

CYNGOR CYMUNED TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council, Held in Gwaenysgor Village Hall On Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7.15

1.(A) 183/19

PRESENT

Councillor Helen S. Papworth (Trelawnyd Ward) (Chair)
Councillor David M. Allen (Gwaenysgor Ward)
Councillor David J. Smith (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor E. Lloyd-Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward) (Acting Chair)
Councillor Peter Jones (Gwaenysgor Ward)
Councillor David Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor Meilir Jones (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor John Whiteway (Gwaenysgor Ward)

Clerk & Financial Officer Linda Evans

1.(B) 184/19

APOLOGIES

None

1.(C) 185/19

ABSENT

Councillor Abigail Jones (Trelawnyd Ward)

2.186/19

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors David Smith and David Ellis disclosed an interest in agenda item 10.

3.187/19

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21st October 2019

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor David Ellis and seconded as correct by Councillor David Smith and formally approved by the Members present.

4.188/19

MATTERS ARISING

Reference was made to the following matters from the previous Minutes.

Minute no: 1(C). 163/19 (page 1)

Field Cottage – it was stated that it is now not possible to reverse the decision, but a letter of complaint will be sent to FCC.

Clerk to draft a letter with the assistance of the Council

Hyfrydle – a letter rescinding the previous decision of the Council had been sent to FCC and an acknowledgement had been received.

It was agreed that henceforth, all correspondence to Planning would be via registered mail.

Minute no: 1. 125/19 (page 2)

Traffic Solutions – It was stated that a letter had been received from WAG and that discussions with FCC were underway.

Councillors were asked to ensure that all external meetings be opened up to colleagues on the Council.

Minute no: 6(B). 132/19 (page 2)

Bus Shelter – FCC has agreed to make adjustments to the structure and to add seating.

Minute no: 5. 130/19 (page 2)

Field Cottage – It was agreed that T&G Community Council would write to Head of Planning for FCC (copy to CEO) on behalf of the residents.

Clerk to draft letter.

Minute no: 5(B). 150/19 (page 3)

Filing Cabinet– the cabinet that had been offered was too big for the space allocated. It was agreed that a new cabinet be purchased.

Clerk to purchase new cabinet

Minute no: 6. 151/19 (page 3)

Gwaenysgor Hill Committee – the Clerk had been contacted by the Clerk of Prestatyn Town Council, who had explained the situation regarding Hill Safety. Denbighshire County Council will reconsider in the New Year after which they will have accrued two years' worth of evidence. It was proposed that the Council meet with FCC to discuss.

Clerk to write to FCC and to copy letter to DCC

Minute no: 16. 179/19 (page 5)

Revised Model Financial Regulations – these were received and approved in August. In the September meeting it was proposed that the Clerk scrutinise them to identify any anomalies or gaps in the Council's approved document. It was decided, however, that this task be undertaken by a subgroup who will ascertain whether to adopt the model and remove elements or to retain the existing document with additions. It was proposed that this be a standing agenda item and that the subgroup be established in the New Year.

It was also proposed that the Standing Orders be summarised and shared at the next meeting.

Clerk to summarise SOs

5(A). 189/19

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

1. Notification from HSBC that an information update is required.

Clerk to liaise with HSBC

2. Notification of the adoption of the footpath diversion at Garreg Llithrig.

3. A letter from FCC Planning Department acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of support for residents regarding Planning Application Consultation: Ref 060403
4. A letter from Trelawnyd VP School regarding their position concerning a car park.

5(B). 190/19

CLERK'S REPORT

- Bank Balance – it was reported that the bank balance stands at:
Business Account - £7,734.90
Community Account - £10,964.91
- Notice of Election.
- Planning - It has been proposed that, henceforth, the Clerk will only circulate the reference number of any relevant planning applications to expedite the process.
Clerk to ensure all Councillors receive only ref number

6. 191/19

REPRESENTATIVES /LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report.

7(A). 192/19

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No Planning Applications had been received.

7(B). 193/19

PLANNING DECISIONS

It was noted that all recent decisions have been made under delegated powers.

In addition, it was proposed that FCC be contacted to ask why LDP meetings have only been held in East Flintshire.

Clerk to contact FCC

8. 194/19

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

It was reported that the streetlight between 1, Llwyn Onn and the farm had not been working for a long time.

Clerk to report to Streetscene.

