



CYNGOR CYMUNED CHWITFFORDD / WHITFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Whitford Community Council

Held at The Carmel Village Hall,

On Thursday the 19th July, 2018, at 7.00pm

1(A). 142/18

PRESENT

Councillor William Glynn (Chairman)
Councillor R. Gwyn Hughes (Vice Chair)
Councillor Richard Davies
Councillor Chris Dolphin (Community & County)
Councillor Richard L. Dolphin
Councillor Robert J. Hughes
Councillor Caradoc Wyn Jones
Councillor Dave Owen
Councillor Gareth W. Sharp
Councillor Joseph W. Williams

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 143/18

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs. Sharon E. James
Councillor Miss. Emma Warbrick

2. 144/18

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

3. 145/18

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST JUNE, 2018

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Robert Hughes and seconded by Councillor Caradoc Jones and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 146/17

MATTERS ARISING

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

Minute no: 4. 130/17 sub minute no: 9.110/17 etc., (page 3) - in relation to a planning application at land adjacent to Ysgol Y Llan Whitford. The Clerk advised that the planning application, to date, was still under consideration by the Planning Officer.

Minute no: 5(B). 132/18 (a) (page 4) - in relation to the attendance of Miss. Hannah Blythyn – Assembly Member for Delyn at the September meeting of the Council. The Clerk advised, that the Office of Miss. Hannah Blythyn AM – had confirmed the attendance.

Minute no: 5(B). 132/18 (b) (page 4) - in relation to obtaining a quotation for the refurbishment of three bench seats. The Clerk advised, that no quotation had been received. Councillor Gwyn Hughes would further make contact with the joiner.

Minute no: 10.138/18 (page 6) - in relation to a reprint of Heritage Trail Leaflets. The Clerk advised that Councillor Mrs. Sharon James had kindly scanned the current leaflets and saved into a pdf document. However, there were a number of logos that required to be removed from the reprint. Councillor Gwyn Hughes advised, that the leaflets were in progress.

5(A). 147/18 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- (1) Flintshire County Council – e-mail cascaded to Members dated the 6th July, in relation to webcasting of planning committee meetings – whereby the link was provided to Members.
- (2) Flintshire County Council – Match Funding Scheme – Improvements to Children’s Play Areas 2018 / 2019. The Clerk advised that the County were inviting applications for match funding up to a maximum of £10,000.00. Information contained in the letter stated the following: The Carmel and Whitford play area sites are ranked as green and high amber – and are not identified as being in need of further investment via the 2018 / 2019 match funding scheme.
- (3) Denbighshire County council – Update: Denbighshire Replacement Local Development Plan.

5(B). 148/18 CLERK’S REPORT

- (i) The Clerk recollected to the Council Members, an e-mail sent on the 24th June, which contained a number of photographs from the 1st Carmel Scout Leader. The photographs were taken of the outdoor equipment that had been purchased by the Group – with funding provided by the Community Council.

5(C). 149/18 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 30TH JUNE 2018

The Clerk, as Financial Officer, provided the Members with a copy of the Quarterly Statement of Accounts, to the end of June 2018, together with copies of the two Council Bank account statements. The Clerk further provided the Members with a breakdown in relation to the budget headings, which included income and expenditure to-date. **The Members approved the Statement of Accounts, and the document was signed by the Chair, Councillor William Glynn.**

5(D). 150/18

TO CONSIDER: REPORT FROM AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES – AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2016 - 2017

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960: and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting, for the following item of business:

Auditor General for Wales – Audit Report for 2016 – 2017, was the only matter discussed.

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960: RESOLVED that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

5(E). 151/18

TO DISCUSS: PEN Y GELLI QUARRY - MAINTENANCE

The Clerk advised the Members, that a complaint had been received from a member of the public who had been walking with their dog in the area of Pen y Gelli Quarry. Whilst the complaint related to a number of concerns, that had already been addressed, the following was outstanding: overgrowth on footpaths and branches which required pruning.

Councillor David Owen advised, that he has inspected the area, whereby a large tent, bedding and various equipment had been found. Councillor Owen confirmed, that the footpaths do require attention, together with a number of tree branches which require pruning.

General discussion by Members in relation to a previous decision, to only keep in good order the footpaths clear of undergrowth and any other obstructions.

Members agreed the following: (1) Council confirmed previous decision – to only maintain the footpaths around the inside of the quarry (2) Councillor David Owen, to obtain a quotation for the identified work. Councillor Owen to meet on site with a potential contractor, to discuss the area of work required. Should the quotation cost be within the limit contained in the Council Financial Standing Orders, the Chair and Vice Chair to agree, or other, in-between the July and September Council meetings.

6. 152/18

REPRESENTATIVES / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Councillor William Glynn advised, in relation to his attendance at the Chair of Flintshire County Council - Civic Service, which was held in Flint.

7(A). 153/18

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application had been received:

- Planning Application Number: 057161 - for the erection of 5no dwellings, at Land South of Garreg Lwyd, Carmel Hill, Carmel

Comment by Council: The Community Council object to the application, on the following grounds, as outlined in the current Flintshire Local Development Plan:

- (a) HSG4 – in contravention of new dwellings in open countryside.
- (b) AC13 – Access to the area. The access road is a single lane carriageway, with no footpath

(c) GEN 3 – Development proposal, is outside the settlement boundary

(The above application was sent to the Chair and Vice Chair, for consultation with the Members, due to statutory time limits for observations).

7(B). 154/18

The Members confirmed the above decision.

7(C). 155/18

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to be considered by the Members at the meeting.

