

CYNGOR CYMUNED TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council, Held in Trelawnyd Memorial Hall, On Thursday 16th March, 2017, at 7.15pm.

1(A). 50/17 PRESENT

Councillor David J. Smith (Trelawnyd Ward) (Chair)
Councillor Ian Papworth (Trelawnyd Ward) (Vice Chair)
Councillor Peter Jones (Gwaenysgor Ward)
Councillor J. Edward Lloyd-Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor David W. Paulus (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor R. Malcolm Roberts (Gwaenysgor Ward)

Councillor Nigel Steele-Mortimer (Flintshire County Councillor)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 51/17 APOLOGIES

Councillor Paul Bartley (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor David H. Ellis (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor John C. Whiteway (Gwaenysgor Ward)

1(C). 52/17 Standing Orders were suspended:

The Chairman Councillor David Smith welcomed Mr. Nigel Seaburg (Flintshire County Council Street Scene Supervisor) to the meeting.

Mr. Seaburg advised the Members, that he would be attending the Community Council meetings at least every three months – but should the Council require him to attend in-between, please ask the Clerk to arrange.

The Clerk referred to items that had been forwarded to Mr. Seaburg, which had been provided by Councillor David Ellis at the February Council Meeting – as follows:

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. Mr. Seaburg advised that this matter is in hand.

Gwaenysgor: (a) Condition of road - when entering Llwyn Onn Estate. Mr. Seaburg advised that the road had been inspected and work was in hand (b) Condition of Ffordd Teilia in general. Mr. Seaburg advised that the road had been inspected, and there were no issues identified, including no areas of the road that required repairs.

The Clerk referred to the following further matters that had been received from Councillor David Ellis – and forwarded to Mr Seaburg: (1) Heavy cement lorries using the Axton / Trelogan Road. Councillor Nigel Steel-Mortimer advised that the owners of the Company had been approached, and advice provided as to which roads to use by the heavy waggons – but the advice was not heeded. There is no further action the County Council can take (2) request for further street lighting in the area of Lower Marion (Texaco garage). It was advised that the County Council do not now install street lights on this type of road (3) Concerns in relation to speed of traffic on Axton / Trelogan Road and (4) Concerns in relation to speeding traffic on the A5151 in the area of the Texaco garage. This matter was discussed under **Minute number: 6. 61/17 (a) on page 5 below.**

1(D). 53/17

Councillors' brought the following concerns to Mr. Seaburg's attention: (i) Councillor Peter Jones in relation to speeding traffic in Gwaenysgor. Mr. Seaburg advised that he has asked for the Go Safe team to visit the Village and also to arrange a site meeting. Councillor Jones suggested that he and others would wish to advise during a site visit – as to the areas where the speeding traffic is more persistent (ii) Councillor David Smith referred to the ever increasing pot holes and in particular, the size of the pot holes, which could cause damage to vehicles. Mr. Seaburg advised that during inspection of pot holes, they are categorised as to the type of repair. A number of pot holes were advised to Mr. Seaburg – including areas at the County border with Flintshire and Denbighshire.

The Chairman Councillor David Smith, thanked Mr. Seaburg for attending the meeting.

1(E). 54/17

Standing Orders were restored:

2. 55/17

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosure of Interest Declared.

3. 56/17

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY, 2017

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Ian Papworth and seconded by Councillor David Paulus as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 57/17

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 1(D)(ii). 30/16 (page 2), in relation to litter concerns in the area from Gwaenysgor to Prestatyn. The Clerk advised that he had been copied into a further exchange of e-mails – from David Hanson MP, Dr. James Davies MP, together with Denbighshire County Council - including a resident from Gwaenysgor.

Minute no: 4. 34/17 sub minute number: 4. 09/17 (page 3), in relation to the Community Transport drop-in Sessions in Gwaenysgor and Trelawnyd. It was reported that both sessions had

been well attended. Completed questionnaires were collated by the County Council officers – and will be forward to the Community Council in due course.

