

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

6 March 2024 / 6 March 2024

1. To record attendance (B) To record apologies

Councillors: Dave Bolton, Rob Challinor, Peter Eaton, Ian Newman, Arthur Orme and George Tattum.

(B) Apologies – Cllr. Ruth Appleton and Cllr. Richard Davies.

In attendance: County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke and Mrs Kay Roberts – Clerk to the Council.

Resident from Gwernaffield – expressing an interest in joining the community council.

2. Declaration of interests

None declared.

3. Planning Matters

3a Planning Consultation Reference: FUL/000057/24 2 Fron Deg, Pantymwyn and receive amended correspondence and representation from the local applicant.

There will be no further comment from the community council until any further amendments to the application is provided by Flintshire County Council.

Information on Biodiversity Net Gain via Flintshire County Council was brought to the attention of members, where there is reasonable likelihood that a planning proposal may impact on biodiversity, the planning authority will require information about the species/ habitats and the extent that they may be impacted by the proposed development before granting planning permission. It was not known what if/any impact this might have on this planning application.

Resolved: The clerk was instructed to make enquiries with the relevant Planning Officer as Biodiversity Net Gain may have implications for other planning applications.

3b Planning Consultation Reference: FUL/000922/23 29 Tan Yr Hafod, Gwernaffield. Flintshire County Council have advised the applicant has appealed the decision to refuse planning.

For information, no further action required.

3c. Flintshire County Council letter from planning should the community council wish to make representation to the hybrid planning committee on 13 March 2024, register before 11 March 2024 re. Ref: 061994 Proposal: Erection of residential development of 232 no. units together with associated public open space and infrastructure Site Location: Land to the north of Gwernaffield Road, Mold, Flintshire.

The community council has previously submitted their objection/s, this is on Flintshire County Council's Planning portal.

After discussion and a request from the community council, County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke agreed to take forward the community councils objection to the Flintshire County Council hybrid planning committee meeting on 13 March 2023.

4. To welcome Guest Speaker, Mr Darren Morris, Lead Officer for Play Development, Flintshire County Council to discuss community play provision options.

The guest speaker did not attend.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 February 2024.

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr. Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Ian Newman and signed by the acting Chair, Cllr. Tattum.

6. (A) To receive any matters arising from the February minutes. (B) To approve the minutes.

Cllr. Bolton expressed the Junior / smaller room at the Golf Club provided insufficient space when all members were present and requested that the Golf Club be approached to use the larger dining area. The clerk would make enquiries.

7. To receive any Streetscene Matters.

Community Council Concern expressed to Streetscene in relation to full dog/litter bins in Pantymwyn and Gwernaffield and the delay in emptying these. Pot hole concerns.

The clerk was requested to write to Katie Wilby, Head of Streetscene to express concern.

Mr Andy Lightfoot had corresponded with the community council between meetings to state they had had issues with a cleansing van being off the road and no replacement vehicle being available and agreed the service had fallen short of expectations with an apology. Several residents had commented about the litter / dog waste bin near Cae Gafna, Gwernaffield and the bus stop in Pantymwyn being full/overflowing.

Potholes - Cadole Road, Gwernaffield, outside number 74, opposite the graveyard reported.

8. To discuss the bus stop in Pantymwyn Village, Cilcain Road and possible shelter options for those waiting at the bus stop.

Cllr. Newman asked about provision of some kind of shelter by the Bus terminal opposite The Crown, for those waiting for the bus stop particularly given the harsh weather.

Discussion commenced, longer standing members recalled when raised by the community council in the past visibility issues were expressed by Flintshire County Council from turning out of Pen Y Fron Road and going up out of Pantymwyn.

Councillors also stated there are other pick-up points which do not provide a shelter. So at this time it was agreed no further action.

9. To approve the schedule of March Accounts for payment.

March	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
	K.Roberts	Clerk's Pay (inclusive of March payment increase from 2023)		744.03
	K Roberts	Annual Employers Pension Payment		546.00
	HMRC	PAYE		185.80
	HSBC	Account charge		5.00
	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity		576.90
	Pantymwyn Village Hall	Pantymwyn Planters inc Pen Y Fron Road		50.00
	Gwernaffield	Planters Peat Free compost for Planters		11.98
	Deeco Lighting Ltd	Replace LED Lantern	36	216
	Mold Golf Club Ltd	Room hire for meetings x 5 months		150.00
	Trevor Arnold	2nd Run (500) newsletters		146.64
	Kay Roberts	Cartridge People (multi-ink and 2 Lever Arch Files for Audit)		57.88

9a. To consider the updated asset register 2024/2025.

Main adjustment:

Juice Jumbo Marshmallow Portable Bluetooth Speaker	Registered Office/Clerk's Home September 2023	15.00
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An adjustment may be required in relation to the wooden planters in the villages as some which have gone rotten are being replaced by donated planters by a local resident.

