

CYNGOR CYMUNED TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of The Meeting of
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council,
Held in Gwaenysgor Village Hall,
On Thursday 9th February, 2017, at 7.00pm**

**1(A). 26/17
PRESENT**

Councillor Ian Papworth (Trelawnyd Ward) (Vice Chair)
Councillor David H. Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor Peter Jones (Gwaenysgor Ward)
Councillor David W. Paulus (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor R. Malcolm Roberts (Gwaenysgor Ward)
Councillor John C. Whiteway (Gwaenysgor Ward)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

**1(B). 27/17
APOLOGIES**

Councillor David J. Smith (Trelawnyd Ward) (Chair)
Councillor Paul Bartley (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor J. Edward Lloyd-Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward)

Councillor Nigel Steele-Mortimer (Flintshire County Councillor)

**1(C). 28/17
ABSENT**

None

**1(D)(i). 29/17
Standing Orders were suspended:**

The Chairman of the meeting – Vice Chair Councillor Ian Papworth, welcomed Mr. Andy Roberts (Flintshire County Council Planning) to the meeting.

Mr. Roberts thanked the Members for the invitation to attend the Community Council meeting, and advised that there would be regular attendances by Officers from the Planning Department, to update the Town & Community Councils in Flintshire.

Mr. Roberts advised the members further in relation to the following:

- (a) Consultation Document: Vision of the plan, which identified the options for growth, Flintshire settlements and sustainability. Reviewing settlements to ascertain what the areas have, and do not have – especially the rural settlements.
- (b) Housing Plan: Six options were used. Employment to create jobs – number of houses needed. Public consultation until end of 2016 was carried out. Flintshire are now engaged in reviewing the consultation. 6,600 homes are likely to be presented to the County Council Members for consideration.
- (c) LDP timetable – April to May, 2017 for consultation on the final strategy. With the pending elections, this may be delayed until early summer.
- (d) Mr. Roberts will visit the Community Council in the future when the further consultation is commenced. Then a twelve to fourteen month period to peruse the plan whereby the County will identify the sites for the areas of development. The review will be further discussed with all Town & Community Councils.

Members enquired with Mr Roberts in relation to the following:

The area of skilled workers. Mr. Roberts replied that the present staffing of large Companies reside outside the County area. Currently 30% in manufacturing – which the County wish to maintain. The major sites are in Broughton and Deeside, but the rural areas will also be subject to review. Concern was expressed that there is hardly any workforce in the east side. Mr. Roberts advised that 51% of Airbus employees reside outside the County.

Can Flintshire say as to what type of homes can be built. Mr. Roberts advised that the policy is to provide a mixture of homes – but this is a national issue. The County will look at the LDP to ensure that we are meeting the needs, and also use evidence from consultants.

Land blocking. Mr. Roberts advised that the County had made representations to the Welsh Minister, in relation to builders / developers purchasing land and then sit on it. A ‘development tax’ such as for play areas and roads to mitigate the impact of the new development in the area.

Do the County have enough Candidate Sites. Mr. Roberts advised that the County do have many – approximately 550 sites have been submitted.

Applicants re-apply for planning permission and never build. Mr. Roberts advised that this is a concern. Planning Officers can recommend on a second or subsequent application, to be granted for a one year period.

Concerns with endeavouring to sell a house next to a development site. Mr. Roberts indicated that he appreciated the concerns, but from a planning point of view, the sale of a house is not taken into consideration when determining planning applications.

The Vice Chair – Councillor Ian Papworth, thanked Mr Andy Roberts for attending the Council meeting, and for his informative presentation.

1(D)(ii). 30/17

The Vice Chair – Councillor Ian Papworth, welcomed Mr. Peter H. Jones to the meeting. Mr. Jones addressed the Council Members in relation to concerns with litter / rubbish and fly tipping being deposited on the road leading from Gwaenysgor to Prestatyn, and in particular, on the boundary between the two Counties.

The Clerk thanked Mr. Jones for his various e-mails and advised that a number of Officers from both Flintshire and Denbighshire Highway Department had responded – including a number of other people. The Clerk advised that a site meeting had taken place, together with consultations

between both Counties – to endeavour to reach an agreement in relation to the cleaning aspect of the area.

The Clerk advised that the following information had been received by e-mail. An agreement between Flintshire and Denbighshire County Councils - that the area of the car park would be visited each day and cleared of litter. An immediate litter clearance would be carried out along the road edges and hedgerows. It was suggested that the clearance of road edges and hedgerows, would be held every three months. Mr. Jones commented that a period of three months between cleaning is not acceptable.

Councillor Ian Papworth advised, that he would also raise the concerns at the next meeting of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Local Committee.

The Vice Chair – Councillor Ian Papworth, thanked Mr. Jones for attending and for raising the issue with the Community Council, together with others.

1(D)(iii). 31/17

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 32/17

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosure of Interest Declared.

