

GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday 6th November 2024

1. (A) To record attendance (B) To record apologies (C) To record declarations of interest

(A) Cllrs. Ruth Appleton, George Tattum, Peter Eaton, Richard Davies, David Bolton, John Griffiths, Rob Challinor, Andy Tunnicliffe

(B) Cllr Ian Newman

(c) None declared

In attendance: Margaret Narburgh, temporary Clerk, County Councillor Adele Davies.

Public Gallery: No members of the public attended this meeting.

2. New Councillor Appointment

Mr Tunnicliffe formally signed the Acceptance of Office form and was duly welcomed as a Councillor.

Action: Clerk to arrange for contact details to be circulated and for Mrs Roberts to forward him a copy of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and training opportunities.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 2nd October 2024.

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Cllr Bolton, seconded by Cllr Tattum and signed as an accurate record by the Chair. Action: Clerk to forward electronically signed copy to Mrs Roberts for posting on website.

4. Councillor Vacancies

The Chair stated that there are still 3 Councillor vacancies and that notices had been posted around the area inviting expressions of interest. Cllr Eaton agreed to ask the Crown Inn to display one in the pub.

5. Correspondence

- i. The summer play scheme report had been circulated which concluded event was a success. After due discussion it was agreed the Council should take part in the 2025 event. Action: Mrs Roberts to make the necessary arrangements.
- ii. The Clerk explained that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales draft report for 2025-26 outlined the proposed payments to Councillors for the coming year and that there did not appear to be any changes to the Councillor Allowances for smaller community councils.
- iii. Flintshire CC had circulated their draft budget for consultation and Councillors could respond to it by clicking on the link on the email circulated by the Clerk on 18th October 2024.
- iv. Nightingale House had sent a thank you letter on 30th October for the grant paid to the hospice.

6. Maintenance & Repairs

- v. The light opposite Mold Golf club outside Arfryn on Cilcain Road was repaired on 22nd October.
- vi. Cllr Tattum reported that another light near the golf club was on all day but there was some confusion over if this was the same one. Action: Cllr Challinor to check when he is out walking and report back.
- vii. The lamp post damaged when the bin wagon reversed into it has been removed and the ground restored.
- viii. Cllr Challinor has not been able access the speed awareness camera to get the serial number from inside the box due to overgrown hedges. Action: Cllrs Challinor and Eaton to cut back hedge on 10th November, try to clean with Mr Muscle spray and if not successful, send the serial number to the Clerk for her to obtain a quote for replacing the Perspex front from ElanCity.
- ix. Cllr Challinor reported that there is still an unsightly mess of leaves outside the property by the bus stop and volunteered to sweep them onto the driveway of the property.

Signed: *Ruth Appleton* Date: *4/12/2024*

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7. Updates from Sub-committees and Outside Representatives

- i. Cllr Tattum reported that he had not had time to progress the proposed information boards. The Chair requested that the sub-committee meet without further delay as the Council is in danger of losing the funding if they are not installed before April 2025. Action: Cllrs Tattum, Bolton and Eaton to arrange meeting to agree specification and report back at next meeting. Clerk to confirm the amount of funding available with Mrs Roberts and inform Councillors of the budget they are working to.
- ii. Planning application FUL/000746/24, erection of a 2 story rear extension at Trevor Farm Pantymwyn was discussed and after due consideration Councillors agreed to support the application. Action: Clerk to notify planning.
- iii. County Councillor Davies reported that Flintshire CC had a serious budget deficit and were struggling to agree the budget for 2025-26.

