

CYNGOR CYMUNED TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council, Held in Trelawnyd Memorial Hall, On Thursday 14th July, 2016, at 7.15pm.

1(A). 145/16 PRESENT

Councillor David J. Smith (Trelawnyd Ward) (Chair)
Councillor Ian Papworth (Trelawnyd Ward) (Vice Chair)
Councillor David H. Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor David W. Paulus (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor John C. Whiteway (Gwaenysgor Ward)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 146/16 APOLOGIES

Councillor Paul Bartley (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor Peter Jones (Gwaenysgor Ward)
Councillor J. Edward Lloyd-Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward)

Councillor Nigel Steele-Mortimer (Flintshire County Councillor)

1(C). 147/16 ABSENT

Councillor R. Malcolm Roberts (Gwaenysgor Ward)

1(D). 148/16 Standing Orders were suspended:

1(E). 149/16 ATTENDANCE AT MEETING – OFFICERS FROM FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

The Chairman, Councillor David J. Smith, welcomed Mr. Paul Robson and Ms. Michelle Hampson to the Council meeting. Mr. Robson advised the Members, that he, together with colleagues from the Transportation Team were visiting all Town & Community Council areas. The purpose of the visits was to endeavour to set up Community Transport Schemes in areas where bus services had already ceased and areas where services will cease in the future. The County Council's budget to

subsidise bus services had been reduced, but there were a number of grants available to set up Community Transport Schemes – including the purchase of vehicles – which could be utilised by local groups. The County wishes to set up four working groups across Flintshire, with the following Councils taking the lead: Mold, Buckley, Hawarden, Queensferry and Connah's Quay. Mr. Robson asked that the Community Council nominate two Councillors to sit on the working group and could choose one or more groups to affiliate to. Mr. Robson advised that the area groups would possibly overlap, and the County Council would appoint an officer from the Transportation Team to assist each group. Initially, there would be a meeting of all the groups at which the terms of reference for the project would be agreed. Miss. Hampson referred to the previous Workshops held by the County Council, which were attended by Members of Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council. Presentations at the Workshops were provided by officials from a local Charity Transportation Scheme, including a Community Transport Scheme in Cumbria.

Councillors' enquired in relation to the following: **(1)** School buses – it was confirmed that the provision of school buses was a statutory function, and the student transport will continue **(2)** A number of children in Gwaenysgor use a taxi service to transport them to and from school. It was confirmed that this type of transport would continue **(3)** Mr. Robson was asked if there was a preferred model – such as a co-operative mini bus service. Mr. Robson confirmed that this was possible and advised further in relation to the mini bus aspect **(4)** As Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor border the County of Denbighshire – some journeys may be out of the County of Flintshire. Mr. Robson advised that this aspect would be discussed by the sub-committee, including during public consultations. Mr. Robson stated that wherever possible, school transport will be incorporated into the Community Transport Scheme.

The Chairman Councillor David Smith, thanked both Mr. Robson and Ms. Hampson for their attendance at the Council meeting, together with their report. **(See Minute number: 7. 158/16(d) on page 6 below).**

1(F). 150/16

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 151/16

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosure of Interest Declared.

3. 152/16

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JUNE, 2016

The Minutes were proposed and seconded as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 153/16

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from the previous Minutes;

Minute no: 4. 128/16 – sub minute number: 9. 102/16 etc., (page 3), in relation to the play area land in Gwaenysgor. The Clerk referred to the following actions: **(a)** The Clerk had written to the HSBC Bank in Prestatyn, seeking information in relation to any deed or documents held in relation to the Gwaenysgor Play area. Despite a reminder letter, no response had been received **(b)** The Clerk advised that he had completed a search of the Land Registry and was pleased to advise the Members in relation to the outcome. The play area land had been registered with the Land Registry – under Title Number: P177972 – with the address 'Land on the South West side of a road leading