3. 33/17

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH JANUARY, 2017

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor David Paulus and seconded by Councillor John Whiteway, as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 34/17

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 4. 09/17 (b) sub minute number: 1(G). 224/16 (page 2), in relation to the setting up of a sub-committee in Gwaenysgor, to discuss traffic calming measures in the Village. Councillors' Peter Jones, Malcolm Roberts and John Whiteway confirmed that the setting up of a sub-committee is in process. The Clerk was asked to write to Flintshire County Council Highways, seeking that a representative attend the first meeting of the sub-committee.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to formally write to Flintshire County Council Highways, seeking a representative to attend the first meeting of the Gwaenysgor Traffic Calming Sub-Committee.

Minute no: 4. 09/17 sub minute number: 1(G) (page 3), in relation to availability dates for Community Transport Drop-in Sessions, in Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor. The following dates and times were advised in relation to the Community Transport Drop-in Sessions:

Gwaenysgor – Wednesday 22nd February – between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Trelawnyd – Friday 24th February – between 4.30pm and 5.30pm

Minute no: 13. 242/16 (page 4), in relation to a proposed extension to pavement at the Crown Inn. The Clerk advised that despite contacting Punch Taverns further, and being promised a reply before the February Council meeting, there had been no further contact from the Company. Councillor David Ellis advised that he had contacted Mr. Anthony Stanford further in relation to the matter. **The Clerk was asked to make further contact with Punch Taverns.**

Minute no: 7. 16/17 (f) and (g) (page 6), in relation to (a) signage on Hill travelling from Gwaenysgor to Prestatyn and (b) and length of vehicles travelling along the above named road:

The Clerk advised that the following information had been received from Denbighshire Highways. (a) signage. The sign would be moved next week, but a larger sign will not be erected, as the County do not have any (b) Weight limit and vehicle length signage. The Clerk advised that the following reply had been received from Denbighshire. 'The concern of vehicles becoming grounded on the hill dates back some considerable time' 'The Highways Officer had witnessed an incident whereby a vehicle which was obviously over the 7.5 tonne weight limit had got stuck, the road had been closed by the Police – who confirmed that the driver was not issued with a ticket' 'Both weight and length restrictions fall to the police to enforce, and with limited resources, are unlikely to dedicate time to enforce' The County Council would be reluctant to commit to the introduction of another Traffic Regulation Order for this particular location.

Councillor John Whiteway stated; that Denbighshire Highways had previously agreed to re-paint the 'Slow – Araf' road markings – but had not done so to date. **The Clerk was asked to contact Denbighshire Highways to seek when this work will be completed.**

Minute no: 10. 22/17 (page 8), in relation to a peppercorn rent lease agreement – Red Telephone Box in Gwaenysgor. The Clerk advised in relation to the following: Instruction to appoint a legal advisor. The Legal firm require a deposit of £250.00 (on list of payments for tonight's meeting). The Legal Company require proof of identity in relation to the Clerk. The Clerk advised that as he was unable to hand deliver his original passport and driving licence, as required by the legal firm to Prestatyn – as the Council did not provide travelling expenses to the Clerk – the Chair of the Council, who as a Justice of the Peace, had agreed to witness the copy documents. The Legal Company had been advised that Councillors' Peter Jones and John Whiteway, would provide further information in relation to the Peppercorn Lease Rent Agreement.

The Clerk referred the Members to the Legal Document, which contained the Terms and Conditions, and sought the Members confirmation, that he sign the document on behalf of the Community Council.

Members agreed the following: Their confirmation that the Clerk sign the Terms and Conditions document on behalf of the Community Council.

5(A). 35/17

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (1) The Clerk referred to an e-mail cascaded to all Councillors dated the 6th February, which enclosed information and maps from a Company named Clarke Telecom. The information related to a proposed site for the installation of a mobile phone base station – in the adjoining Community Council area of Llanasa. The Company were seeking the views of adjoining Community Councils to the proposal. **The Members agreed – no adverse comment to the application.**

- (2) The Clerk referred to an e-mail cascaded to all Councillors dated the 2nd February, which had been received from the Wales Assembly Government. The e-mail contained details to a White Paper named: Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed. The Clerk advised that the closing date of the consultation was the 11th April.

Members agreed the following: Councillor' Peter Jones and John Whiteway to complete the consultation on behalf of the Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council.

The following correspondence was taken as received:

- (i) Kidney Wales – Annual Walk for Life

5(B). 36/17

CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) The Clerk advised in relation to damage to the bus shelter in Trelawnyd. The damage had been reported to Flintshire Street Scene, who had inspected the shelter and advised the following: That whilst the panel is loose, it does not feel a risk to anyone.

6. 37/17

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

In Councillor Nigel Steel-Mortimer's absence, the Clerk advised that Councillor Steel-Mortimer, had requested the following information be brought to the attention of the Council Members:

An area of land at Bron Haul, Trelawnyd – whereby Councillor Steele-Mortimer was endeavouring to persuade Flintshire County Council to asset transfer the land, which could be used as an overflow car parking resource for Bron Haul. Flintshire County Council are not keen to relinquish control of the piece of land but they are prepared to turn it into a car park themselves. A draft plan has been drawn up and costings with a view to the provision will be placed in the next financial year.