8. Events

- i. *Scarecrow competition* - 8 entries had been received. They were displayed side by side and Councillors agreed the 3 winners. Action: Clerk to notify the winners, obtain their addresses to deliver the £20 prize money and ask for permission for their names to be published. Cllr Appleton to thank the Quarry and the Farm for supporting this event. Cllr Appleton to include photos of entries in 2025 Newsletter.
- ii. *Remembrance Sunday* - Cllr Appleton agreed to contact the Church and circulate details of the time for the service and to lay the wreath at the memorial.
- iii. *There But Not There Silhouettes* - Cllr Appleton reported that she had been contacted by the local police who had offered to supply silhouettes to commemorate the fallen free of charge. However, there was some confusion because the poster supplied states that profits from the sale will benefit 6 different charities. Action: Cllr Appleton to obtain more detailed information and report back to Council.
- iv. *Pensioners Christmas lunch* – the posters advertising the event were now on display around the area and Cllr Eaton agreed to ask the Crown Inn to display one in the pub. Tickets are available from the Post Office and Sheila Smith. Cllr Eaton was given tickets to distribute to members of the band. Action: Cllr Eaton to ask the band if it wants payment for the tickets to be deducted from their fee.
Cllr Tattum asked at what age people are classed as pensioners and after due discussion it was agreed this was 60+ but should be reviewed for 2025.
Cllr Tattum asked if any arrangements had been made to cater for housebound pensioners. Cllr Appleton reported that this was not possible this year but could be considered for 2025.
C.Cllr Davies agreed to provide 3 raffle prizes.
Cllr Appleton asked that Councillors bring their donations for raffle prizes to the December meeting. Action: Clerk to remind Councillors nearer the time.
- v. *Christmas tree and lights* - Cllr Bolton confirmed that the Quarry will be donating a tree, although no date has been given for when it will be available other than 'at the end of the month'. Also, that Adrian Barsby has agreed to supply the electricity for the lights. Action: Clerk to ask Gareth at Decco Lighting if they are available to connect the lights on 5th or 6th December.
- vi. *2025 Newsletter* – Cllr Appleton reported that the cost of printing 500 copies would be £137 plus around £100 for the graphic design. She suggested updating the contact details for relevant bodies and including photos from Easter, Playscheme, Scarecrow competition and Christmas lunch. Cllr Appleton proposed publishing it at the end of January and all Councillors agreed.
- vii. *Village Hall* – Cllr Appleton reported that Pauline Phillips was now the new contact for the village hall.
- viii. *2025 Dates for Council Meetings* – Action Clerk to draft proposed dates on first Wednesday of the month ready for approval at December meeting.
- ix. *Anti-social behaviour* – Cllr Griffiths reported that 2 youths had been seen on numerous occasions riding motorbikes through the village with no helmets on and no lights, at speeds between 60 and 70 mph. Other Councillors reported also having seen a large Range Rover type vehicle regularly driving at speed along the same road and that there is an accident waiting to happen. Cllr Appleton stated that Councillors should report these incidents to the police. Action: Clerk to contact the local village PCSO to ask if they can attend the December meeting.
- x. *Cold Caller Scams* – Cllr Tunnicliffe reported that a number of residents had had people knocking on their doors asking for donations to Great Ormand Street Hospital. They were wearing blue vests and had photo ID cards but there was some doubt if they were genuine callers.

- xi. *Welsh Air Ambulance* – Cllr Appleton had received a request for a donation. Action: Clerk to forward her an application form to send to them to make a formal request.
- xii. *Minor Authority Governor* – Cllr Appleton has been asked by Hafod’s governing body if anyone would like to join the committee.
- xiii. *Quarry Liaison* – Cllr Challinor agreed to take over as quarry liaison officer for the Council following the resignation of Arthur Orme.
- xiv. *The Hand Pub* – Cllr Davies reported that there had been a lot of activity in the building and thought the owners were renovating the upstairs living space.

9. To consider and approve the November Accounts for payment

The following bills were presented for authorisation to pay:

November	Payee	Detail	VAT	Amount
SO	K. Roberts	Salary & HOA		747.23
BT	HMRC	PAYE		186.60
DD	HSBC	Account Charge		5.00
DD	FCC	Annual Summer Play Scheme		1960.80
DD	One Voice Wales	Annual Membership 2024/2025		356.00
DD	Audit Wales	2022-23 external audit fee		230.00
DD	Aura	Play equipment		11,000
DD	Decco Lighting	Light repair opposite Mold golf club	36.00	216.00
DD	Margaret Narburgh	Acting Clerk Administration		£150.03
DD	Margaret Narburgh	Christmas Tickets (Community Events)		£9.98

Cllr Tattum proposed paying all the bills, Cllr Davies seconded and all Councillors voted in favour.
Action: Clerk to notify Mrs Roberts to pay.

Cllr Appleton proposed closing the meeting, Cllr Davies seconded and the meeting was closed at 8.05 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at Mold Golf Club