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

PRESENT:

Councillor Huw Morgan (Chair)
Councillor Marc Owen (Vice-Chair)
Councillor G Williams
Councillor J Byrne
Councillor K Weston

IN ATTENDANCE
Helen Wade, Clerk to Nannerch Community Council
Councillor A Parkhurst
Neil Hickie (Flintshire Streetscene- left after item 94)

88. Public Participation
David Davies, Independent Member of Flintshire CC's Standards Committee.

Both the Chair and Clerk confirmed that there had been no requests for remote access to the Meeting.

89. To welcome Independent Member of Flintshire County Council's Standards Committee to this Meeting
Councillors welcomed David Davies to the Meeting. The attendance by the Standards Committee is to observe how the meetings are conducted, to understand any declarations of interest and how the Members' Code of Conduct is being applied when considering them.

90. To consider accepting apologies for absence
Councillors Capstick, Costidell, Hunter
Apologies accepted.

91. To record declaration of interests from members in any item to be discussed

None

92. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting 7th December 2023

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held on 7th December 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

93. To receive police update and raise any matters

PCSO Connor Freel did not attend the Meeting. The Chair had received an e-mail from Connor confirming he is still waiting for notices to remind residents of their obligation to park sensibly and with consideration to other users. This follows complaints about parking at the entrance to Bryn Dedwydd which potentially blocks entrance to emergency vehicles, and parking by the Memorial blocking the view for exiting cars from Pen y Felin Road.

Councillor Byrne had received additional complaints that cars exiting Pen y Felin Road Southward (towards Mold) have to drive on the incorrect side of the road for some distance before being in the correct lane.

The Chair confirmed that the October Police Statistics for Cilcain ward had been updated for December 2022 and confirmed that 2 crimes had been reported in Nannerch, one theft and one violent and sexual offence. The statistics and crime map can be found at Cilcain | Police.uk (www.police.uk).

94. To receive Streetscene update and raise any matters

Neil Hickie attended the Meeting.

Starting with the recent frosts, both Nannerch Community Council and Cllr Parkhurst had received numerous complaints about the lack of salt provision.

One of these complaints had been the absence of gritting along School Lane on school days. The Chair had checked the Flintshire's policy that says paved areas are only treated during severe conditions of ice or snow once the priority routes have been cleared. This is to make sure resources are used in the most efficient way. With many miles of footways in Flintshire salting every single one is simply not feasible with efforts have to be concentrated on areas that will benefit the most people.

Footways are prioritised in the following order once snow has settled or during periods of prolonged freezing conditions on a priority basis at locations including:

- Town centre footways and footways in the vicinity of shopping areas
- Footways in the vicinity of civic buildings
- Public highway in the vicinity of hospitals
- Public highway in the vicinity of residential homes / old age pensioners flats
- Public highway in the vicinity of day care centres

- Public highway in the vicinity of Schools (during term times only)
- Footbridges
- Bus stops

When notified of the issue Flintshire CC had been quick to attend and grit School Lane to which Cllr Owen thanked Neil. The Chair said that if parents were expected by Flintshire CC to undertake gritting for the safety of their children, then a grit bin should be provided.

The Chair reminded Neil that Nannerch Community Council had requested a salt bin for Ffordd y Waen on the 3rd February 2022. Nannerch Community Council reminded Neil on the 12th of May and 6th of July, were informed it was due in October 22 prior to the September meeting, to be installed by the end of October on the 5th of October and is had still not installed despite 2 significant snow events. The Chair had been provided with photographs of cars and delivery drivers stuck on Ffordd y Waen. The broken salt bin between Bryn Goleu and Trefechan had still not been replaced 12 months following a complaint, resulting in salt being placed in a bucket. Councillor Parkhurst had forwarded the Salt Heap Location Matrix to the Chair who believed that the matrix suggested both locations warranted a yellow salt bin at no cost to the Community Council.

The Chair had checked the salt bins prior to the meeting with the bin at Pen y Felin Farm requiring filling.

Neil confirmed that gritting vehicles and contract vehicles go out every 6 hours to grit priority roads as specified by the policy. The gritting route for priority 1 routes can be found on the Council website at https://fccmapping.flintshire.gov.uk/connect/analyst/mobile/#/main?mapcfg=grittingroutes. However, weight limits on the trucks that deposit salt for the heaps limits the amount they can deliver at any time.

