

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT YSGOL Y WAUN.

1. (A) **Attendance** - J Elcock, R Hughes (Chairman), K Johnson (Vice Chair), R Morgan, J Tattum

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(B) **Apologies** – Cllr. D Bolton, Jackie Roberts,

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

3. **To record any declaration of interest from members**

None from members.

4. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 10 July 2019.**

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by and seconded by and recorded as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5. **To consider matters arising from the minutes 10 July 2019.**

The clerk reported no information was received from the resident who attended the public gallery at the July meeting.

Page 1 The Chair reported Thomas Fattorini had updated the chain of office collarette which is worn at various events.

6. **Chairman's Communications**

The clerk read out a letter received from Cllr. Lynne Pritchard at the beginning of the meeting advising of her resignation having spent 30 years serving the community and as Chair of the community council. Members offered their thanks for Cllr. Pritchard's work and the significant contribution she has made demonstrating her commitment and support for the community and inspiring for the new councillors.

7. **To co-opt for the Community Councillor Vacancy – the clerk to read out any expressions of interest and a vote from members to take place.**

The clerk read out one expression of interest received from a Mr Robin Edwards. This nomination was proposed by Cllr. Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. Coggins Cogan. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

RESOLVED: The clerk to officially invite Mr R Edwards to take up the community council position for the Gwernaffield Ward at the 2 October meeting.

8. **To discuss and consider Streetscene Matters**

The clerk has chased outstanding matters including the Japanese Knotweed with Mr Lightfoot who is currently on leave.

The clerk reported two residents contacting her to report faulty LED lights on Cefn Bychan Road opposite Tor view, not dealt with and the light still flickering at the crossroads at Pantybuarth has been reported again as it is still problematic.

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

The hedge at Lloyds bungalow requires cutting back. Cllr. Morgan will informally speak with the relevant person prior to any contact with Streetscene.

9. The Community Council Newsletter – to review its distribution and content.

Due to Cllr. Pritchard's resignation she will not be completing the newsletter anymore. Cllr. Armstrong proposed the Events Sub Group take on this task this was seconded by Cllr Rod Morgan. Relevant information will be shared to the events sub group to enable them to take on this role. The next newsletter is due out in October.

10. To receive an update on the Community Bus Service.

Cllr. Johnson reported Ruth Cartwright has confirmed the N0 6 bus service will continue until the end of Dec 2019 at which point it will be reviewed. Cllr. Johnson will share this on the community Facebook page and on the Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community website.

11. 12a Consider the £20.00 Annual Fee for the small society lottery licence – this was not required in 2019 and the clerk was asked to cancel the licence at the present time.

12. To consider proposals for a Public Meeting to consider residents' concerns about traffic speeding through the villages.

A provisional date of 4 December 2019 (TBC) at the earlier time of 6.30pm before the main council meeting was discussed. Representatives of Streetscene, Road Safety and the Police have been contacted as councillors believe it is important to have them present. The clerk will check school community room availability.

County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke circulated information on a previous Flintshire County Council review of speed limits for councillors' information.

13. To review and receive feedback on the County Playscheme 2019.

The County statistical report on usage by children is awaited but those who attended the scheme said it appeared well used, reported it helpful having access to toilets and were impressed with the food. The clerk has requested the report from County for the 2 October 2019 meeting.

14. Update from the Community Events Group – including feedback on the Treasure Hunt.

13a The clerk was informed by Cllr Bolton that 20 teams took part from The Crown and the event went well.

13b Scarecrow Competition 2019 – will take place on 5/6 October 2019. Cllr. Coggins Cogan will not now lead on this event.

13c Community Awards Update – two nominations to date, councillors to encourage more to applications from groups.

15. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

Email from Tracey Cunnew, PA to the Flintshire County Council Chief Executive regarding a Joint Meeting of the Standards Committee and Town and Community Councils on Monday 30 September at 6pm. The clerk confirmed the venue will be Caerwys Town Hall for councillors interested to attend.

Letter from Richard Roberts – Match Funding Scheme Improvements to Children's Play Areas 2019/2020. An expression of interest from the community council should be provided to Mr Richard Roberts, Aura Play and Leisure by 30 September 2019.

Councillor Pritchard reported two pieces of equipment the basket swing and rota bounce which are being considered by Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Field (FOGPF), she wishes to continue to be the link person between FOGPF and the community council. There is presently £4,200 in the FOGPF bank account following a small grant they have received.

The Chair, Vice Chair and clerk had visited the park and suggested some of the safety surfacing was looking worn underneath some of the older play equipment.

The clerk will contact Mr Richard Roberts at Aura with a view to a meeting to decide on the best expression of interest to put forward to continue to invest in the park.

RESOLVED: The clerk to contact Mr Richard Roberts (AURA) to confirm a meeting at the Gwernaffield Park.

Letter from Salli Edwards, Chief Executive Flintshire Citizens Advice on a Proposed Rural Project – Support for Rural Advice Service

It was agreed there is no similar information or advice service in the villages. It is evident that the impact of welfare report is making it difficult for families on low incomes and promoting the service would help families. **RESOLVED: Cllrs. Agreed to support the project by distribution of relevant information. The clerk to report to Flintshire CAB.**

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

Planning Application Reference: 060130 PROPOSAL: Proposed alterations, extension and provision of dormer bedrooms. LOCATION: Homefield, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EN. (No objs. submitted). (B) The clerk reported this application has been approved.

Planning Application Reference: 060175 Proposal: Erection of office Location: Erw Deg, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EW. Circulated in recess – objections submitted. The clerk reported this application is currently being considered.

Cllr. Adele Davies Cooke reported the Coppy Farm Application has been handed back to Flintshire County Council from the Welsh Assembly and it is unlikely to go to the Planning and Development Control Committee until October 2019.

17. Approval of accounts for payment.

August SO	K.Roberts	Salary & Expenses		696.12
DD	Scottish Power	electricity	28.26	169.57

16a approve and accept the annual return and report from BDO external auditors for the financial year 2018/2019.

The clerk reported BDO have confirmed this is still with the final reviewer at BDO. The clerk, having spoken with the auditors can confirm they have no major issues to report, just a backlog of returns delaying their progress.

16b To receive the bank reconciliation for 1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019.

The clerk reported income for the quarter £13,414 inclusive of the second precept payment, VAT reclaim and bank interest. Expenditure for the quarter £16,587, greater expenditure than usual due to the final phase of the LED renewal project being accelerated and thus completed. Bank Statement as at 30 June £20,809.30.

18. The Next Meeting will take place at 7.00pm on 2 October 2019, Community Centre, Ysgol Y Waun.