

CYNGOR CYMUNED TRELAWNYD & GWAENYSGOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor Community Council, Held in Gwaenysgor Village Hall On Thursday 13th September 2018, at 6.45pm

1(A). 132/18 PRESENT

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

Councillor Andrew J. Holgate (Flintshire County Councillor)

Clerk & Financial Officer Linda Evans

1(B). 133/18 APOLOGIES

Councillor Jennifer A. Morris (Trelawnyd Ward)
Councillor Abigail N. Jones (Trelawnyd Ward)

1(C). 134/18 ABSENT

There were no absentees.

1(D). 135/18

Standing Orders were suspended: to enable the Public to address the meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Helen Papworth welcomed the residents in attendance to the meeting and invited them to address the Council Members.

The following matters were raised:

Grit bins – there had been a grit bin on the field opposite Parc Offa but this had been removed. As Parc Offa has a steep incline, it makes it hazardous when there is snow and ice as cars slide down onto London Road. There followed some discussion of ownership of the bin and it was agreed that the bin is provided by the Community Council but is filled by Flintshire County Council (FCC). It was agreed that the bin should be replaced and the item is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was also suggested that a survey of the grit bins be undertaken before winter in order to assess if there are sufficient bins and to ascertain their safety.

Street lighting – it was reported that the light outside the Crown Inn was not working. A survey had been undertaken the previous day and it is on the list for repair.

Potholes – the potholes in Gwaenysgor are causing safety issues. Works orders have been issued and work has commenced on Glan yr Afon work. Councillor Holgate stated that FCC is now committed to responding to complaints and enquiries within 10 days.

Flooding – this is also causing problems in Gwaenysgor. The soakaway has been blocked up and the legal ramifications of this are being explored. The water is pumped away 6-7 times a year, although other methods of creating a soakaway were discussed.

Drain clearance – the drains in Gwaenysgor have been cleared as have the drains on the major roads in Trelawnyd. The minor roads/lanes, including Cwm Road however, have not been cleared. The Community Council will make a request for the remainder of the drains to be done.

Cwm Road – large vehicles are increasingly using Cwm Road either for access or as a short cut. This is causing problems for the residents and is a safety issue given the width of the vehicles leaves no room for pedestrians. There is an advisory sign at both ends of the road but this is largely ignored. It was requested that the Community Council propose a weight restriction of 7.5 tons and that this be made a mandatory limit. Councillor David Smith proposed this and this was seconded by Councillor David Ellis. Councillor Andrew Holgate said he would take this forward.

It was also stated that there is a problem with large vehicles using the road through Gwaenysgor and that a sign advising against large vehicles be erected on the A5151 and the crossroads.

Julian Templeton – Emergency Planning Officer – Mr Templeton explained that he is responsible for providing a template for communities to use to enable them to deal with emergencies (such as heavy snowfall) until the emergency services arrive.

The plan brings together all the resources available to assist communities in emergency situations and provides the names of those willing to help.

Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor has been a pilot area for assessing the usefulness of the template and Mr Templeton was wishing for feedback on how the template might be improved to make it more useful.

Ian Papworth chaired the subgroup that assessed the usefulness of the template and produced a report/response. He stated that the group had found that it provided a useful reminder of the things that needed to be covered but that it seemed overly bureaucratic. It appeared to be written for emergency planners rather than for those in the community who would be implementing the plan. The subgroup had found it rather daunting and felt that it wasn't a tool that could be used immediately, they had, therefore, rewritten it to make it more useful. The template provided a prompt to enable the group to ascertain what is out there and also made them aware of what we lack, eg emergency generators (an application is now in with Prince's Countryside Trust to purchase generators).

It is also vital that both communities have emergency boxes. The group was informed, however, that because there is an emergency box in Prestatyn, there is no need to have them in Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor. Mr Templeton strongly disagreed and stated both communities should implement the provision of emergency boxes.

A final suggestion was that it would be helpful to be able to use Flintshire Purchasing Consortium to bulk buy purchase emergency box contents.

There needs to be a community briefing and it was suggested that this could be done via the various groups and committees in both communities and on social media and the website.

Speeding through Gwaenysgor – speeding is a great danger in the village. There is a group in Gwaenysgor looking at traffic calming and the Community Council is aware of the issue.

Litter problem – Councillor Holgate stated that FCC do litter picking along the lane once a week but the litter reappears almost immediately. It was suggested that some of this is caused by the recycling lorries where litter falls out of the back. Councillor Holgate agreed to take this up with FCC.

1(E). 136/18

Standing Orders were restored: to enable the General Council meeting to continue.

2. 137/18

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosures of Interest Declared.

3. 138/18

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12th July, 2018

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

4. 139/18

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 14. 104/18 (page 4 from June Minutes)

Clarification was sought regarding the meaning of BDO. This is the name of the auditors

Minute no: 12. 84/18 (page 4 from May Minutes)

An update on the bus shelter was requested. Councillor Holgate explained that it has had to be reconstructed as there was no front section.

Minute no: 15. 87/18 (page 4 from May Minutes)

This referred to placing an indemnity on the Hall so it may not be sold. Gamlins will be contacted.

Minute no: 11. 104/18 (page 3 from June Minutes)

The Place Plan sub group met on 28th August. It was agreed that they would look at the final draft of the plan and, after consulting other place plans, would have a copy to present to the meeting in November.

Minute no: 14. 107/18 (page 4 from June Minutes)

All requirements have been fulfilled and the auditors have accepted the explanations. Their response is now due.

A question was asked regarding the development of a handbook of policies. It was agreed that there should be a meeting for all the Councillors review/revise the policies before the handbook is produced.

Minute no: 11. 126/18

Councillor Lloyd-Ellis has obtained two quotes for the work on the green in Well Street and is awaiting a third. The Clerk will contact FCC for permission to commence work as this is common ground.

Minute no: 12. 127/18

The work is now complete on the War Memorial. The decorative slate was paid for by a community member and the soldier silhouette has been purchased. Councillor David Ellis, who donated to the Poppy Appeal, is still waiting to hear from CADW about grants.

Minute no: 5(A). 118/18

- The playscheme was well attended in Trelawnyd but not in Gwaenysgor. An evaluation is required but thus far no response has been received from the providers.
- It has been difficult to ascertain who might be able to clarify the situation regarding the LL18 postcode issue. Councillor Lloyd-Ellis suggested the underwriters – the Clerk will action this

Minute no: 5(B). 119/18

The Clerk has been asked to pass on HR documents to Councillors Ed Lloyd-Ellis and Jennifer Morris. The laptop and printer have been purchased – the cost was slightly greater than had been agreed but this was because of set up costs. Councillor Peter Jones indicated that when VAT is reclaimed then the cost will be within the parameters agreed at the previous meeting.

Minute no: 9. 124/18

There was some discussion about the missing streetlight in Min y Ffordd. Councillor Holgate stated that he had received an email from FCC to say that they thought Councillor David Ellis had asked for the removal of the light, a claim he strenuously denied. The Clerk will follow this matter up and ascertain when the streetlight might be re-established.

5(A). 140/18

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received;

1. Notification of the One Voice Wales Conference and AGM to be held on Saturday 29th September at the Royal Welsh Showground.
2. A letter of complaint from Mr Ian Papworth to Welsh Water regarding an increase in smell and the use of increasingly large tankers which are causing problems in Cwm Road.
3. An invitation from Welsh Government to apply for Environment Grants.
4. Notification of the change of date for the next County Forum Meeting. The new date is Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 6pm in County Hall, Mold.
5. Revised Community Travel timetable.
6. A request from the Community Association for funding to pay the Hall fees for the new Youth Club. The request is for £1140 and this was proposed for approval by Councillor Peter Jones and seconded by Councillor Ed Lloyd-Jones. This is to be included in the precept for next year.
7. Notification of a training session on how to respond to applications from Planning Aid Wales.
8. A poster from Mold Town Council advertising Mold's WW1 Commemorative Concert to be held in Theatr Clwyd on Sunday 11th November.

5(B). 141/18

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report.

The Chair and Clerk had spent an afternoon with Phillip Parry to learn about accounts, spreadsheet etc. It had been a very useful tutorial and the Clerk was advised to write a letter of thanks.

6. 142/18

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (Councillor Andrew Holgate)

- The budget for next year has now been set by FCC and there is an increase in the Council Tax. This, according to Councillor Holgate, caused consternation as the increase could not be justified. The Community Council, however, acknowledged that there may be a need for an increase.
- A motion had been passed on 12th September concerning the poor response rate from FCC. They have now resolved to respond within 10 days. If this isn't achieved it is suggested that the CEO be contacted directly.

7. 143/18

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

There had been the following meetings:

One Voice Wales
County Forum in July

Gwaenysgor Hill Road Committee. There had been a meeting to explore means of ameliorating the potential for accidents on Gwaenysgor Hill. It was reported that in the last five years there had been 45 accidents and Denbighshire had proposed that signs be erected at the top and bottom of the hill to warn of potential hazards such as ice or snow. The cost of £17,000 would be covered by Denbighshire CC.