With Neil in attendance, the Chair raised a number of outstanding issues still awaiting attention.

- The cattle grid near Hendy, Trefechan was first highlighted to Streetscene following a complaint in 2016. Following numerous updates this was confirmed as being fabricated in October 2020, ready for installation in April 2022, and was still awaiting installation in October and November 2022. Neil said that this will be done at the end of the 22/23 financial year or the first month of 23/24 year.

- The request for a barrier at the bend between Bryn Goleu and Sarn Mill had been raised with Cllr Parkhurst. This had previously been raised by Nannerch Community Council in early 2019 with Flintshire deciding that there wouldn't be the structural integrity for a barrier at this location. At the time, the Chair had offered an alternative kerbing solution which had been used in Denbighshire. Neil was asked to revisit this complaint.

- The Chair had been asked for an update on the culvert and ditch along the road towards Pen y Bryn and Pen Ucha'r Cwm. The low wall had fallen into the stream

at places and the culvert often blocked. A resident had complained directly to Streetscene and Neil was asked to look into this again.

- Councillor Byrne raised that Trefechan Road was closed recently to carry out repairs on potholes. However only part of the road was done, with additional work South West from the Maes yr Esgob junction still to be carried out. The Chair also highlighted that potholes of up to 130mm were evident throughout the parish, most notably, but not exclusively, on Ffordd y Cwm, Ffordd y Waen, Ffordd y Felin and Llandyrnog Road.
  Neil confirmed that the policy regarding potholes was still current and will investigate.

- Neil asked if there was further information on potential double yellow lines at the exit from Ffordd y Waen onto Village Road. The Chair reminded Neil that they'd discussed this on site on the 5th October 2021 with Nannerch Community Council waiting the findings of the Flintshire Traffic Engineer. Neil agreed to request an update from the Traffic Engineer..

Councillor Parkhurst asked Neil about an Action Plan. Neil will start forwarding to the Chair and Councillor Parkhurst as he did previously.

Resolved
Neil made notes of the outstanding actions required and will update the Action Plan. This will be forwarded to the Chair and Cllr Parkhurst.
Neil was thanked for attending the Meeting.

95. To update on items from last meeting

95.1 To consider the options for Telephone Kiosk interior work

The Chair said he has spoken with Tomos Hughes about purchasing a defibrillator for the Kiosk which is expected within the next month.

Resolved`

The Chair will speak with Councillor Costidell about the funding that has been raised.

95.2 To consider funding options for Nannerch Play Area and update on the Green Communities Fund.

The Chair had spoken with Richard Roberts of Aura Leisure. The work on the MUGA won't be done until early spring which should hopefully allow the Sports Club to raise the remaining funds.
Richard is happy with the removal of the blackthorn, planting a replacement hazel hedge and planting of community orchard in the play area. The orchard trees and planting tools are to be ordered. Seating and picnic benches have been quoted for and to be ordered. Kissing gates to replace broken stiles have been ordered. Items will be arriving over the next few weeks.

Re**solved**

The Chair will update Council as and when items arrive.

Chairman : …… ……

96 Planning

To consider:

96.1 Planning applications received by Flintshire County Council

96.1.1 Ref FUL/000715/22
Proposal Variation of Condition 2 of 037406
Location Fron Haul Quarry, Denbigh Road, Nannerch CH7 5RH
The Clerk confirmed that permission to extract from Fron Haul ceased December 31st 2022. Nannerch Community Council will welcome observations both for and against the proposed 10-year extension and will collate any responses in a reply to Flintshire CC.
Concerns have already been raised by residents about the quarry operating outside the permitted hours, noise and light pollution, destruction of habitat and damage to protected species and potential extraction despite the cease date above. The impact on the AONB had also been underestimated in the application. A number of conditions have potentially not been adhered to by the applicant with residents voicing concerns that if Flintshire CC do not have the resource to ensure the current conditions are followed, then permission should be refused.

With Fron Haul being within Ysceifiog Parish, Councillor Parkhurst had spoken with Steve Coppell of Caerwys Town Council to consider a joint response due to the significant impact within parts of Nannerch. It was agreed to forward Nannerch Community Council's reply to Planning to both Ysceifiog Community Council and Cllr Coppell.

