MINUTES of the proceedings of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held at Nannerch Memorial Hall on Wednesday 5th July 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor H Morgan (Chair)
Councillor M Owen (Vice-Chair)
Councillor J Byrne
Councillor J Capstick
Councillor J Costidell
Councillor K Weston

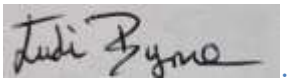
IN ATTENDANCE
Councillor A Parkhurst

1. **Public Participation**
   None
   Prior to the meeting, the Chair confirmed that there had been no additional requests for remote access to the Meeting.

2. **To consider accepting apologies for absence**
   Councillor F Hunter
   Councillor G Williams
   Apologies 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**
   Janet Costidell declared an interest for item 10.2.

4. **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 7th June 2023**
   Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held on 7th June 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman : ……  ……

5. To receive police update and raise any matters

PCSO Connor Freel did not attend the Meeting.

The Chair confirmed that the Police Statistics for Cilcain ward had not been updated since the last report in April.

6. To receive Streetscene update and raise any matters

Neil Hickie did not attend the meeting.

The Chair had spoken to Neil prior to the meeting and had thanked him for collecting the fly tipped fridges.

A resident had reported potholes in need of repair between Bryn Goleu and the water tower.

Councillor Parkhurst updated the council about the planning 20mph limit from the 17/09/2023. He had requested Flintshire CC consider additional areas to be considered for the 20mph limit which do not have streetlighting following the Community Council's request. Flintshire has agreed to arrange for a 20mph Traffic Regulation Order to be advertised before September, which would omit the need to erect Street Lighting Columns Period. This order will be open to objections. The Community Council agreed to support this Traffic Regulation Order when published.

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.

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

All claims for the Green Community fund have been submitting. The Chair thanked the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB officers for their assistance in both the application and administration of the scheme. Full details will follow.

8. Planning

To consider:

8.1 Planning applications received by Flintshire County Council

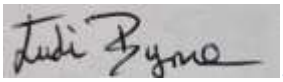
None

8.2 Planning applications received by Flintshire County Council

None

8.3 Planning appeals received by Flintshire County Council

None.

Chairman : ……  ……

8.4 To receive feedback from Fron Haul Quarry Planning Committee

Councillor Parkhurst had agreed to represent the community at the Planning Committee. The application was passed but there was a restriction added to limit processing from only Fron Haul and Maes Mynan. Therefore, the quarry cannot be utilised indefinitely as a processing site as had been happening. There had been a discussion in the Planning Committee about the need for Breedon to fully comply with the conditions and it was hoped that Flintshire County Council's monitoring of the conditions will improve. Councillors thanked Councillor Parkhurst for his time spent on the community's behalf.

8.5 Anaerobic Digestion plant at Ruby Cement Works, Rhydymwyn (application 67418).

Third Party observations had been sought prior to a proposed planning application from NW Energy for an Anaerobic Digestion plant. Some concerns had been raised locally about increased traffic and the wind modelling for the distribution of any gasses produced. Councillor Parkhurst was asked to keep Nannerch Community Council up to date with the plans and agreed that they were happy to submit observations on the planning proposals when they were published.

9. Clerk's Update - Correspondence and other items

9.1 To receive update on the Clerk's replacement

The Chair had discussed the vacancy with other Councils who have recently advertised for a replacement Clerk. A job description had been drafted. Council will need to agree on a starting wage and One voice Wales can then be contacted to advertise. It will also be advertised locally.

The mandate to add Councillor Costidell as a signatory is ready to submit. Following approval, a further mandate to allow her to make payments will be submitted.

9.2 To receive update on the 2022/23 External Audit

The Chair had received as email to say that the external audit will start at the end of July. Documents will need to be forwarded and he will request further details on how this is done and for any additional information required.

9.3 To receive budget outturn for 2022/23

The Chair had updated the Budget Monitor until the end of June and forwarded to Councillors.

9.4 To discuss the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Park Designation Project

Designated Landscapes, consisting of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB's), cover approximately 25% of Wales. They are areas legally recognised for their natural beauty, and for National Parks, the opportunities they provide for open-air recreation.

In its Programme for Government (2021-2026), Welsh Government sets out its intention to designate a new National Park in North East Wales based on the existing Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

(AONB). This would be a fourth National Park for Wales, and the first new such park to be established on Wales since 1957.

As a result, Welsh Government has commissioned Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to evaluate the case for the designation. NRW are the Welsh Government's statutory advisor on landscape and natural beauty and the designating authority for any new National Parks or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

Later in 2023, NRW are planning to hold a series of engagement events on the National Park proposal to gather information from local communities and other key stakeholders. Dates and locations for these events will be published on their website as well as published through local networks and partners.

There will also be an opportunity to share feedback during a public consultation period in 2024. This public consultation will open on the 2nd September 2024 and close on the 8th November 2024. In addition, there are Frequently Asked Questions on the NRW website and to express an interest in National Park proposal engagement events, residents can e-mail designated.landscapes.programme@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

9.5 To discuss Councillor's training plan

Councillors discussed training requirements to consider any gaps in their collective skillset. Councillor Hunter had expressed she would like attend the 'Introduction to Community Engagement' training. Councillors agreed they were happy for her to attend.

One Voice Wales had also forwarded a request from Keep Wales Tidy. KWT are keen to learn what environmental training and services are of interest to T&CCs and had included a survey. The Chair had completed this survey on behalf of the Council.

9.6 To discuss distributing contributions for the coronation

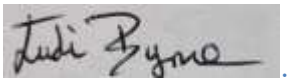
Councillors had previously agreed to funds of £300 to be split between groups who had organised events for the Kings coronation. Four village groups had requested funds and it was agreed to split the funds as follows based on expenditure accrued.

- Cross Foxes £100
- Nannerch Women's Institute £100
- Nannerch VC School £60
- Nannerch Rainbows £50

9.7 To receive an update following the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Champions Meeting

The Chair had attended the June AONB Champions meeting at Loggerheads.

Similar to the previous meetings, Howard Sutcliffe the Lead Officer for the AONB provided an update on the potential National Park for North East Wales (also see 9.4).

Chairman : ……  ……

Following this, there were additional updates on other projects undertaken by the AONB, including an update on the AONB management Plan, the importance of agriculture within the AONB landscape and the Curlew Wales Project.

10.1 AED Check

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

10.2 Update from Cross Foxes committee

Following feedback from the community, a committee had been established to explore the possibility of a community purchase of the Cross Foxes should it come for sale. It was reiterated that it is not at risk of closure. Liz Grieve will Chair this new committee, with Dave Evans as Treasurer and Janet Costidell as Secretary. Nannerch Community Council have previously agreed to support this community venture with the initial costs of surveying and valuation and following the new committees request, it was agreed to provide £1,000 if and when required.

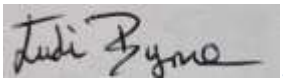
11. To receive list of payments

The Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor Bryne checked the list of payments due, having reviewed the supporting invoices supplied

	Payee	**£**	**Payment method**	**Power**
11.1	Gordon's Gardens June 23	153	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
11.2	Bluefox Technology Ltd	1,300.80	BACS	LGAct 1972s. 144
11.3	Cross Foxes Committee	1,000	BACS	LGAct 1972s. 214
	Donations towards the coronation events			
11.4	Cross Foxes	100	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.137
11.5	Nannerch Women's Institute	100	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.137
11.6	Nannerch Rainbows	50	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.137
11.7	Nannerch School	60	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.137

TOTAL £2,763.80

NEXT MEETING 6th September 2023

Chairman : ……  ……