



**Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn
Community Council
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Community Council News

Streetscene Matters

Tan Y Hafod pensioners asked if consideration can be given to make more parking space available. A recent issue resulted in an ambulance not getting to a resident.

Y Waen – cutting and pruning of trees, also conifers encroaching the footpath on Cilcain Road, Gwernaffield, require attention. Some trees/hedges obscuring the street light near the bus stop at Pantymwyn on the turning to Cefn Bychan Road. Mr Lightfoot will forward this matter to June Morris at Flintshire County Council.

Councillors were generally pleased with the work which has been ongoing by Streetscene on the Gwernaffield Road footpath down to Mold and hope that this will continue.

Heavy goods vehicles observed as more frequent in Gwernaffield. Streetscene will liaise with the quarry and remind vehicles to stick to trunk roads. Community Council representatives will be attending the quarry liaison meeting in November.

Cllr. Pritchard read out the Winter Maintenance letter to Councillors from Flintshire County Council. Mr Lightfoot has put more salt bins and piles of salt on the road from Panty- y Buarth crossroad to the junction of Cefyn Bychan Road.

Mr Lightfoot reported that there were on going patching work of pot holes in the villages.

Streetscene was requested to cut back trees in Gwernaffield Playing Fields/Park This has now been done.

Cllr Pritchard asked for footpath improvements work on the linking footpath through from Y Waun to Caer Rhug Lane to be funded by the community council. Cllr. Pritchard reported Mr J Griffiths of Landscapes, Groundworks and Plant Hire has now carried out the footway improvement between Caer Rhug Lane and Y Waen.

Cllr. K McDonald reported increased dog fouling on pavements in Gwernaffield and said she would enquire about another dog waste bin in Gwernaffield. Also the possibility of lowering the hedges fronting Y Waen.

An on going concern with regard to vehicles continuing to park either side of the entrance to Y Waen estate, making visibility more difficult for those turning out of the estate onto the main road. A request that something urgently be actioned on this matter as it has been a past complaint. Councillors fear at some point an accident may occur.

The clerk will raise these matters accordingly with PCSO Chey Arrowsmith.

Update from the Lighting Sub Committee

Cllr Edwards reported no positive responses from some enquiries he has made with potential funders. An approach will be made to Scottish Power with regard to social responsibilities assistance offered as he noted this help had been made available to other community councils.

The clerk will follow up lighting matters accordingly with Deeco lighting on Y Waen and on Cilcain Road.

Gwernaffield Playing Fields/Park

Cllr Pritchard and Cllr K McDonald gave an update on the work of Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields. Presently the group is approaching 3 companies for plans of improvement work to the playing fields. They noted the importance of local childrens views being taken into account and will liaise with the Ysgol Y Waen School Council and others. They have written their own constitution and have established their own bank account and treasurer.

Planning

Empire Pride, Cefn Bychan Woods, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EP - erection of detached garage

May Villa, Cefn Bychan Woods, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EP (amendment to original application

The Brakens, Pant Y Buarth Road, Gwernaffield, Mold, CH7 5HY – Extension to garage to form carport with storage.

Wood Cottage, Pantymwyn, Planning Reference 056254 Resolved: No objections

Cornerways, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5EL Planning Application Reference 056215 – Objections sent to Planning

Pre-planning consultation – Clarke Telecom Mast, Gwernaffield.

A full planning proposal has yet to be received.

Cllr Tattum had spoken with residents who generally had two main issues: would this have any impact on the television signal as this has been an issue in Rhydymwyn where a mast was erected and would other mobile phones have access in addition to vodaphone.

Barking Nuisance

People and dogs have been living together for centuries, but that does not mean that they always live in harmony. Sadly there are owners of dogs who behave in a selfish manner, allowing their dogs to bark incessantly. This has a knock on affect for all the neighbours who have to live near this noise. It prevents people from enjoying their garden. It means windows and doors are shut to try and lessen the sound, which means summer months are not enjoyed. It brings a feeling of fear if the dogs are barking as you pass by. It can have a profound effect on your health and well-being – so why put up with it?

You have the right to enjoy your garden in peace and quiet. You have the right to open your windows and doors. You have the right to pass by without feeling fearful. It is the irresponsible, lazy owner of the dog who requires lessons on training. If you cannot care for the dog properly, then do not get a dog – it is cruel. Dogs bark because they are fearful if left alone. Dogs barking at passers-by are either terrified or aggressive – both are unacceptable. Owners of these dogs are unfeeling to the dog's well-being and of the neighbours.

So don't suffer with this nuisance. It is recommended that you try to speak with the irresponsible owner first, but if they cared about their neighbours, they wouldn't allow this behaviour – they'd be mortified. Contact Health environment at Flintshire County Council. Either e-mail:

pollution.control@flintshire.gov.uk, Telephone: 01352 703330 or fill out their online form: <http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Environmental-Health/Noise-Nuisance.aspx>

You have the right to live in this beautiful village without noise pollution, so let's all be caring, respectable neighbours.

