed by their treasurer Mrs Shirley Hughes his spouse. Mr Richard Hughes left the room and took no part in the voting when this item was considered by members.

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 11 September 2019.

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Cllr. K Johnson and seconded by Cllr. R Morgan and recorded as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5. To consider matters arising from the minutes 11 September 2019.

No matters arising.

6. Chairman's Communications

A local resident had attended about the Local Development Plan following receipt of information. The Chairman explained this was not a meeting about the local development plan however the public consultation was out for 6 weeks from 30 September – 11 November 2019, information is on Flintshire County Councils website and in local libraries to enable people to make representation.

The clerk suggested a vase to be purchased locally for the former Councillor Lynne Pritchard, cost was discussed and given her time of over 30 years as both Chair and Councillor and commitment it was agreed to purchase the £54.95 from Shelia Williams in Mold. This was proposed by Cllr R Edwards and seconded by Cllr Richard Hughes with all members in agreement.

RESOLVED: The clerk to purchase a leaver gift for the former long standing Councillor Lynne Pritchard.

5a. The Chairman welcomed the new councillor Rob Edwards for Gwernaffield ward to the meeting and invited him to sign his declaration of office which was duly signed by the clerk, Mrs Kay Roberts.

RESOLVED: Community Councillor Rob Edwards signed his declaration of office, which was witnessed by the clerk.

5b. Following notification from the County elections office the clerk has spoken with the Chairman and reported there are now two vacancies which can be co-opted for the Gwernaffield ward. Relevant notices will go up in due course. The clerk requested that any individual who meets the criteria should email an expression of interest for the attention of the clerk which will be considered at a future meeting.

7. To discuss and consider Streetscene Matters

The clerk had followed up outstanding matters including the Japanese Knotweed with Mr A Lightfoot, Streetscene Co-ordinator who is currently on leave.

The clerk reported two residents contacting her to report faulty LED lights on Cefn Bychan Road opposite Torview now dealt with. The second street lights was reported as still flickering at the crossroads at Pantybuarth and has been reported again.

Also a streetlight on Cefn Bychan Road was reported as being obscured by a nearby tree.

Speed limit 20mph signage in Gwernaffield was overgrown and required cutting back.

Weeds and growth on the new path from Gwernaffield to Mold – this has been escalated by Mr Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene Co-ordinator to ensure it gets the attention and work it requires.

Cllr. Johnson has reported to Streetscene, problems with vehicles from the nearby yard at Bryn Road parking along the road.

Concerns were expressed about Caer Gafna footpath, Gwernaffield - trees from a property hanging overhead; a local resident had grazed his head.

RESOLVED: The clerk to raise these matters with Streetscene at Flintshire County Council.

8. To consider the next stage of Investment into the Gwernaffield Playing Fields/Park in partnership with Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields for 2019/2020 and in conjunction with Aura Play and Leisure Services match funding.

Cllr Richard Hughes, the clerk and Lynne Pritchard who is representing Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields (FOGPF) met on 27 September 2019 at the park with Mr Richard Roberts of Aura to discuss the next stage of investment at Gwernaffield Park/Playing Fields.

Some Community Council members had expressed concern about safety surfacing coming to the end of its natural life. However, Mr Richard Roberts reassured members this was satisfactory.

FOGPF had suggested a basket swing and rotabounce to replace the pendulum equipment in the corner of the park area.

The surfacing by the football goal was worn and required replacing and a quote was requested for a new goal.

Mr Richard Roberts, Aura had provided quotes to provide 3 new pieces of play equipment mentioned and new surfacing by the goal would be £7,500. This would require £2,500 from the community council and up to £5,000 from FOGPF. This can be match funded by Aura - £7,500.

The clerk briefed members on the budget for playing fields/areas £1,000 2019.2020. This would mean £1,500 from reserves. Councillor Edwards proposed £2,500 from the Community Council toward this was seconded by Councillor J Roberts.

Members expressed their satisfaction in seeing the improvements in Gwernaffield Park over the years with investment from the Community Council and FOGPF.

RESOLVED: The clerk to confirm with Mr Richard Roberts, Aura Play and Leisure an agreement of £2,500 for the 3 new pieces of play equipment and safety surfacing by a replacement goal in partnership with FOGPF.