96.1.2 Ref LBC/000034/23
Proposal Listed Building Application for retrospective application for the replacement of first floor The windows, raising the pitch of the side lean-to, reduction in height of chimney stack and replacement roof to Buttery (curtilage outbuilding)
Location Hafod y Cwm, Ffordd Y Cwm, Nannerch CH7 5RU
Comments can now be made on the application.

96.1.3 Ref LBC/000082/23
Proposal Proposed single storey side extension and associated works and re-roofing of curtilage outbuilding (Ty Arth)
Location Hafod y Cwm, Ffordd Y Cwm, Nannerch CH7 5RU
The application has been allocated to a Case Officer for checking and is awaiting the consultation period being opened.
As with 94.1.2, the listed building definition has been altered.

Resolved
The Chair asks that any comments in support or against either of these applications are forwarded the Clerk, so that they can be collated, and sent to the Planning Department before the deadline dates.

96.2 Planning decisions made by Flintshire County Council
RefMA000784/22
Proposal Application for a non-material Amendment to add a basement level to

the existing demolition/extension building.
Location , Nannerch Hall Farm, Nannerch, Mold, CH7 5RD
Decision date 4 Jan 2023 **Decision** Approved

96.3 Planning appeals received by Flintshire County Council
None.

97. Clerk's Update - Correspondence and other items

97.1 To receive bank reconciliations as at 31st January 2023
The Clerk had emailed these with the supporting bank statements and the Receipts & Payments Analysis which the Chair had checked. Council agreed that the Chair may sign them.
Resolved
Council received and agreed the bank reconciliations as at 31st January 2023, and the Chair signed them.

97.2 To receive Qtr 4 budget monitor and budget proposal updates as at 31st January 2023 for 2022/23
The Clerk had sent this document through to Members, who agreed the content.
Resolved
Council received and agreed the Qtr 4 budget monitor and budget proposal. updates as at 31st January 2023 for 2022/23.

97.3 To receive 2023/24 budget proposal as at 31st January 2023
The Clerk had sent this document through to Members, who agreed the content.
Resolved
Council received and agreed the 2023/24 budget proposal as at 31st January 2023

95.4 To receive update on the Annual Return 2021/22 audit
The Clerk had telephoned Wales Audit Office twice. She still hasn't received a reply from the Office contact.
Resolved
Council will continue to wait for a response from Wales Audit Office.

97.5 To determine level of Precept for 2023/24 and submit application to Flintshire County Council
The letter from Flintshire CC shows the Council Tax Base for Band D properties in 2023/24 of £286.96, higher than the 22/23 one of £277.84. This would give a figure of £14,921.92 for a Band D charge of £52 compared with £14,447.68 for 22/23, an increase of £474.2 or 3.3%. Due to inflation and additional costs likely to be accrued by the Council, Councillor Owen proposed, and Councillor Williams seconded that the Council ask for the minimum increase of £1 for a Band D charge of £53 to give a precept of £15,209.
Resolved
The preferred rate for 2023/24 was agreed at Band Rate 53, which gives a precept of £15,209.

98. To receive and consider Village items

98.1 AED Check

The Chair has contacted Tomos for more new pads, as the last ones have been used.

99. To receive list of payments

The Chair and Vice-Chair checked the list of payments due, having reviewed the supporting invoices and other evidence.

	Payee	£	Payment method	Power
99.1	Gordon's Gardens Dec 22 – Jan 23	54	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
99.2	Clerk's Salary Dec 22 – Jan 23 (£358,56 x 2)	727.12	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111 & 112
99.3	Clerk's Travel Dec 22 – Jan 23	10.80	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
99.4	Clerk's reimbursements Dec 22 – Jan 23	23	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
99.5	Nannerch Memorial Hall Room Rental 1 January – 30 June 2023	75	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
99.6	Morgan Fencing Kissing & Stratford Gates*	13,098	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
99.7	Defib Store Ltd. Defibrillator Set	1,537.44	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111 & 112

*This will be reimbursed through the Green Communities Grant.

TOTAL £15,525.36

NEXT MEETING 1st MARCH 2023

Chairman : …… ……