from Bryn-Llwyn to Gwaenysgor'. The registered owner is: 'The Parish Council of Gwaenysgor of Gwaenysgor, Flint'. The Land Registry documents included a plan which outlined in red the above area. The Land Registry documents further state the following: 'that the said land shall not be used for any purpose other than as a children's recreation ground for the children of the village of Gwaenysgor aforesaid' Note: the title referred to is Z923Z. The absolute title is dated 6th August, 1947 (c) The Clerk advised that Flintshire County Council were not able to provide a specific installation date in relation to the play equipment, but had stated the following: the age of the play equipment varies between 15 and 5 years old – when an item is close to the end of its economic life, a report will be made to the Community Council'

Minute no: 4. 128/16 – sub minute number: 9. 102/16 etc., (page 4), in relation to the removal of white lines in Gwaenysgor. The Clerk read out an e-mail received from County Councillor Nigel Steel-Mortimer – which stated the following information he had received from Flintshire County Council:

'I have written to the Community Council and informed them that we will remove the lines once they have confirmed that they will accept the price and that all residents have been consulted and informed of the proposals'

Councillor Steel-Mortimer stated in the e-mail the following: This is a considerable variance, in my opinion, to the original agreement 'to confirm with the Community Council that the lines can be removed subject to the cost of the works and the consultations being completed by the Community Council'

The Members agreed the following: (a) The removal of the white lines be discussed at the Public Council meeting, to be held in Gwaenysgor on Thursday 8th September (2) The Clerk to write to Flintshire Highways, seeking clarification in relation to the e-mail sent to Councillor Steel-Mortimer.

Minute no: 4. 128/16 – sub minute number: 12. 108/16(b) (page 4), in relation to Flintshire County Council – Key Stakeholder Forum. The Clerk advised that the Chief Executive of One Voice Wales had not replied to the letter seeking information in relation to them being invited by Flintshire County Council to sit on the Stakeholder Committee. Councillor David Smith advised that this matter has been discussed in the County Forum meeting with Mr. Andrew Farrow, and further discussions were in progress with One Voice Wales.

Minute no: 4. 128/16 – sub minute number: 16. 113/16 (page 4), in relation to the adoption of the Red K6 Giles Scott telephone Kiosk in Gwaenysgor. Councillor John Whiteway advised the Members that the owner of the property where the kiosk is sited, has provisionally agreed that the kiosk can remain on their land following adoption by the Community Council. Councillor Whiteway advised that the Gwaenysgor Conservation Group had been advised that there would be a payment to Cadwyn Clwyd of £750.00 towards the project – and sought the financial assistance of the Community Council.

The Members agreed the following: (a) The Clerk to arrange with BT for a draft adoption contract to be sent for perusal by the Community Council (b) The Community Council, in principle, agree to financially support the project – with a letter of application to be made to the Council for consideration.

Minute no: 5(A). 129/16 (page 5), in relation to Councillor David Ellis' appointment as School Governor at Trelawnyd V. A. School – representing Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council. The Clerk advised that the School had confirmed that Councillor Ellis' term of office would cease at the end of June, 2020.

Minute no: 8(B). 136/16 (page 7), in relation to a planning application – and in particular, the usage of Pvc in the Gwaenysgor Conservation area. The Clerk advised that a reply had been received from the Planning Department, who stated the following: ‘Generally the use of Pvc in a conservation area would not be encouraged. However, the house already has Pvc windows in situ, over which the LPA have no control over. The conservatory is located to the rear of the property, and is not prominent in the street scene’ A copy of the reply had been sent to Councillors’ Peter Jones and John Whiteway.

Minute no: 8(C). 137/16 (page 7), in relation to alleged planning breaches in Gwaenysgor. The Clerk advised that he had sent a letter to Flintshire Planning – but had received no reply. The Chairman Councillor Davis Smith advised the Members, that he had spoken with a Planning Officer, and the enforcement matter was in hand.