9. Public meeting – residents’ concerns of speeding through the villages.

Cllr. Richard Hughes has had confirmation Councillor Carolyn Thomas, can attend the provisional 4 December 2019 meeting. The clerk will follow up with a representative from Flintshire County Council Road Safety Unit. Cllr. Kate Johnson has confirmed the police will be in attendance. This will be an item on the November Agenda.

10. Summer PlayScheme – statistical report from County

In advance of the meeting the clerk had distributed the statistical report from County demonstrating good usage by local children. The different venue appeared to work well, however there was a comment from a parent about lack of shade during a very hot week. The food in particular was well received by the young people who attended. Overall the scheme appeared to work well, primarily for the younger age group 5-9 years of age.

11. Community Events – by the Community Council

Councillor Johnson gave a brief overview of forthcoming community events including the scarecrow competition. Much time had been the community council newsletter, following the resignation of Lynne Pritchard. The newsletter will be distributed shortly.

Tickets for the 2 December Senior Citizens Christmas meal will be on sale at £5.00 from the Post Office in Pantymwyn.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Johnson for their work to date.

12. Clerk’s Update and Correspondence

Holy Trinity Church, Gwernaffield – Ground Maintenance

(Cllr. Richard Hughes left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting process)

The clerk read out the letter received from Holy Trinity Church requesting financial assistance of £1,000 toward ground maintenance which in 2018 cost of £11,174.25 of which G&P CC contributed £1,000 in 2018/2019. This was discussed and debated.

A proposal by Councillor J Roberts and seconded by Councillor R Edwards that £1,000 financial contribution be made to ground maintenance of the Holy Trinity Church.

RESOLVED: That the community council make £1,000 contribution to Holy Trinity Church, Gwernaffield for ground maintenance in 2019/2020.

13. To receive comments from councillors regarding the review of electoral arrangements for the county of Flintshire draft proposals before 27 November 2019.

Overall, members were pleased with the proposal that Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn were not going to be separated as had been their request in community council’s submission. However, it was unclear how two County Councillors would work the larger ward of Gwernaffield, Gwernymyndd and Nercwys and as such they asked the clerk to submit a letter to this effect and confirm the request for the status quo.

RESOLVED: The clerk write to the local democracy and boundary commission for Wales to clarify proposals.

14. Planning Applications (A) Decisions (B).

(A) 060382 Larkfield, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EN. Proposal: Construction of dormer extension to rear and replacement sun roof.

Following consideration and discussion, no objections were raised.

RESOLVED: No objections.

(B) Planning Application Reference: 060175 Proposal: Erection of office Location: Erw Deg, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EW. **Flintshire County Council Decision – Approved.**

15. Approval of accounts for payment.

The clerk brief members on a matter with the bank's "sweep" account due to a change at HSBC. To avoid this occurrence in the future the clerk will keep sufficient funds in the current account from the savings account.

In advance of the meeting the clerk had circulated a six month income and expenditure spreadsheet from the period 1 April 2019 – 30 September 2019 demonstrating an income of £24,413.92 and expenditure of £19,724.18.

The clerk explained fluctuations in PAYE to HMRC for an underpayment in PAYE in June and payment of Class 1 national insurance contributions in July. Greater expenditure in community street lighting renewal £9,600 against £8,000 following the agreement to accelerate the final phase of the renewal project in May 2019.

Councillor Edwards asked what did the Member's Annual Allowance relate to? The clerk advised the new councillor this was a £150 annual allowance given at the time of the May AGM to councillors for costs incurred due to postage, calls any printing etc they may do in their role as now required by The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Councillors can receive or choose to forfeit this allowance annually. There were no further comments.

OCTOBER				
SO	K. Roberts	Clerk's Salary/HOA		696.12
DD	Scottish Power	Electricity	27.36	164.18
100956	Scarecrow Comp Prizes	Community Event		50
100957	Fineline	1,000 newsletters		209.09
100958	Holy Trinity Church	Gwernaffield		1000
100959	L.Pritchard	Leaver Gift (long standing)		50.00

16. The Next Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on 6 November 2019, Community Centre, Ysgol Y Waun.

Cllr. Elcock raised about some dark spots on the village roads and it was agreed to review Street Lighting at the November meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm