

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYMWYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 APRIL 2019 AT GWERNAFFIELD CHURCH VESTRY.

1. (A) ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS: D BOLTON, D COGGINS COGAN, J ELCOCK, R HUGHES (CHAIRMAN), K JOHNSON (VICE CHAIR), L PRITCHARD, JACKIE ROBERTS, JUSTIN ROBERTS, G TATTUM AND C THOMAS.

(B) APOLOGIES

COUNCILLORS: K ARMSTRONG

NON ATTENDANCE: Cllr. R MORGAN

IN ATTENDANCE: MRS K ROBERTS - CLERK.

2. To record any declaration of interest from members

None. The clerk left the room during the discussion of Planning Matters (Application Reference Consultation: 059782).

3. To approve the meeting of the meeting on 6 March 2019.

The last minutes were proposed by Cllr. L Pritchard and seconded by Cllr. D Bolton and duly signed as an accurate record by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

(6 March 2019 minutes Page 1 Item 5) Following reports from some residents of discarded household waste items in the villages from recycling vehicles, the clerk has received an email in response to the community council voicing residents' concerns from Mr S Jones, Chief Officer for Streetscene and transportation stating he will speak with the Streetscene Coordinator - Mr Andy Lightfoot and the Waste supervisor to inspect the area after the next couple of waste collections. They can then jointly speak to the crews involved and Mr Lightfoot can arrange any additional cleansing operations that may be necessary as a result.

Mr S Jones also responded to the community council's query about defining in his letter what is considered "in times of prolonged snow and ice priority 2 routes will be treated once the priority 1 routes are clear". Mr Jones responded to say the decision to move to Priority 2 routes is made by the Duty Manager and this is made in circumstances where snow or ice are lying on footways and carriageways either locally or across the entire County.

It was emphasised to all Councillors present that if residents report difficulties during snow/ice to report immediately to Streetscene who will act accordingly.

5. Chairman's Communications

a. Feedback on the clerk's annual appraisal from 20 March 2019

The Chairman confirmed a positive annual appraisal had taken place with the clerk and shared the clerk's objectives for 2019/2020. It was agreed from April 2019 to increase the clerk's weekly working hours from 11 to 12 per week on the NJC scale from point 23 to point 24.

RESOLVED: That the clerk work 12 hours per week from 1 April 2019 at NJC scale point 24.

b. Chairman's chain of office.

The Chairman displayed the chain of office which was heavy and old. It was agreed a lighter and more practical chain for the pendant would be sourced for community engagement events in the future.

The Chairman also briefed members about the Community Centre Management Committee following a meeting with Mr John Williams, Deputy Head at Ysgol Y Waun. Mr Williams reported the Management Committee doesn't meet regularly. However, it was thought a meeting with the Management Committee might be useful this can be considered.

6. To discuss and consider Streetscene Matters

The clerk feedback that in relation to rumble strips being repainted they are not something which Mr lightfoot advised County are doing due and that Mr S Jones is not in favour of rumble strips going forward.

6a To receive and consider information (appendix a) proposing options for a digital display unit/speed monitoring for Pantymwyn.

The clerk had circulated this information in advance of this meeting to all councillors. After detailed discussion and debate about the options available. It was agreed by all present that Cllr. Justin Roberts would enquire about the option of a portable speed unit and report back at the June meeting post the AGM and general meeting in May.

Cllr. Bolton reported he is liaising with Gallagher's (sub contractors for Scottish Power) who have been upgrading some of the cables and poles for the lighting as their work has left some street lights with faults.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Justin Roberts will enquire and report back on a portable speed unit at the June meeting.

7. To receive an update from Flintshire County Council on local bus services in the villages.

The clerk referred to correspondence from Mrs Ruth Cartwright, Streetscene and Transportation at Flintshire County Council received earlier that day that the N06 bus service, Mold – Pantymwyn would be continued with a subsidy until the end of June 2019 and operated by Townlynx on the current timetable. Mrs Cartwright, apologised for the uncertainty surround the

withdrawal but they wish to ensure every effort is made to manage any change of service. In the short-term the intention is to withdraw the funding. The clerk will post this information on the notice board section of the community council website.

