MINUTES of the proceedings of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held at Nannerch Memorial Hall on Wednesday 1st November 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor H Morgan (Chair)
Councillor J Costidell (Vice Chair)
Councillor J Byrne
Councillor F Hunter
Councillor K Weston
Councillor G Williams

County Councillor A Parkhurst

1. Public Participation
Prior to the meeting, the Chair confirmed that there had been no requests for remote access to the Meeting.

2. To consider accepting apologies for absence
Councillor J Capstick.

Apologies were accepted.
In the absence of a Clerk, Councillor Byrne took the minutes.

3. To record declaration of interests from members in any item to be discussed
None

4. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting 4th October 2023
Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held on the 4th October 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. To receive police update and raise any matters
The Chair confirmed that the Police Statistics for Cilcain ward have been updated for August and September. In August, one incident of Violent and Sexual Assault and one 'other' were reported in Nannerch with no incidents in September.

Chairman : …… ……

Councillor Hunter had attempted to ascertain a point of contact with Sargent Kerry Nash in the absence of a PCSOs but had received no reply.

An email had been received from PCSO 3652 Tiffany Davies who is currently covering the South Flintshire area as part of a recently formed crime prevention team called 'We Don't Buy Crime'. This team focuses on the prevention of acquisitive crime; where an offender derives material gain from the crime - such as burglary, robbery, theft, vehicle crime etc.

As part of the 'We Don't Buy Crime' initiative, Smart Water will offer a significant discount to town and village communities where a certain number/percentage of households agree to purchase Smart Water kits and register with them. The discount would reduce the cost of an individual Smart Water kit from approximately £59.50 to just £9.99. Councillor Hunter agreed to explore further and report back.

6. To receive Streetscene update and raise any matters

Neil Hickie did not attend the meeting.

Councillors had received complaints of potholes on the Sarn Mill junction onto the A541 which will be forwarded to Neil. Neil will also be asked for an update on the road from Ffordd y Pentre to the Wheeler crossroads just down from Penrallt.

A letter from Ian Bushell has been received highlighting Flintshire County Councils preparations for the forthcoming winter. Council owned salt bins are soon to be filled and repeated, if necessary, in January.

To assist the local community to help themselves during any periods of heavy snow, Flintshire Council will be offering basic equipment in order that the community can take on some localised footway snow clearing work. Should any groups wish to be considered they will receive the following:
• 8 bags of rock salt
• Snow shovels
• Instructions and indemnity notices for those people carrying out the work
If residents are keen to help, they can contact the Community Council at clerk@nannerch.com

The letter also asks residents to be reminded that the material in the bins is for use on the highway only and is not intended for private use.

7. To update on items from last meeting
7.1 To consider the options for Telephone Kiosk interior work

The kiosk interpretation panel should be installed in the next couple of months.

Chairman : ....

7.2 To receive an update on Nannerch Play Area and the Green Communities Fund.

Work has started in installing new kissing gates throughout the parish. This will continue over the coming months.

8. Planning

To consider:

8.1 Planning applications received by Flintshire County Council

None

8.2 Planning applications received by Flintshire County Council

None

9. Clerk's Update - Correspondence and other items

9.1 To receive update on the Clerk's replacement

3 applications had been received for the vacant position of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). All three will be offered an interview this coming month. It was agreed that Councillor Williams and the Chair will undertake the interviews.

9.2 To receive update on the 2022/23 External Audit

The Chair will forward any updates relating to the external audit to Councillors.

9.3 To receive invitation to meeting regarding speed limit on Erw'r Llan with Councillor Parkhurst and Flintshire County Council

Both Cilcain and Nannerch Community Councils had received an invite to discuss speed limits on various approaches to Cilcain, Nannerch and Rhydymwyn on the 26th January 2024. This follows concerns raised about the speed limits by Rhydymwyn Service Station and along Star Crossing Road, Pentre Road, Pantymwyn Road and Erw'r Llan. Councillors confirmed that someone would be in attendance to represent Nannerch.

9.4 To receive invite to Fron Haul liaison meeting from Breedon Aggregates

Nannerch Community Council had received an invite to the 3rd liaison meeting with Breedon Aggregates on the 8th February 2024. Marc Owen had previously represented Nannerch Community Council. It was agreed that someone would be present, to be decided nearer the time.

9.5 To consider response to the new North East Wales National Park Area of Search.

Natural Resources Wales are evaluating the case for creating a fourth National Park in North East Wales. They are currently going through a period of engagement to allow people to feed into the process from an early stage and to consider their proposed area of search. This will lead into further detailed surveying and appraisal. This area of search includes a number of landscapes that have the potential to meet statutory landscape designations criteria. The Chair asked for comments to be sent to him to be collated so that we can reply prior to the 27th November deadline.

Chairman : …… ……

9.6 Discuss proposed working group to look at feasibility in opening the Denbigh Mold Railway for walking.

Alan Roberts, Clerk to Ysceifiog Community Council had written to Caerwys and Mold Town Councils and Cilcain and Nannerch Community Councils with the aim of establishing a working group to explore the feasibility of developing a footpath or cycleway along the former railway line.
It received a mixed response from Councillors; however, it was agreed to liaise with Ysceifiog Community Council for more information.

9.7 To Co-opt new Councillor

2 very strong and capable applications for the 1 vacant position had been received. With the likelihood that another Councillor will regrettably have to resign early in the new year, the Chair was asked to ascertain with Flintshire County Council if we could temporarily increase to 9 Councillors in the short term, reducing back to 8 in early Spring next year.
If this was not possible, Ron Calderwood-Duncan received the highest number of votes to be co-opted onto Nannerch Community Council.

9.8 To receive invitation to the Standards Committee on the 6th November 2023.

As Councillor Parkhurst is a member of the Standards Committee, he offered to feedback from this meeting.

9.9 To receive feedback from the Flintshire Local Access forum

The Chair had attended the Flintshire Local access Forum on the 17th October 2023 and updated Councillors. There was an introduction to the Flintshire Coastal Park, discussion regarding Footpath Diversions through Farmyards and discussion on improving the bridleway network. Minutes will be circulated to Councillors.

10.1 AED Check

Councillor Hunter and the Chair had checked the defibrillators at the Kiosk, Memorial Hall and the Cherry Pie before the Meeting. All were emergency ready.

11. To receive list of payments

The Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor Byrne checked the list of payments due, having reviewed the supporting invoice supplied.

	Payee	£	Payment method	Power
11.1	Gordon's Gardens September 23	£162	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
11.2	One Voice Wales	£83	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
11.3	R Rathmore (Poppies)	£98	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.137
	TOTAL £343			

NEXT MEETING 6th December 2023

Chairman : …… ……