Minute no: 14(A). 143/16 (a) (page 8), in relation to the Welsh Border Transport Charity, and in particular, as to the distance that can be travelled for a fee of £1.00 each way. The Clerk advised, that despite repeated e-mails and telephone calls, the information had not been provided.

Minute no: 14(A). 143/16 (b) (page 8), in relation to an application by the Gwaenysgor Village Hall, and in particular, the Clerk providing the Chair of the Hall Committee with a letter of support. The Clerk advised that he had sent a letter of support to the Chair of the Hall Committee by e-mail, but this had bounced back. Councillor John Whiteway advised that he would confirm the e-mail address to the Clerk.

5(A). 154/16 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (1) The Clerk advised in relation to the Summer Play Scheme – which is to take place from Monday 25th July until the 12th August. The Clerk was requested to send to Councillors’ David Ellis and John Whiteway – an electronic copy of the poster advertising the play scheme – whereby the Councillors would display on the Village notice boards.
- (2) The Clerk advised in relation to a Cadwyn Clwyd Community Funding Workshop, to be held in Northop Hall Pavilion on 10th August from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. The Clerk advised that should any Councillor wish to attend then he would forward the details by e-mail.
- (3) The Clerk advised the Members in relation to a letter received from The Holywell Leisure Centre, Pool & Library Working Group. On the 1st January, 2017, the Leisure Centre will be transferred to the Group, under the Community Asset Transfer programme. An invitation was extended to a member of the Community Council to attend an information meeting at the Centre, on the 26th July at 6.00pm. The Members agreed that the majority of residents attended either the Rhyl or Prestatyn Leisure Centres – therefore no Councillor representative would attend the meeting.
- (4) The Clerk referred to his e-mail dated the 14th July, 2016, which forwarded information from the Welsh Assembly Government in relation to the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill.
- (5) Request from the National Library of Wales, in relation to the Library reproducing and archiving the Town Council’s web site. **The Members agreed.**
- (6) Public Service Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report 2015 / 2016.

- (7) The Clerk advised in relation to a request from One Voice Wales, asking that the Community Council appoint a representative to sit on the Flintshire County Council – Stakeholder LDP Committee. **The Members agreed the following:** To appoint Councillor Patrick Heeson (Mostyn Community Council).

5(B). 155/16

CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) The Clerk referred to the Public Meeting of the Council, which was due to be held in September at the Gwaenysgor Village Hall. The Clerk enquired in relation to advertising the meeting.

The Members agreed the following: (a) The Clerk to provide posters advertising the Public Council meeting to Councillors' David Ellis and John Whiteway – to be displayed on the notice boards in both villages. The posters to refer to the removal of hatched white lines in Gwaenysgor, which will be discussed at the meeting (b) the Clerk to place on the September Agenda – To discuss the removal of hatched white lines in Gwaenysgor.

- (ii) The Clerk advised that the current Standing Orders for his salary and home working allowance will cease at the end of July. The Clerk asked that both standing orders be renewed.

The Members agreed the following: To confirm two new standing orders –for salary and allowance. The standing order forms were signed by Councillors' David Ellis and David Smith.

- (iii) The Clerk advised that he had made several changes to the Community Council website pages – and asked that the Members peruse the changes and provide feedback.

5(C). 156/16

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 30TH JUNE, 2016

The Clerk and Financial Officer, provided the Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, to the end of June, 2016. **The Members approved the Statement of Accounts, and the document was signed by the Chair, Councillor David J. Smith.**

6. 157/16

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CLLR NIGEL STEELE-MORTIMER)

In Councillor Steel-Mortimer's absence, the Clerk read out the following e-mail, in relation Footpath number 1 in Gwaenysgor. *'that the original legal advice is still valid and a Definitive Map Modification Order should be made in order to rectify a mapping anomaly on the Definitive Map' 'The file will be returned to the Rights of Way Section in order that progress may be made in this respect'*

Members agreed the following: The Community Council Members would not wish a Modification Order to be made to this footpath. The Members would wish the footpath to be reinstated to its original route. The Clerk to write to the County Council in the aforementioned terms and seek a site meeting with a Footpath Officer.

