

CYNGOR CYMUNED TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council, Held in Gwaenysgor Village Hall On Thursday 14th February 2019 at 6.45pm

1(A). 20 /19

PRESENT

Councillor Helen S. Papworth (Trelawnyd Ward) (Chair)
Councillor David J. Smith (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor J. Edward Lloyd-Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward) (Vice Chair)
Councillor David H. Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor Peter Jones (Gwaenysgor Ward)
Councillor John C. Whiteway (Gwaenysgor Ward)
Councillor Abi Jones (Trelawnyd Ward)

Clerk & Financial Officer Linda Evans

1(B). 21 /19

APOLOGIES

Councillor Andrew Holgate (Flintshire County Council)
Councillor David Allen (Gwaenysgor Ward)

1(C). 22/19

Members of the public in attendance referred to the following matters;

- Generators purchased by the Trelawnyd Community Association with funding from the Prince's Trust Countryside Fund were formally handed over to the 2 village halls. They will be placed on the Community Council's asset register but will be housed under the auspices of the hall committees. In keeping with the funding criteria, a memo of understanding will be drawn up stipulating that the generators will be tested monthly, that they must be made available for community events and that the funding terms and conditions will be adhered to.
In addition, the dimensions of the emergency boxes need to be ascertained before they can be ordered.
- It was brought to the attention of the council that the school minibus has started parking outside the village hall in Gwaenysgor at 8am and that this poses a safety issue. The contract, which was held by Roberts' Taxis has now been granted to Voel Coaches. It is believed that the new contractors have not been instructed that the pick up/drop off points should be where the bus stop is going to be situated.

Clerk to draft letter to Voel

- **The light outside the Crown Inn, Trelawnyd** – this has now been adopted by FCC and is on their list to replace. FCC has been informed of the urgency of this issue.
The missing grit bin on Parc Offa – it was agreed that, if FCC will not supply, then the Community Council will pay for a replacement.
- Litter – a successful litter-pick was undertaken recently and another is scheduled, possibly to coincide with National Litter Picking Week (w/c 22nd March). The Community Council is writing to McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken to ask for a meeting to discuss the issue of littering and to try to reach a joint solution. It was also suggested that the school be approached for the children to be made aware of the problem of littering.

2. 23 /19

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor John Whiteway stated that he had an interest in Agenda Item 21

3. 24 /19

To Approve The Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 10th January 2019

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor David Smith and seconded by Councillor David Ellis

4. 25 /19 MATTERS ARISING

Minute no: 10.166/18 (page 3)

Grit Bin Parc Offa – If FCC will not replace, this Council will pay to have it installed. The bins need to be checked to ascertain if they need filling.

Clerk to check

Minute no: 5.180/18 (page 4)

Councillor David Ellis has spoken to the Director of Trelawnyd Male Voice Choir about the residents' concerns regarding choristers' parking and the Director has stated that he will be monitoring the situation.

Minute no: 3.198/18 (page 2)

The light in Bron Haul has now been repaired.

The letter regarding Councillors' expenses has been sent out and all responses have been received.

Minute no: 6(A). 7/19 (page 2)

- 1)Dr Klimach was contacted to thank him for the litter pick undertaken by him and he responded kindly.
- 2)The Crown Light is now wholly in the hands of FCC.

Minute no: 7. 9/19 (page 3)

Windy Ridge - has been approved but the issue of access has still not been resolved.
Litter – the issue of the littering by the recycling lorries will be followed up.

Minute no: 12. 14/19 (page 4)

An invoice has now been received from the Wales Audit Office but it was suggested that a breakdown of the costs be sought as the bill was double last year's.

Clerk to contact WAO

Minute no: 14. 16/19 (page 4)

Still no bill or lease has been received regarding the Gwaenysgor Telephone Box.

5(A). 26 /19

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

1. Citizen's Advice Bureau – notification of a proposed rural project 'Support for Rural Advice Service'. More information to be gleaned to be circulated.
Clerk to contact CAB for more information.
2. FFC Town and Community Councils Summer Playscheme Programme 2019. A grant has been made available to part fund the summer programme.
Clerk to include on the agenda for next meeting.
3. Letter of resignation from Councillor Jenny Morris.
Clerk to write letter of thanks.
4. Membership form from One Voice Wales.
Clerk to renew membership.
5. Information Commissioner's Office – call for renewal of data protection registration.
Clerk to renew registration.
6. Trelawnyd Community Association – an expression of interest in improving the local environment, particularly in the village conservation area which includes a pond.

5(B). 27 /19

CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing to report in addition to existing agenda items.

6. 28 /19

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CLLR ANDREW HOLGATE)

Councillor Holgate was unable to attend the meeting but asked for the following to be reported:
'Speed Limit on London Road – a mandatory consultation began in December and the results should be released shortly following which a decision will be made, hopefully, before the end of March.'

7. 29/19

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report.

8(A). 30 /19

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications had been received but the following related items were discussed:

- Field Cottage – this application is approaching approval but is still being contested. It was reported that FCC are intending to deal with this under delegated powers, but the Community Council believes this to be completely unacceptable for such a controversial scheme and wish this to be made known to the Planning Department.
- Containers – there is now a deadline for the removal of the containers.

