

**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**10 April 2024 / 10 Ebrill 2024**

**1. To record attendance (B) To record apologies**

**Councillors:** Ruth Appleton, Dave Bolton, Rob Challinor, Peter Eaton, George Tattum.

(B) **Apologies** – Cllr. Ian Newman and Cllr. Arthur Orme

**Not in attendance:** Cllr. Richard Davies

**In attendance:** Mrs Kay Roberts – Clerk to the Council.

**Public Gallery:** 9 people in attendance.

**Resident from Gwernaffield** – prospective councillor who has expressed an interest in taking a seat on the community council.

The clerk requested that two late items of correspondence be brought to the attention of members at the end of the meeting. The Chair gave her approval.

**2. Declaration of interests**

None declared.

**3. To consider co-option of Mr John Griffiths for a community council seat for the Gwernaffield ward.**

A local resident, John Griffiths who had attended a previous meeting and expressed an interest in joining the council, was proposed by Cllr. G Tattum and seconded by Cllr. D Bolton and duly appointed to a seat for the Gwernaffield ward.

John Griffiths signed his declaration of office - to undertake and observe his duties under the Code of Conduct as witnessed by the clerk to the council.

**RESOLVED: Councillor John Griffiths is co-opted to Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council for the Gwernaffield ward.**

**4. Previously point 12 on the agenda - Planning Matters**

As a number of people were in attendance about the Planning Application Consultation: COU/000240/24 Location The Hand Inn, Church Lane Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5DT. At the Chairman's discretion this was brought to the top of the agenda.

Those in attendance including residents expressed concern in relation to highway matters should the change of use be approved i.e. transport - cars and goods delivery vehicles pulling up around the junction off Cilcain Road. The majority wanting the existing Hand Inn to be retained as an Inn/pub. Concern expressed about lack of parking facilities, accommodating delivery wagons to a future shop. How would a proposed fibre glass roof be in keeping with the surrounding area? Should a National Park be decided for the area, how would this impact be on buildings. Extra traffic impact when there is a funeral at the Holy Trinity opposite the proposal.

Others expressed as a residential area it is not designed for public parking. Shops and cafes have been tried previously without success - reference to other shops closing. Proposed large rectangular building changes the character/appearance.

Potential danger at the cross roads – detrimental on that road, where children and others wait for the bus.

Proposed shop times somewhat concerning 6am-11pm which may encourage antisocial behaviour. The community council have already expressed concern to the police in response from neighbours in the last 12 months. Potential negative impact on the Pantymwyn shop/post office.

Should a shop fail, (as several have in the past) it may not be changed back to an inn/pub and change the character of that part of the village.

Residents stated a pub helps community cohesion, can bring people together for various activities such as sports, darts, dominoes and more recently a book club.

After further discussion and consideration Cllr. Tattum proposed the community council object to the proposal for a change of use from a public house to a convenience store with off licence and this was seconded by Cllr. Bolton and supported unanimously by community council members present.

The Clerk and Chair made it clear to all those in attendance in the public gallery that the community council is not the local planning authority, this is Flintshire County Council. The community council are a consultee and will submit their observations as should other residents (being guided by what the planners can consider, listed on Flintshire County Council's Planning website)

The clerk was requested to place the Planning Application Information on the village Facebook page and County Councillor details.

**Resolved: The clerk was instructed to submit an objection to PA consultation COU/000240/24. primarily due to expressed highway concerns, change of use/change of character to Flintshire County Council Planning.**

#### **Decisions**

Reference – LDP/000153/24 Change of use class C6 to class C3 under permitted development. Barn Adj. Bryn Y Garreg, Ffordd Y Bryn, Gwernaffield, CH7 5HS. – REFUSED.

Reference – FUJ/1043/23 Proposed alternations existing vehicular access. Gareth, Gwernaffield Road, Mold, CH7 1RQ – APPROVED.

#### **5. To welcome Police Community Safety Officer (PCSO) Kaya Watson re. Police Matters**

The PCSO did not attend, it is now understood this was due to a change in operational duties on the evening.

SORTED – Young Peoples Drug and Alcohol Team the Chair noted were aware of discarded canisters, now removed from Gwernaffield park.

#### **6. (A) To receive any matters arising from the March minutes. (B) To approve the minutes.**

Point 3, Page 1 - The clerk informed members there had as yet been no response in relation to the request for further information on Bio Diversity /net Gain from Flintshire County Council Planning.

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting were approved by Councillor Bolton and seconded by Cllr. Challinor and signed as an accurate record by the Chair.**

#### **7. To receive any Streetscene Matters**

Councillors remarked that the extension to the permissive path by the quarry in Pantybuarth looked good. The clerk would request information and an update from the Quarry.