7. 38/17

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no representatives reports

8(A). 39/17

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were dealt with by the Members at the meeting:

- (1) Application number: 056316, for the Conversion of phone box to information centre, at Siop Ucha, Lon Capel, Gwaenysgor

Comment by Council: As the planning application is made in the name of the Community Council, the Members agreed, it was not appropriate to make a formal comment.

- (2) Application number: 056315, for a Listed Building application – for the Conversion of phone box to information centre, at Siop Ucha, Lon Capel, Gwaenysgor

Comment by Council: As the planning application is made in the name of the Community Council, the Members agreed, it was not appropriate to make a formal comment.

- (3) Application number: 056481, for the addition of 2 no. touring pitch, at Longacres Caravan Site, London Road, Trelawnyd.

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

8(B). 40/17

PLANNING DECISIONS

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

9(A). 41/17

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

The following lamps that had been previously reported to Flintshire County Council lighting, were still out of order:

- (a) Outside the Crown Inn, Trelawnyd. Illuminated 24/7.
- (b) Lamp on The Marion, Trelawnyd – Opposite the Spar Garage on turning to Trelogan. The Clerk advised that he had been informed by Flintshire Lighting, that the lamp required underground work by Scottish Power.
- (c) Solar light on Gwaenysgor Village Green.

9(B). 42/17

The Clerk referred to the invoice for payment this evening for the sum of £458.25, to Flintshire County Council (Street lighting inspections and maintenance – October to December 2016). The Clerk advised the breakdown of the invoice as follows: Items 1, 2 and 3 – Inspections of lighting units for October, November & December £78.75 each month – Total £236.25 / 4 and 5 relate to repairs which total £222.00 = £458.25.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to ascertain the lighting column numbers that were inspected during the months of October, November and December, 2016.

9(C). 43/17

COMMUNITY LIGHTING COLUMNS ON LONDON ROAD, TRELAWNYD

Councillor Ian Papworth referred to the remaining three lamps which were administered by the Community Council, on London Road, Trelawnyd. The Community Council had agreed to negotiate with Flintshire County Council, to enable a transfer of the lights to the County.

Councillor Papworth had been in contact with Mr. Darell Jones, who had agreed a site meeting in Trelawnyd. However, Mr. Jones had not contacted him further.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to contact Mr. Darell Jones, seeking a site meeting with Councillor Papworth in Trelawnyd, before the March Council meeting.

10. 44/17

COMMUNITY WEB SITE (CLLR IAN PAPWORTH)

Councillor Ian Papworth referred to the present hosting and domain name of the web site - that holds the information from the Community Council. Councillor Papworth referred to the recent renewal at a cost of £250.00, which included assistance. Both the Clerk and Councillor Papworth had endeavoured to contact the hosting company for assistance, but to no avail. However, Councillor Papworth had now contacted the Company, who had advised that the domain name was registered in the name of the Company, and not the Community Council. Councillor Papworth

suggested, that it would be beneficial if the web site domain name was registered in name of the Community Council. The web site pages were held as posts, not pages – and did not appear to be backed up. This has caused the web site to malfunction over the past few weeks.

Members agreed the following: Councillor Ian Papworth to register the domain name of the Community Council, either into the name of the Council, or if this is not possible, then into the name of Councillor Papworth. Before the next renewal date, the Council to transfer the web site hosting to another Company.

11. 45/17

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
269	Scottish Power (October, November & December - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	282.48	14.12	296.60
270	Mackenzie Jones (Solicitors) – Deposit in relation towards legal fees (peppercorn lease agreement Re: Red phone box in Gwaenysgor	250.00		250.00
271	Information Commissioner’s Office (Renewal of Registration)	35.00		35.00
272	Wales Audit Office (External audit report for 2015 / 2016)	208.65		208.65
273	One Voice Wales (Renewal of Membership for 2017 / 2018)	121.00		121.00
274	Flintshire County Council (Street lighting inspections and maintenance – October to December 2016)	458.25		458.25

12. 46/17

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	Trelawnyd Memorial Hall Management Committee (Application for £1,000.00 - towards match funding following grant from Gwynt Y Mor). Committee are seeking a commitment at the present time.	Agreed in principle - £1,000.00.
275	Trelawnyd Friendship Club (Application for £400.00, towards coach hire fee)	250.00
	Holywell Leisure Centre (Application for general grant)	No grant

13. 47/17

The Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

14(A). 48/17

Standing orders were suspended

Councillor David Ellis brought the following concerns to the attention of the Members, and asked that the Clerk forward the matters to the Street Scene Supervisor for the area.

Trelawnyd:

- (a) Road repair - West side of village. A trench has appeared by the 30mph sign, where the road has been dug up for the power supply to the street light.

Gwaenysgor:

- (a) Condition of road - when entering Llwyn Onn Estate.
- (b) Condition of Ffordd Teilia in general.

14(B). 49/17

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.....