Minute no: 4. 34/17 sub minute number: 13. 242/16 (page 4), in relation to the proposed footpath extension in the area of The Crown Inn. The Clerk advised that since receipt of the previous e-mail from Punch Taverns, who advised that the matter had been passed to their Property Team – there had been no further contact. The Clerk advised that he would seek an update from Punch Taverns.

Minute no: 4. 34/17 sub minute number: 7. 16/17 (page 4), in relation to signage concerns on the Hill travelling from Gwaenysgor to Prestatyn. The Clerk advised that he had been in further contact with Denbighshire County Council Highways, who had advised the following: **(1)** the white line repainting would be completed, when the team are in the area completing similar work (Councillor Peter Jones pointed out that a team had been in the area recently and could have used that opportunity to complete the outstanding work) **(2)** The County were unable to provide a larger footpath divert sign – as they had none in stock.

Minute no: 4. 34/17 sub minute number: 10. 22/17 (page 4), in relation to a peppercorn rent lease agreement – Red Telephone Box in Gwaenysgor. The Clerk provided the Members with the following update: **(1)** Planning applications: Whilst the County planning Officer had requested further information in relation to the planning application for change of use for the Red Phone Box. Councillors' John Whiteway and Peter Jones – had kindly obtained the required information from Cadwyn Clwyd **(2)** Planning application number: 056316, in relation to 'Conversion of phone box to information centre' had been granted. The listed building application was still in process **(3)** Peppercorn lease Agreement – still in process with the Council's legal advisors **(4)** Signed Agreement had been received from BT in relation to the adoption of the phone box. Copies of the agreement had been scanned and sent to Councillors' Peter Jones and John Whiteway.

Minute no: 5(A). 35/17 (2) (page 5), in relation to a White Paper named: Reforming local Government: Resilient and Renewed. The Clerk advised that Councillors' Peter Jones and John Whiteway had completed the questionnaire on behalf of the Community Council.

Minute no: 9(A). 41/17 (c) (page 6), in relation to faulty solar light on Gwaenysgor Village Green. The Clerk advised that he had been informed by Flintshire Street Lighting, the following: 'Flintshire do not have any solar lights installed which we maintain'. Councillor Peter Jones advised that the light was placed during the 1980's when the County Council completed some traffic calming measures. The Clerk advised that he would further pass on this information to the Lighting Officer.

Minute no: 9(B). 42/17 (page 6), in relation to Community Council street lighting inspections by Flintshire County Council. The Clerk advised that following the February Council meeting, he had written to the Street Lighting Manager, seeking further information in relation to the monthly invoice for street lighting inspections. The reply from the County Council, stated the following: 'It is not an inspection of a column nor is it an inspection of the condition of the units in question, this is simply a night time inspection of units which are out and which also incorporates an element costing of contract rates for the contract' The Council Members were of the opinion that this aspect of the street lighting contract, was not agreed by the Council.

Members agreed the following: the Clerk to further contact Mr. Darell Jones – Flintshire Street Lighting Manager – seeking a copy of the signed contract.

Minute no: 9(C). 43/17 (page 6), in relation to street lighting columns on London Road, Trelawnyd. Councillor Ian Papworth provided the Members, with a chronology in relation to the sequence of events to the street lighting on London Road. 9 lights had been transferred to Flintshire County Council Lighting during the new School crossing safety work. The T & G Council should

now not be paying for the electricity supply to these lights. The three remaining Community Council lights could be transferred to the County at a cost of £1,300.00 each – which would include the electricity supply for 10 years. Flintshire have recently been awarded a grant to upgrade street lights to LED – possibly these three lights could be included.

Members agreed the following: Councillor Papworth suggested that the Council do not pay the fee to transfer to Flintshire County Council Lighting, but to ask the County Council to inspect the three lighting units and provide a report. **The Members agreed** – and asked the Clerk to arrange with the County Lighting Department.

Minute no: 10. 44/17 (pages 6 and 7), in relation to the transfer of web site domain name, into the name of Councillor Ian Papworth. Councillor Ian Papworth confirmed that the transfer in relation to the web site domain name had been transferred into his name.