7(D). 156/18

PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no planning decisions received from Flintshire County Council.

8. 157/18

COMMUNITY LIGHTING

Councillor William Glynn provided the following update to Members, in relation to the installation of LED street lights within the Community.

The installation of the LED street lanterns had commenced two weeks ago. Whilst there had been some delay, the installation is continuing this week. Councillor Glynn, together with Councillor Gwyn Hughes, have marked each lantern column with paint – this will ensure that the Community Council’s lanterns are easily identifiable to the installation team.

9(A). 158/18

STREET SCENE SCHEDULE

The Clerk advised, that the following concerns had been forwarded to Street Scene, in-between the June and July Council meetings:

- (a) The 30mph sign on Fachallt Road – near to Primrose Cottage. The speed restriction sign is right behind an electricity pole and can’t really be seen by motorists. Most probably Scottish Power have placed the pole following the erection of the sign. Suggested that the sign could be re-sited.
- (b) The commemorative tree that was planted in the ‘triangle’ on the Whitford to Tre Mostyn Road. The road direction sign across the road from the tree has been covered by the hedge.
- (c) The A5026 - between the Lloc Chapel and Misty Waters – travelling say half way down the Hill – there is clear water running out of a roadside grid. Possibly there is a Welsh Water pipe that is leaking.

The following concerns were raised by Members at the meeting:

1. Penfforddlan – the centre roundabout requires a general tidy up – also the splitter Islands at this location.
2. Tre Mostyn to Trelogan road – the grass requires cutting and there are a number of pot holes.
3. Fachallt Road. Hedges overhanging from Tarth Y Dwr to Misty Waters.
4. As you enter Pantasaph from Brynford, the convex mirror has been damaged by the grass cutter.

5. A5026 - road sign indicating slippery road – half way down the Singing Kettle Hill – cannot be seen as you approach it from Lloc. The hedge requires cutting back and also the sign requires cleaning.
6. A5026 - overhanging trees going up the hill from MacDonald's to Pen y Gelli – branches catching the HGV's.
7. Hedge cutting on Whitford Road has not been done.
8. A5151 - from Crossways to Penfforddlan. Whilst grass has been cut, there is now showing a lot of litter in the area.
9. A5026 - road from Lloc Service station – grass has been cut – but the area is now showing a lot of litter in the area.
10. Gorsedd Cross roads. Complaints from motorists – due to people parking on the corner alongside the Church wall and opposite the Druid Inn. Can the signage please be reviewed.
11. The house behind the Village Hall in Carmel. The hedge on the Carmel to Pantasaph road – alongside this property makes it impossible for vehicles to pass safely.
12. Waen Cross roads – below the Druid Inn. A number of trees have been cut back – whereby the branches have been left on the roadside verge.

9(B). 159/18

TO CONSIDER: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (CLLR RICHARD L. DOLPHIN)

Councillor Richard Dolphin addressed the Members, in relation to reporting concerns to Street Scene. As a number of Council Members know the area so well, Councillor Dolphin suggested that perhaps a forward work schedule could be produced. This would provide details for items to be reported to Street Scene on a monthly, quarterly and yearly basis. General discussion in relation to items to be placed on a schedule – such as grass cutting, hedges cutting back and clearing gullies before winter.

Members agreed the following: (1) To produce a Forward Work Programme (2) All Council Members to send to the Clerk by e-mail, or telephone – items to be placed on the forward work programme and to advise the time of year to be recorded.

10. 160/18

UPDATE REPORT: EXTENDING SPEED LIMIT AND YELLOW LINES - AREA OF MCDONALD'S & EURO GARAGE ON A5026 ROAD LLOC (CLLR DAVID OWEN)

Councillor David Owen addressed the Members, in relation to a meeting some twelve months ago, held in the area of MacDonald's and Euro Garage in Lloc. The concerns related to traffic at the junction with the A5026 from the two businesses – together with inconsiderate parking and a speed limit reduction.

Councillor Chris Dolphin advised, that traffic management in the area being discussed was part of a programme commissioned by Flintshire County Council – which will hopefully commence in September of this year. The area from the Celyn bends in Carmel to junction 31, will have a speed review, which will include any identified provision of increasing the yellow lines in the area of the two businesses.

11. 161/18

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
046	Scottish Power (June - Street Lighting Electricity Account)	368.26	73.65	441.91

047	H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk's PAYE & Clerk & Council NI (April, May & June)	469.76		469.76
048	R. P. Parry – Clerk (Re-imburement of bulk stationery & ink – as per receipts)	113.62	22.72	136.34
049	Carmel Village Hall Committee (Hire of Hall for Council meetings – April, May & June)	39.00		39.00

12. 162/18

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	Five Villages Gardening Club (Adjourned from June for further information)	* See note below
	St. Bueno's and St. Mary's Church, Whitford (Application for annual donation)	** See note below
	Carmel Bowling Club (Application for financial assistance - to complete work within the bowling green)	*** See note below

* Five Villages Gardening Club. Further adjourned to the September Council meeting

** St. Bueno's and St. Mary's Church, Whitford. Adjourned to the September Council meeting, for the Clerk to seek the following: Copy of last audited accounts, together with confirmation that the application is two-fold. i.e., Application for the annual financial assistance towards Cemetery maintenance and secondly, to confirm a further application for financial assistance towards the provision of a footpath and hand rail.

*** Carmel Bowling Club. Adjourned to the September Council meeting, for the Clerk to seek the following: Copy of last audited accounts, together with copy of quotation(s) in relation to the proposed work / maintenance.

13. 163/18

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts as listed.

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

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL:.....

DATE OF APPROVAL:.....