9. 31/19

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

It was reported that all the county's lights have been changed to LEDs.

There is a streetlight on London Road with a wire hanging from it.

Councillor David Ellis to investigate.

In Gwaenysgor, the light which would be next to the proposed bus stop is too close to the road and it is this that is delaying the erection of the shelter.

10. 32/19

COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Councillors Whiteway and Jones had attended a One Voice Wales event on Understanding Law. It was deemed to be excellent and was attended by 50% Councillors and 50% Clerks. Paperwork from the event will be circulated to all Councillors.

One of the key findings was that S137 has been superseded by the Local Government Mandate 2011, which introduces the concept of wellbeing. Any support given by the Council must help the community as a whole, but may help just 1 person if it has a wider benefits to the community. It was recommended that the Clerk attend future 1VW events.

Council agreed that appropriate training is identified and that this is attended and the findings cascaded to Councillors.

The next event is in Mold on 7th March 2019 and concerns the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015. All handouts will be circulated from each event.

The schedule of events available to the end of March 2019:

Module 6 Local Gov't Finance	- Thursday 14 th March	- Abergele Town Council
Module 12 Community/Place Planning	- Tuesday 26 th March	- Mold
Module 5 The Council Meeting	- Thursday 28 th March	- Gresford

Clerk to contact 1VW to explore bursaries.

11. 33/19

BANKING

A mandate is required to enable the Clerk to manage financial matters more efficiently.

Clerk to obtain mandate forms and refer to the financial regulations.

12. 34/19

PRESTATYN HILL

Since the warning signs have been erected on Prestatyn Hill there have been 4 crashes, so clearly the warnings are not effective. After the crashes a temporary barrier was put up and sand was placed at 5

different locations but the barrier got destroyed. It was recommended that a proper defence be placed on the hill.

Councillor Peter Jones to reconvene the sub-committee in order to propose some recommendations.

Gwaenysgor Viewpoint Wall – this needs to be repaired but FCC state it is DCC's responsibility.

Clerk to contact DCC

13. 35/19

DRAINAGE BY THE LODGE, GWAENYSGOR ROAD

The flooding problem has now been resolved – 2 drains have been constructed to drain into the field.

14. 36/19

GENERATORS

It was stated that the generators should not be used with an extension lead, rather they should be wired in with the changover switch. Quotes will be sought.

Councillors David Ellis and Lloyd-Jones to obtain quotes.

A condition of funding is that the generators must be tested each month.

It was stated that the generators should not be stored with petrol in them as it is a danger and the petrol becomes stale.

Each Hall requires a person to take responsibility for the generators.

It was agreed that the Community Council will take responsibility for any costs

Clerk to include generators on asset register – this will ensure they are insured.

15. 37/19

WELL STREET ENCLOSURE OF COMMON LAND

There has been a suggested proposal from WI, Keep Wales Tidy and Trelawnyd Community Association, which proposes to improve the area around the pond in Trelawnyd. This will include the common land enclosure. This Council will support the proposal and will hold back on plans until the outcome is known.

16. 38/19

FOOTPATH PAST THE CROWN INN, TRELAWNYD

Since the last meeting there has been a proposal to explore the possibility of a 2 way single track with traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing. The estimated cost is £100,000.

Councillor David Ellis is to meet with MP David Hanson and AM Hannah Blythin to discuss.

Councillor David Ellis to bring a plan to the next meeting.

17. 39/19

ASSET REGISTER

One Voice Wales had advised that there was no deadline for the completion of the asset register as it is a living document.

18. 40/19

COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT

Following the resignation of Councillor Jenny Morris, there is now a vacancy in the Trelawnyd Ward. An advert will be placed on both notice boards and the interested candidates need only write a letter of application to the Community Council.

Clerk to draw up an advertisement.

19. 41/19

AUDIT

An invoice for £465 has been received. This is twice as much as the previous year.

Clerk to contact Wales Audit Office for breakdown of costs.

30th June 2019 is the deadline for audit dates to be submitted and this must be approved by all Councillors and an Audit Notice to be displayed in a conspicuous place by 16th June 2019.

There is a need to compare the revised Standing Orders with the Wales Standing Orders to ensure there are no discrepancies.

Clerk to compare both SOs

20. 42/20

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
452	Scottish Power	202.08	10.10	212.18
453	One Voice Wales	80.00	0.00	80.00
454	Wales Audit Office	439.65	0.00	439.65
	Total	721.73	10.10	731.83

21. 43 /19

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Four applications for financial support had been received:

50+ in Flintshire – printing and administration costs; refused

St Mary Magdalene’s Church Gwaenysgor – repair to part of the stone circular boundary wall; under consideration.

Carers Trust North Wales – practical support costs; refused

Llangollen Eisteddfod 2019 – general running costs. refused

There was some discussion regarding the eligibility of the Church in Wales.

Councillor Peter Jones to clarify the position for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY THE

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE OF APPROVAL.....