5(A). 58/17

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (1) The Clerk advised in relation to the 2018 review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Secondary consultation period. The Clerk provided details to the Members to enable access to the on-line consultation.
- (2) The Clerk recollects to the Council Members, an e-mail cascaded to Members from the Flintshire Transport Department, which provided an update to the County Community Travel Scheme.
- (3) The Clerk recollects to the Council Members an e-mail cascaded to Members from Planning Aid Wales, which advised in relation to a seminar in The Venue, Llandudno, at a cost of £15.00.
- (4) The Clerk recollects to the Council Members, an e-mail cascaded to Members from One Voice Wales (OVW), in relation to a joint seminar by OVW and the Society of Local Council Clerks – to be held on the 12th July, in St. David's Hotel, Ewloe. The cost of the event would be £69.00 plus VAT.
- (5) The Clerk advised in relation to the next Area Meeting of One Voice Wales, to be held at Gwersyllt Community Centre, on Wednesday 8th March, at 7.00pm.
- (6) The Clerk recollects to the Council Members, an e-mail cascaded from Flintshire County Council in relation to an on-line survey named: Assessment of Well-being in Flintshire.

5(B). 59/17

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk advised that he had no matters to be brought to the attention of the Council Members – apart from the following agenda item:

5(C). 60/17

PROVISION OF A BUS SHELTER IN TRELAWNYD

The Clerk advised that both Councillors' David Ellis and Ian Papworth, wished the provision of a bus shelter to be discussed by Council Members. Councillor Papworth advised that it had been identified during the Community Transport Drop-in session, that a bus shelter was required – almost on the opposite side of the road to the present shelter on the A5151. Councillor Papworth further advised, that he had been in contact with the Flintshire Transportation Team, and had been advised that there was provision for a 50% funding for a new shelter. Councillor Papworth

recollected to the Council Members, that they had agreed in the project portfolio to a new bus shelter in Trelawnyd.

Members agreed the following: (1) In principle, to the provision of a new bus shelter, subject to a grant of 50% being received from Flintshire County Council. (2) The Clerk to register an interest with Flintshire Transportation and to seek the procedure for applying for the 50% grant.

6. 61/17

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

- (a) Councillor Nigel Steel-Mortimer advised that he had recently completed a Flintshire County Council 'Speed Limit Assessment' in relation to a number of roads in the Gwaenysgor and Trelawnyd areas – for consideration by County Highways. However, should the suggested speed limits be incorporated in the future County wide reviews – the process is long and involved.
- (b) Councillor Steel-Mortimer advised that he had held a further meeting in relation to an area of land at Bron Haul, Trelawnyd – being made into a car park for the residents. The County had agreed to the proposal and plans would be drawn up.
- (c) Councillor Steel-Mortimer referred to agenda item 10, in relation to 'School Transport Arrangements'. Council Members expressed their dismay, that the area whereby the school transport stop for the children had been moved from the Village Square to outside the Village Hall in Gwaenysgor – an area which was felt to be quite dangerous. Councillor Steel-Mortimer advised that he had contacted Mr. Steve Jones – Chief Officer County Council Highways, seeking an explanation as to why the school bus stop had been moved. The reply received was that the Community Council had agreed to the change and a risk assessment had been completed.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write to Mr. Steve Jones – Chief Office at Flintshire County Council: (1) To advise that the Community Council had not been consulted in relation to the move of the school bus stop (2) the Clerk to request a copy of the Risk Assessment.

- (d) Councillor Steel-Mortimer referred to agenda item 11, in relation to 'Developments at Field Cottage, Rectory Lane, Gwaenysgor. Councillor Steel-Mortimer advised that he had been in contact with the County Enforcement Planning Officer. The matter has been registered as a complaint, and will be investigated. However, the work being carried out, may not require planning permission. Councillor Steel-Mortimer will advise the Council further following the investigation by the Enforcement Officer.