Cllr. Bolton reported the pumping station in Pantymwyn was continuing to make a loud noise and needed further investigation by streetscene, following complaints by residents.

**Resolved: The clerk to report the pumping station matter in Pantymwyn to Streetscene.**

**8. To approve the schedule of April Accounts for Payment.**

The clerk reported there was a payment of a training invoice to One Voice Wales between meetings of £38.00 not listed in the March Schedule of payments.

April	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
SO	K.Roberts	Salary & HOA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC await upload to HMRC for new tax year and nett pay.</li> </ul>
BT	HMRC	PAYE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC await upload to HMRC for new tax year and nett pay.</li> </ul>
DD	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity		Await Invoice.
DD	HSBC	Account Charge		5.00
BT	Zurich Town and Parish Insurer	Zurich Annual Insurance		596.77
BT	K.Roberts	Easter gifts/eggs		£11.20
BT	K.Roberts	Annual Microsoft Office 365 Subscription		79.99

**8a. To receive the full bank reconciliation from 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024**

The clerk had circulated the full bank reconciliation in advance of the meeting to all councillors. This demonstrated an annual income of £38,445.41 and annual expenditure of £33,373.21. The amount being carried forward as of 31 March 2024 is £44,899.53.

**Resolved: The annual reconciliation was signed by the Chair and another member of the community council, Cllr. D Bolton and the Clerk to the council.**

**8b. To sign the agreement with the internal auditors JDH Business Supplies.**

The clerk provided information on the respective responsibilities of the Council and Internal Auditors. The spring internal audit will take place in May 2024. The clerk as responsible financial officer is currently preparing the information for this audit. Post the internal audit, in 2024, the community council will also be subject to a fuller audit (as part of the audit cycle) by the Wales Audit Office.

**9. Clerk’s Update and Correspondence**

9a. To receive information about the Major of Mold’s Charity Concert on Saturday 27 April at 7.00pm. Tickets £15 per person.

Information shared, if anyone is interested in attending, please advise the clerk.

9b. To receive the Community Council renewal with Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. 3-year long term agreement until 09/04/2025. Reaffirmed renewal which will be reviewed next year.

**10. Community Council Sub Committee Reports**

**10a. Environment and Project Sub Committee report - Historical / Information Boards**

The historical information requires collating for the boards. The clerk will endeavour to seek quotes from organisations who can assist to make the board/s. It was suggested the information for the two boards will need to be slightly different, reflecting the differences in the two villages.

Cllr. Tattum as lead and specific knowledge in the history of the villages was requested to collate any historical information for display and black and white photographs for a future meeting.

### **10b. Road Safety and Street Lighting**

The clerk reported she is awaiting a phone call from Joanne Barry, Technical Officer at Flintshire County Council for 20 mph review. Re. the stretch of Cilcain road which is less than 1km in the village.

### **10c. Events**

#### **Easter Window Dressing/Display**

There were 5 entries to the Easter Competition and all entries were shown to community councillors. After consideration and discussion:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Libby at Fellside, Pantymwyn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Pat and Peter Turner Gwyn Clwyd, Pantymwyn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Ada and Oscar – Norlands, Pantymwyn

Unfortunately, there were no entries from Gwernaffield this year.

All would receive a chocolate gift and thank you card from the community council which would be delivered by a local councillor.

The Chair asked all councillors to share information about the local village hero competition which the clerk has circulated, two completed forms received to date both for the over 18 category. Deadline 31 May. A few other application forms requested but not returned as yet.

The clerk will place a notice on the village Facebook page and community council website.

The next Partnership event will be the FREE Summer Playscheme 2024 based in Gwernaffield, with Flintshire County Council.

The community council usually receive further information end June / July at which point this would be circulated across the village.

### **11. To consider improvements and renewal of Play Areas with Aura Play and Leisure Services**

It was agreed to invite Mr Richard Roberts, Aura Play and Leisure Services to a future meeting to discuss play equipment options.

#### **Late Correspondence – not on the agenda.**

**The clerk brought to the attention of the council an email received from Flintshire County Council regarding the Signing of the Civility and Respect Pledge. This will be an item on the May agenda.**

Correspondence from a local resident in Gwernaffield in relation to what they perceive is a high hedge complaint. The clerk after discussion with the Chair has responded to point out a course of action via Flintshire County Council - high hedge complaints. Cllr. Tatum, advised the matter is being dealt with by his brother who has corresponded with the resident.

As this is a civil matter the clerk was instructed to respond to that affect.

### **12. Planning Matters**

### **13. These were dealt with earlier in the agenda at the Chair's discretion.**

The meeting closed at 20.44pm.

**The time and date of the next meeting is 1 May 2024, 7.00pm at Mold Golf Club.**