9. 195/19

BIODIVERSITY REPORT

Councillor Papworth reported that the Biodiversity Report (incorporated into the Place Plan) had been drawn up using each of the points in the guidance document, which had offered short-, medium- and long-term aims. Discussion ensued regarding the difficulty of long-term planning when the Council has only the annual precept, but it was pointed out that there is access to grants and other sources of funding support.

The notion of 'Plastic-Free Trelawnyd' was proposed and it was suggested that a Biodiversity sub-group be established to explore further ideas and funding sources. It was suggested that the sub-group comprise: 1 member of the Gwaenysgor Conservation Society; Councillor Meilir Jones; Councillor David Allen; 1 member of the public and a school representative.

In addition, it was suggested that there be a meeting in December for precept setting.

It was recommended that the Place Plan be scrutinised for any required revisions before the December meeting.

Councillors to go through Place Plan and send any revisions before December meeting

Clerk to facilitate Biodiversity Plan meeting in 2020

10. 196/19

COVENANT ON MEMORIAL HALL

It was explained that a covenant on the Memorial Hall had been suggested previously in order that the Hall could not be sold should WAG propose to alter constituencies. The lease would provide no protection and could be terminated in 3 months.

The legal cost would be approximately £800, but Councillors wished to ascertain how much the total cost would be.

In addition, it was proposed that the Hall be valued so that it can be placed on the asset register.

Clerk to contact solicitor to establish the cost of legal fees

Clerk to contact 1VW regarding asset register

Clerk to get a valuation

11. 197/19

CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES

Bus concessions come to an end on 31/12/19. Residents can apply for renewal on the Flintshire website or in libraries.

Clerk to place information notice on noticeboards

12. 198/19

POSTS FOR WELL STREET

It was proposed that purchase of the posts be postponed until the signs arrive in order to ascertain what are the requirements. Councillor David Ellis stated that permission would need to be sought from FCC.

Clerk to contact FCC to seek permission

13. 199/19

WHAT THREE WORDS

This item is an app that can identify an individual's location in the case of emergency. It was proposed that information should be included in the next communication with residents in order to raise awareness.

Clerk to put information on noticeboard and on Nextdoor social media

14. 200/19

WILDFLOWERS ON GRASS VERGES

Quotes had revealed that wildflower seeds would cost £99 per kilo to cover 130 sq m. It was decided to raise this in the planning meeting. It was suggested that the cost of massed daffodils be sought.

Clerk to seek out costs

15. 201/19

NE WALES DIGITAL TRAIL

Councillor David Ellis stated that there is to be a meeting on 28th November 2019 to finalise the details of the app and the project will be launched on 20th January 2020. The trail app, which has been funded by CADW and FCC, includes the Mill Trail, Llanasa and Gwaenysgor and illustrates what is of interest in the locality.

16. 202/19

ROAD SAFETY FUNDING

This item had already been discussed under 4. 188/19.

17. 203/19

VIEWING POINT ON MILLENNIUM TRAIL

It was reported that the viewing point is becoming very weathered and damaged. An estimate of the cost of repair is required and will be considered at the planning meeting. It was proposed that the AONB be approached.

Chair and Clerk to action

18. 204/19

DEFIBRILLATOR REFRESHER COURSE

Requests for a refresher course have been made and it was proposed that Lee Clayton from the NW First Response Team be approached.

Councillor John Whiteway to contact Lee Clayton

19. 205/19

WIRING OF COMMUNITY GENERATORS

This issue was discussed and it was decided to follow up the request for FCC to assist in this matter.

Clerk to contact FCC to repeat the request for assistance

20. 206/19

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Approval of Accounts for Payment October 2019

Cheque no.	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
485	Crown Estate Re Savills Rural Rental Account	15.00	0.00	15.00
486	Scottish Power Electricity Charges: 30/6/19-30/9/19	202.08	10.10	212.18
487	Linda Evans – reimbursement for: Stamps – 8.40, Ink – 9.30, Wreaths – 41.30, Paper – 4.00.	63.00	0.00	63.00
488	Flintshire County Council – contribution toward Summer Playscheme	1373.95	0.00	1373.95
	TOTAL	1654.03	0.00	1664.13

Accounts were approved by Councillor David Ellis and seconded by Councillor John Whiteway.

In addition, Council asked if there had been any reduction in electricity costs and what needs to be done regarding turning off the streetlights at night.

Clerk to contact Scottish Power

21. 207/19

APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

There were no applications for support.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45

SIGNED BY

THE CHAIR.....

DATE OF APPROVAL.....