7. 158/16

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Councillor David Smith advised that himself, together with Councillors' David Ellis and Ian Papworth had attended a recent meeting of the Flintshire County Forum. A number of interesting topics had been discussed, including the Stakeholder Group (Local Development Plan). It was also agreed that future County Forum meetings would not be cancelled at short notice.
- (b) It was confirmed that an Environmental Visual Audit had been completed in both Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor. Mr. Nigel Seaburg – Street Scene Supervisor for the area would provide a report in due course to the Council – identifying the areas of concern noted during the inspections.
- (c) Councillor David Ellis advised in relation to a recent meeting in County Hall with an Officer from the Highways Department. The plans for the zebra crossing, together with further works had been completed and had been sent out for tender. Councillor Ellis provided a copy of the plans for the Members to peruse at the meeting. Councillor Ellis further advised, that he had requested consideration for the speed limit to be lowered towards Jackson's nurseries.

The Chairman Councillor David Smith, thanked Councillors Ellis for his work on the project, together with his further attendances at County Hall in Mold.

- (d) The Clerk referred to the attendance of Mr. Paul Robson and Ms. Michelle Hampson – and to the request for two Council Members to be appointed to a Working Group. Councillors David Ellis and John Whiteway agreed to represent the Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council on the Working Group. The Members thanked the two Councillors. **(See Minute number: 1(E). 149/16 on pages 1 and 2 above).**

8(A). 159/16

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been received:

- (1) Application number: 055614: for the erection of replacement porch and dining room extension to side of dwelling and sunroom to rear at, Gwaenlys, Rectory Lane, Gwaenysgor

Comment by Council: Providing that the application complies with planning policy, then no objections raised.

- (2) Application Number: 055496: Outline application - for the erection of detached bungalow and formation of vehicular access (renewal of previously granted outline consent), at the Rear of Bwthyn Y Llan, Trelawnyd

Comment by Council: No objection.

8(B). 160/16

PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk advised that no planning decisions had been received from Flintshire County Council

9. 161/16

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

The Clerk referred to the previously reported faulty lights, including one replacement light fitting, and enquired if Members were aware if they had been repaired – as follows:

- (1) Near to ‘Cwm Helyg’ – just outside the School entrance on London Road.
- (2) At the entrance to Erw Wen on London Road.
- (3) Min Y Ffordd – East side of the Village (the first lamp travelling to Trelawnyd from Lloc – before Jackson’s nurseries).
- (4) Light at the top of Erw Wen – quotation for new fitting agreed by Community Council.

The Members confirmed that all the lights are still faulty and the lamp in Erw Wen had not been replaced.

The Clerk advised that he would contact Flintshire Street Lighting, to ascertain the reason for the non-repair and re-placement.

10. 162/16

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
247	R. P. Parry – Clerk to the Council. Re-imburement of Land Registry fee – in relation to Register and Title Plan for Gwaenysgor play area	6.00		6.00

11. 163/16

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	Shelter Cymru (Wrexham)	No grant provided

12. 164/16

The Members agreed the payment of the above account as listed.

13. 165/16

Standing Orders were suspended.

Councillor David Ellis advised the Members that a local resident had stated, that they were amicable to donate, free of charge, to the Community Council, a section of their land, which would enable the public footpath to extend to the frontage of the Crown Inn Public House, and thereafter join the footpath at the far side of the entrance to the pub car park.

The Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write the following letters:

- (a) Scottish Power – seeking their views in relation to the re-positioning of an electricity pole.
- (b) Punch Taverns – seeking their views in relation to part of a wall to be removed, which would enable the public footpath to be extended.

14. 166/16

Standing Orders were restored.

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

**SIGNED BY THE
CHAIRMAN.....**

DATE OF APPROVAL.....