P.J Rosco



My name is Tessa, and I run TREK Health and Fitness which aims to deliver fun and effective classes, courses, and workshops within the local community. I really wanted to do something positive and organise a charity event through TREK, so on Saturday 12th November I ran a full Taster Day of exercise and relaxation sessions at Pantymwyn Village Hall with all entrance fees going directly to

Children in Need. The day was very successful with many new people attending the sessions, and the generosity of those who donated both at the class and in their absence meant that we raised an incredible £366. I also ran an evening donation class at Penyffordd Memorial Institute, which brought our total for Children in Need to £450! I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for their encouragement, enthusiasm and contributions. A big thanks also to Pantymwyn Village Hall for allowing me to use the hall for such a worthwhile cause.

Tess www.trekhealthandfitness.com

SCARECROW COMPETITION

The winners of the Scarecrow competition held in October 2016 were

Headless Horseman



Headless Horseman
Katie and Ella Anderson
Pantymwyn

Drunken Witch



Drunken Witch
Jake and Elliot Robinson
Gwernaffield

See the website: gwernaffield.uk.org for further pictures

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Sunbeams

As from January your Playgroup leaders will be Rachel Foley, Michelle Williams and Samantha Hill and will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's.

All three are looking forward to looking after and caring for your children, learning whilst playing and encouraging them on their journey towards school. Unfortunately Sarah who was the Playgroup Supervisor has now moved on to pastures new and we wish her all the best for the future.

Play group are now taking children from two years of age, and early entitlement starts in January .

If your child is not yet registered with us or you are unsure about starting your child in a playgroup why not pop in and take a look and speak with the play leaders. There is also a mum's and toddler group on Wednesday mornings.

Pen Y Fron Chapel:

The first soup lunch of the year is on Tuesday, 10th January and fortnightly thereafter excluding school holidays.

Book marks with the dates are available in the village hall for convenience. Regular Sunday worship, cafe style, is each week at 11.30am in Pantymwyn Village Hall and everyone is welcome!

Monthly traditional worship at Pen y Fron Chapel is on each first Sunday at 2.30pm with special services during the Christian calendar.

These services are organised by the Pen y Fron Chapel team and Ebenezer Baptist, Mold.

Holy Trinity Church Gwernaffield:

Due to the Reverend Adrian Copping who has retired, Could you contact please contact Tracey at the email address below for any information that you may need and she shall deal with your requests or pass on to the person in charge.

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Events

Saturday 11th February - Soup and Scrabble Evening - 7.00pm in the Church Hall - Tickets £3.00 available from Carole 01352 740550 -.

Saturday 11th March - A Musical Evening - with Choir and other artistes - - 7.00pm in the Church

Tickets £7.00 including refreshments available from 01352 740550

Saturday 1st July - Strawberry Tea and Car Boot Sale -2.00pm
£5.00 per car space and £3.00 for Strawberry Tea.

FlintShare have sponsored a fruit and edible flower planter by The Memorial Stone in Pantymwyn. It has been planted up with a crab apple tree, a red and a white currant bush, strawberries and pansies.

It is hoped that local people will pick and enjoy the fruits and flowers just like the herb planter at the Village Hall grounds.

FlintShare is a friendly group of people who grow their own vegetables and fruit on a communal basis over three sites at Cilcain, Northop and Hawarden. We grow and share our produce, skills and time.

If you like the idea of eating local, seasonal and organically grown produce why not find out more about us.

If you have ever wanted to grow your own vegetables and fruit but haven't got the space, time, knowledge or go away for periods we could be the ideal solution.

Check out our Facebook page, enquire at community@flintshare.co.uk or contact Pam Worthington 07884433080



Pantymwyn Village Hall Committee wishes to thank all those who supported the Xmas Fayre on Saturday Dec 3rd. It was a delight to see the hall buzzing with everyone enjoying the festive event.

What could be better, spending the afternoon catching up with neighbours and friends over some very tasty cakes & doing a bit of Xmas shopping at the same time.

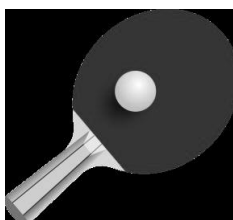
The craft group worked hard throughout the year to make some fantastic bargains.

All proceeds from the event will go to our improvement works.

The various group activities are thriving and we are proud to say that there is something for everyone going on at the village hall.

Thank you for your positive comments throughout the year, we look forward to another great year.

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Look out for details of the forthcoming **Speaker night** at Pantymwyn Village Hall. **“Pinboard”** writing group features on **23 Feb 2017, 7pm till 9pm** for a Poetry and Readings evening. **Expect some humour!**



Friends of Gwernaffield Playing Fields would like to thank the community for their support in fundraising for the Playing Field. After four events a total of £1384 has been made.

The group intend to have an open evening, where there will be on show, plans for the Playing Fields and they will be requesting feed back and comments from residents.

More fundraising activities are in hand, a night in the Hand Inn with 'The Misfits' in March. Easter Bingo evening.

Dates are yet to be confirmed so keep a lookout for posters and check the Council website for information.



Nostalgic Night out at 'The Golf Club'

Friday 10th February 7.30 pm till late for the over50's.

Live group – Wayne Morgan

Listen and dance to the music of your youth, enjoy meeting up with your friends and neighbours.

Bar meals are available upon request.

Tickets £ 6.00 are now available from the Golf Club and Pantymwyn Post Office