Cllr. Bolton proposed and Cllr. Newman seconded the revised asset register 2024/2025.

9b. To consider a draft reserves statement for 2024/2025.

The clerk appraised members of the current financial reserves forecast reserves approaching the financial year end. It was agreed, the draft reserves outline statement – earmarked reserves for renewal/ maintenance of village street lighting £10,000, community and environmental projects £10,000, Play Area Improvements and Renewal £15,000 other *general reserves £5,000 (*may be subject to adjustment and will be revisited on a regular basis.)

10. Clerk's Update and Correspondence

10a. To receive a financial request for £50 from Pantymwyn Village Hall Management Committee to refresh the Planters by the Pantymwyn main village sign and Pen Y Fron Road, Planter, Pantymwyn.

Pauline Kershaw from the Pantymwyn Village Hall Committee has contacted the community council to request financial assistance toward the refreshing of the Pantymwyn planters as above.

All agreed to offer £50 financial assistance, to support the local environment and the upkeep of the planters.

The clerk appraised members on the work undertaken by Carl Hopwood, to replace old planters the clerk had assisted to remove the old, rotted planters and provided the resident with the plants - daffodils funded by the community council.

Resolved: The clerk to write/email Mr Hopwood to thank him for the donated wood and work on the renewal of planters for Y Waen, Gwernaffield.

10b. Community Alert emails circulated from North Wales Police. No further action.

10c. Website update on activities at Gwernaffield Church Hall.

Gwyneth Goodwin had updated the activities which take place the GCH, the clerk will update the Arts, Clubs and Societies section of the website to reflect this and the Notice Boards in the Gwernaffield.

11. Representative Reports - Community Council Sub Committee Reports other meetings attended.

10a Environment and Community – Historical/Information Boards Project (Dwr Cymru).

The clerk and members had discussed next steps in terms of making decisions going forward on two sites, size/design, content and process and will appraise on developments at a future meeting.

12. 10b Road Safety and Street Lighting - To review the 20mph limit in the villages and possible requests for changes via Flintshire County Council.

Cllr. Bolton proposed after speaking with several residents / communities that the community council request a 20-mph road assessment from Pen Y Fron Road, Pantymwyn to the first bungalow on the right heading into Gwernaffield with a view to consideration for a 20mph exemption. In particular, residents had discussed with him and others about heading out of Pantymwyn up the hill, was difficult to retain 20 mph and in inclement weather this would be exacerbated.

The clerk read out the 20 mph exception application criteria and “Place Criteria” developed by Welsh Government, taken from Flintshire County Council’s website, in summary typically exceptions are not considered for these types of roads – Cilcain Road a road serving mostly local traffic and residential properties.

This was discussed and debated and a vote ensued, which was 5 in favour of the 20mph road assessment request and 1 against.

Resolved: The clerk was instructed to make enquiries/to submit information for consideration for a 20mph assessment request to Flintshire County Council, for a section of Cilcain Road, from Pen Y Fron Road junction, Pantymwyn to Penhallow, 1st bungalow on the right going into Gwernaffield.

Streetlighting – this would be a rolling item on the agenda, due to updating and collation of information on providers.

Outstanding – removal of redundant concrete street lighting column in Y Waen, Gwernaffield, awaiting removal by Deeco lighting.

10c Events and newsletter update – Local Village Hero Community Award update

The newsletter had been circulated to relevant collection points. The clerk had been informed by Ysgol Y Waun that they cannot be considered a collection point (for health and safety reasons and not having people attend school without appointments) but would send a newsletter home with each family member.

Thank you to Cllr. Appleton and those involved.

Easter Window Dressing Competition 2024 / Next week – a poster on Notice boards, website www.gwernaffield.org and notice on the village Facebook page. Also, sent to Holy Trinity contact Elaine Redmile.

Local Village Hero Community Award – a few requests for nomination forms.
1 received, completed nominating an individual in Pantymwyn.

The clerk had circulated information to members and asked if all could help to spread the word about both forthcoming events.

For information – the large wooden climbing frame has reached the end of its economic life and would be being removed by Aura, Play and Leisure Services in the next few weeks. An agenda item for a future meeting – considerations for new play equipment.

Nitrous Oxide Canisters found in the park by Aura Play and Leisure Services during a full structure investigation at the park have been reported to the police.

The clerk was requested to ask a police representative to attend a future meeting.

Future agenda item – Ysgol Y Waun 50th Anniversary in 2024.

The meeting closed at 20.17pm.

**13. The time and date of the next meeting - postponed to - 10 April 2024, 10 Ebrill 2024
7.00pm at Mold Golf Club.**

All future meetings for 2024 will now be held at Mold Golf Club.