8(A). 144/18

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An update on Field Cottage was circulated by Councillor Holgate. The matter is being dealt with by the committee in FCC. The application for the windmill has now been withdrawn and any further objections may be put forward.

A planning application from Peter Humphrey Jones was rejected as it is in the conservation area. Councillor David Ellis asked if the fence at Field Cottage had yet been removed and informed the Councillors present that a very large excavation for a pond had been made on the land without planning permission. Councillor Holgate stated that FCC is aware of the issues.

It was suggested that any concerns should be relayed directly to the CEO and to this end a letter will be sent from the Community Council to the CEO

The Clerk asked if the Council wished to receive the weekly lists of applications that are sent by FCC and she was informed that they should only be forwarded if they are relevant to the catchment area.

The Chair informed the Council that all councillors are members of the planning subgroup and, according to Standing Orders 'At least three Council Members must confirm any decision, which will be advised to and confirmed at the next Council meeting and formally entered into the Minutes.' The Clerk will inform everyone if any planning applications should be received with a short response window. Councillor Holgate stated that any objections or comments should always go through FCC but if it is to go to committee it should go through a local county councillor.

9. 145/18

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

FCC had sent an outstanding bill for February which had not been paid. This has now been paid and the Council is up to date regarding street lighting charges.

There is a street light not working outside Gwaenysgor Village Hall. It belongs to the Community Council and it may be possible to claim on the insurance to repair/replace it. The Clerk will write to FCC to request a copy of the Flintshire streetlamp map. The playgroup sign that was attached to the streetlamp also needs to be reinstated.

10. 146/18

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

This item had already been covered in the public meeting.

11. 147/18

PLAS Y DRE UCHAF

Concerns have been raised concerning work that has been undertaken to widen the driveway to Plas Y Dre Uchaf. The Community Council was unaware of these developments. Councillor Holgate stated that a garage was already there before the car park was developed and a right of way had been established for the resident. A letter was sent to FCC querying the activity but this matter has been referred to another officer. Councillor Holgate stated that the item had been brought up by Cllr Nigel Steele-Mortimor and was in the minutes over 12 months ago. This will be investigated by the Clerk.

12. 148/18

FOOTPATH PAST THE CROWN, TRELAWNYD

Councillors David Smith and David Ellis had attended a meeting with the Highways Department. It had been suggested that an island be constructed there but there were objections from the Department. It was proposed that a path be constructed on the other side of the pole – it would not be the regulation 1.8 metres to enable wheelchair access, but it would be safer for pedestrians. Punch Taverns will donate the land but have requested that the Community Council pay the legal and land registry fees. It was agreed that an estimate for these costs be sought and that this be included in the precept for next year.

13. 149/18

GWAENYSGOR TELEPHONE BOX

Councillor Ed Lloyd-Ellis has spoken with Phil Roberts and is arranging a meeting between him, his mother and the Community Council.

It is understood that Mrs Roberts is keen to have the matter sorted and is not seeking to receive rent. She has agreed to inform the solicitors that she is in favour of a 10 year licence. The Clerk will inform the Council's solicitors that this is the situation.

14. 150/18

GWAENYSGOR AND CROWN ESTATE LAND

It had been proposed previously that an offer of £1000 be made to purchase the land, but Crown Estates had turned down the offer and had requested that a greater offer be made. It was suggested that the offer be taken off the table for the moment but it was agreed that a final offer of £1250 plus £2000 legal fees be made and, if accepted, that this should be included in next year's precept.

15. 151/18

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - SEPTEMBER 2018

Payee	Net £	VAT £	Total £
Scottish Power	133.92	6.70	140.62
Gail Jones-Livesey Underpayment for April/May	15.20	0.00	15.20
Cllr Papworth Purchase of laptop, printer and set up costs	426.55	83.42	509.97
Linda Evans Purchase of: Box Files, stamps, ring binders and dividers, USB driver and photocopying	46.35	0.00	46.35
One Voice Wales: 1 place on Charing Skills course	40.00	0.00	40.00
Flintshire County	222.25	0.00	222.25

Council Street lighting and inspection			
Total	884.27	90.12	974.39

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Councillor David Ellis and seconded by Councillor David Smith.

**16. 152/18
APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

One application for financial support was received from the Community Association but this had been recorded under Correspondence.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45.

**SIGNED BY
THE CHAIR.....**

DATE OF APPROVAL.....