A councillor noted not being in favour of buses in/out of the village if they were not being well utilised by residents as this pollutes the environment unnecessarily.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Richard Hughes, Chairman will contact Cllr. Carolyn Thomas, Streetscene and Transportation to express the community councils concern.

8. To discuss and consider improvements to children's play areas in the villages 2018/2019.

A thorough discussion took place about childrens play areas (both in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn). Following discussion with Mr Richard Roberts at Aura, the community council understand Pantymwyn play area, is leased from an individual and payment is made each year from Flintshire County Council. Security of tenure is limited to each year and FCC/Aura would not commit to invest match funding on this site at present. The match funding offered of £5,000 is specific to Gwernaffield Play Area and this was agreed to be matched by Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council. In this instance for a stainless steel slide (multi features). The clerk to clarify costings with Mr Richard Roberts at Aura for the stainless steel slide, with square tower and climbing wall.

RESOLVED: Majority vote (2 abstentions) to agree to the installation of the stainless steel slide (as above) within the allocated community council budget.

9. To consider the Community Events Programme 2019.

In the absence of Cllr. Karen Armstrong, Chair of the events committee. Cllr. Kate Johnson confirmed she is making plans for the community litter pick on 11 May 2019.

Location of the event shelters needed to be clarified.

10. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

To discuss a letter from Gill Evans CND Cymru - information on geological disposal facilities to host underground nuclear waste.

RESOLVED: Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council unanimously agreed not to volunteer to host an underground nuclear waste dump.

A letter from Llyr Gruffydd AM, Chair Finance Committee Welsh Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Future Audit Arrangements for Community Councils.

The clerk referred to a letter by the Welsh Audit Office noting BDO, external auditors had made an administrative error which in charging for audit for 2016/17 and 2017/18 audits and as a result a small credit typically less than £10 would be applied to the council account for each financial year.

During the month information on best kept communities was circulated to all Councillors electronically.

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

(abandon standing orders to allow consideration)

Planning Application Consultation Ref: 059782 Cartref, Hafod Moor, Gwernaffield, CH7 5ET. Not on the Agenda because formal notification to the community council had not been provided as yet. However, the comments deadline online is already running so necessary to discuss at this meeting. Brought to the community councils attention by a concerned resident. This is an outline application for a dwelling on Hafod Moor which is outside the village settlement envelope. Access is very poor on a rough unadopted lane with no turning facility giving genuine concern about the effect of yet more traffic and risk to access for emergency vehicles.

RESOLVED: To submit the aforementioned objections to County.

(Reinstate standing orders)

12. Approval of accounts for payment.

DD	Scottish Power	Electricity (street lights)	VAT 48.41	390.45
100924	Came and Company	Annual Insurance		631.40
100925	K.Roberts	Salary (difference)		184.13
100926	HMRC	PAYE		18.20
100927	Deeco Lighting	January-March 2019		783.25
100928	Lynne Pritchard	Newsletter (Instant Print)		171.00
100929	N Kettle	Scarecrow Prize 2		15.00
100930	Info Commissioner	Annual Registration		40.00

9a. To receive the full Year Bank Reconciliation 2018/2019.

The clerk briefed members on the full year bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2019. Annual income was £35,330.44 and annual expenditure was £29,713.81. The bank reconciliation was £23,632.39. This was duly signed by the Chairman. The accounts will now under go independent internal audit by JDH Business Supplies.

The clerk reported on 3 unresented cheques in the full year bank reconciliation. One resident had claimed not to have received a cheque from the scarecrow event, in this case and as a one off councillors agreed this could be reissued. The clerk advised she understood HSBC's stance is that cheques are legally valid for up to six years - even though most banks usually consider them as "stale" after six months. Going forward the community council will consider a cheque to have timed out after 6 months and will be considered null and void.

9b. To provide an information/update on the community council annual insurance.

The clerk, in line with the financial regulations received 3 quotes from Hiscox £1,000, Came and Company £631 and Zurich £699. After discussion and comparison it was decided the annual insurance would be taken with Came and Company who provided a competitive insurance premium at £631 inclusive of play equipment on Gwernaffield Playing Fields.

13. The Next Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will take place on 22 May 2019, Community Centre, Ysgol Y Waun.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00PM.

COUNCILLOR COGGINS COGAN LEFT PART WAY THROUGH THE MEETING.