7. 62/17

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor David Smith reported on the attendance by himself, together with Councillors' David Ellis and Ian Papworth, at a meeting of the County Forum. The Community Council had placed the following items on the Forum agenda:

- (1) Cabinet record of decision - Gwaenysgor Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Report – paragraph 3. That delegated authority is given to the Chief Officer, Planning and Environment, to make necessary changes to allow the report to be finalised for publication. Councillor Smith advised that this matter was not included on the agenda – as it was specific to the Community Council.

Members agreed the following: Councillor Smith asked that the Clerk write to Flintshire County Council, seeking information in relation to the adoption of the Gwaenysgor Conservation Plan. **Members agreed.**

- (2) Notification of necessary road works on the A55, whereby traffic is been diverted through small villages. Community Council to be notified of such works, along with the police to control the amount of traffic / speed of vehicle's travelling along narrow roads. This matter was discussed – whereby the County advised that any decision to close the A55 and divert traffic along the A5151 – through Trelawnyd, is taken by the Highways Agency. Councillor Edward Lloyd-Ellis referred to speeding traffic that occurs more frequently when traffic are diverted. Councillor Lloyd-Ellis had reported the concerns to the North Wales Police.
- (3) Condition of roads throughout the County. This matter was discussed and the Forum were advised that pot holes are a concern across the County. The County Highways are inspecting all roads and prioritising remedial work.

8(A). 63/17

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

8(B). 64/17

PLANNING DECISIONS

- Application number: 056316, for the Conversion of phone box to information centre, at the telephone box, Siop Ucha, Lon Capel, Gwaenysgor. Granted.

9. 65/17

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

The following lamps have been reported out of order since the last meeting:

- (a) Lamp : Last lamp on Cwm Road.
- (b) Lamp: West side of Trelawnyd Village – and near to Industrial Estate entrance.

10. 66/17

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS (CLLR J. C. WHITEWAY)

This matter had been discussed under: **Minute number: 6. 61/17 (c) on page 5 above.**

11. 67/17

DEVELOPMENT AT FIELD COTTAGE, RECTORY LANE, GWAENYSGOR (CLLR. J. C. WHITEWAY)

This matter had been discussed under: **Minute number: 6. 61/17 (d) on page 5 above.**

12. 68/17

TO RECEIVE REPORT: GWAENYSGOR TRAFFIC CALMING SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor Malcolm Roberts advised the Members, that a meeting had been held, whereby the three Gwaenysgor Community Councillors were in attendance, together with a number of Village residents. Mr. Ian Williams – Flintshire County Council Street Scene attended to represent the County Council. Councillor Roberts further advised that the meeting had been productive, with

areas of concern identified, including agreeing that traffic should be slowed down as vehicles approach the village. Whilst the meeting had received a plan from the County, a number of action points were provided to Mr. Williams. A further meeting would be held in the future.

13. 69/17

VARIOUS CONCERNS IN TRELAWNYD (CLLR D. H. ELLIS)

This matter had been discussed under: **Minute number: 9(C). 52/17 on pages 1 and 2 above.**

14. 70/17

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
276	Flintshire County Council (Street Lighting Inspection & Maintenance – January 2017)	134.25		134.25
277	H. M. Revenue & Customs (Clerk’s PAYE - via The Post Office)	189.00		189.00
278	Caerwys Town Council (Share of photocopier rental from August 2016 to March 2017 at £3.83 a month (VAT paid by Caerwys)	26.81		26.81
279	Ian Papworth (Re-imburement of web site domain name transfer – from Nominet – as per receipt)	10.00	2.00	12.00

15. 71/17

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
280	Gwaenysgor Conservation Group (Application for provisional funding of £450.00, to be released – as per Minute number: 14. 188/16 on 8 th September, 2016)	450.00
281	Whitford Young Farmers (Tremeirchion)	100.00
	Wales Air Ambulance (Caernarfon) Note: Application adjourned to the April Council meeting.	100.00 during this financial year

16. 72/17

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

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

SIGNED BY THE

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE OF APPROVAL.....