

Continued post the Annual General Meeting

General Community Council Meeting

11. Chairman's Communications – Welcome Councillors

Cllr. Ruth Appleton welcomed all Councillors in attendance and thanked them for placing their trust in her for a further year and that she looks forward to working with them to benefit the community.

11a. To receive feedback from the clerk's annual appraisal 17 April 2024.

The Chair had conducted an appraisal with the clerk who was thanked for her work with the council. The Chair discussed the clerk's request for additional hours up to two days in forthcoming months for the internal and this year full external audit and these were agreed. Also, agreed the clerk to seek relevant ICT support from a relevant individual/organisation in the course of her work.

12. To approve the minutes of the 10 April meeting. 12b. Raise any Matters Arising

Item 11 – the clerk was requested to invite Mr Richard Roberts of Aura Play and Leisure Services to the next community council meeting to discuss options for Park equipment / improvements.

RESOLVED: The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Appleton and seconded by Cllr. Eaton and were signed as an accurate record.

13. To receive Clerks Update and Correspondence

13a. To consider signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge (as circulated)

SLCC, NALC and OVW – Civility and Respect Pledge

The clerk advised - over 1,000 local (parish and town) councils have signed up for the Civility and Respect Pledge. SLCC and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) are urging councils yet to sign the Pledge to do so. The sector must continue to stand up against bullying and harassment. The more councils that sign the Pledge, the more significant impact it will have in lobbying the government to re-visit its response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life report on local government ethical standards.

The Pledge allows local councils to demonstrate a commitment to stand up to poor behaviour across the sector and enforce positive changes that support civil and respectful conduct.

By signing the Pledge, local councils agree that it will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to sign the pledge and agree to demonstrate the above.

The clerk will administrate the signing of the pledge electronically.

13b. To receive a request for a prize/donation to Ysgol Y Waun for their schools 50th Birthday on 14th June 2024.

The clerk read out a letter from Ysgol Y Waun in relation to support for their forthcoming 50th Birthday. It was agreed the community council would donate a £25 Tesco Voucher and provide a general donation for the event of £25.

Financial assistance would not be provided toward goods which would be sold. Members requested an invite be provided to Mrs Ankers, Headteacher to the next meeting to receive the Tesco voucher and receive an update on Ysgol Y Waun.

Resolved: To provide a total of £50.00 towards Ysgol Y Waun's 50th Birthday Anniversary Event.

14. To consider Streetscene Matters

The Pumping Station appears to have been fixed and there is no longer a noise from the station following inspection.

Pot holes still problematic in areas – the clerk to request an update from Mr Andy Lightfoot, Streetscene Co-ordinator.

Llys Famau had 2 pot holes filled but it appears a further 2 require investigation close to this area.

RESOLVED: The clerk to liaise with Mr Lightfoot to ask for an update on Pot holes and their treatment in the villages.

15. To consider Police Matters

The clerk reported it is hoped a PCSO may attend a future meeting. PCSO Kaya Watson had reported visiting Gwernaffield Park Area on her usual round and witnessing no problems at that time, also clear of litter. PCSO Watson will continue to patrol the area as often as she can.

To receive any updates from:

- Planning Sub Group – this item will now be taken alongside Planning Matters.
- Events Sub Group – Senior Citizens Senior Lunch Event entertainment / music unconfirmed. Currently, there is a temporary Chef, who may do the catering for the event. £15 per person. The community council will pay £10 for residents toward the £15 total. An individual, non-resident will need to pay the full £15.
- **Environment and Community Projects**

No progress to report.

Cllr. Bolton will look at who has produced local signage in the area and pass on details to the clerk.

Cllr. Tattum will consider the historical information and pictures for the proposed boards.

16. To approve the May Accounts for Payment

The accounts were proposed by Cllr. Eaton and Cllr. Bolton.

MAY	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
SO	K.Roberts	Salary & HOA		747.23
BT	HMRC	PAYE		186.60
DD	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity		597.11
DD	HSBC	Account Charge		5.00
BT	Deeco Lighting Ltd	Removal and Disposal of Concrete Column	150	900
BT	Deeco Lighting Ltd	Call out charge/replace LED lantern	36	216
BT	Ruth Appleton	Annual Councillors Allowance		350
BT	George Tattum	Annual Councillors Allowance		156
BT	Peter Eaton	Annual Councillors Allowance		156

BT	Arthur Orme	Annual Councillors Allowance	156
BT	R G Davies	Annual Councillors Allowance	156
BT	James Bolton	Annual Councillors Allowance	156
BT	John Griffiths	Annual Councillors Allowance	156
BT	Ruth Appleton	Annual Chair's Allowance	150
BT	Mold Golf Club	April & May meetings including AGM refreshments	106.4

Also agreed at the May meeting from the agenda.

The clerk advised she had also made a payment since the last meeting of £40.00 annual data protection fee.

Request for a prize / donation to Ysgol Y Waun as part of their 50th Anniversary/Open Day Event. £50 was agreed in part voucher payment of £25.

The first (of three) precept payments in 2024 £11,644 received from Flintshire County Council

To confirm monthly payments by Standing Order and Bank Transfer.

Standing Order Clerk Salary and Home Office Allowance - £747.23

HMRC PAYE – 186.60

Scottish Power Electricity - Variable

HSBC Charitable Account Fee - £5.00

17. To receive an update on the Annual Statement year ended 31 March 2024 and preparation for the accounts 2023/2024.

The clerk as RFO is preparing the accounts for Internal Audit with JDH Business Supplies and will liaise with the Chair and council. Submission for internal audit and annual statement is 20 May 2024.

17. To consider Planning Matters

Planning Application: DET/000334/24 Location: 29 Tan Yr Hafod, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5DS
Proposal: Application of Approval of Details Reserved by condition N0 4&5

Planning Application LDP/000306/24 Certification of lawful use – application for use of barn, Bryn Y Garreg, Ffordd Y Bryn, Gwernaffield, CH7 5HS

Resolved: No observations for submission.

Cllr. Bolton expressed his thanks to the clerk for a clear and concise submission to Flintshire County Council Planning Department objecting to Planning Application Consultation COU/000240/24 The Hand Inn, Gwernaffield.

Decisions

FUL/000057/24 Rear Single Storey, 2 Fron Deg, Pantymwyn, CH7 5EW - Approved 17 April

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm.