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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE
Helen Wade, Clerk to Nannerch Community Council
Councillor A Parkhurst

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

2. **To consider accepting apologies for absence**
   None

3. **To record declaration of interests from members in any item to be discussed**
   Janet Costidell declared an interest for item 11.9.

4. **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting 1st March 2023**
   Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held on 1st March 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 had emailed Connor saying the Council was still waiting for a response from him with regards to the inconsiderate parking of cars parking at the entrance to the Old People's bungalows, by the War Memorial, school drop off and pick up and Cross Foxes. This follows complaints from residents and concerns about the accessibility for emergency vehicles. Connor had agreed to visit the village to see for himself, and issue inconsiderate parking notices asking people to park with curtesy to others and with emergency access in mind where required. Should Connor not reply to the Chair then Councillor Parkhurst was happy to escalate the complaints.

The Clerk had chased Rob Roberts MP's Office for an update on the noise pollution trial on the A541. Office Manager Ray Faulder-Jones had previously confirmed that it was 1 of 5 submitted prior to the submission deadline of t7th May 2022. He was currently on leave but he will investigate and provide a more substantive response upon his return.

The Chair confirmed that the February 2023 Police Statistics for Cilcain ward had been updated and confirmed that no crimes had been reported in Nannerch. The statistics and indictive map can be found at Cilcain | Police.uk (www.police.uk).

6. To receive Streetscene update and raise any matters

Neil Hickie did not attend the Meeting. Work has been carried out on a number of items:

- An additional salt bin has been placed on Ffordd y Waen and a replacement at Bryn Goleu as requested by Nannerch Community Council in February 2022.

- A contractor has been appointed to undertake works near Hafod y Cwm as soon as Crib Lock walling has been received.

- The replacement cattle grid near Hendy, Trefechan has now been installed.

- Some potholes have been filled.

- There have been road closures due to Openreach.

- A meeting with Nick Williams, a Traffic Engineer for Flintshire CC had been arranged by Neil for the 2nd of March. Councillor Costidell and Councillor Parkhurst attended. Neil will update the junction improvement document but essentially the suggested changes are what had been agreed between Neil and the Chair during their meeting on the 5/10/2021. These are summarised below.

- Change the warning sign on the approach from the village to show a bend with a left turn to make it clear that the left turn is after the two private drives, and include a 'Slow/Araf' road marking.
- Add white dotted lines either side of the junction about a foot out from the wall.

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- Move the junction white lines about a foot into Village Road to link in with the additional white lines either side.
- Refresh the existing centre line.
- Keep the junction as 'Give Way' rather than 'Stop'.
- Upgrade the warning sign on the approach from Wheeler Hill side and add 'Slow/Araf' road marking.

Councillor Costidell said she had also agreed to ask the residents if they would trim their hedges to improve visibility.

The Chair went through issues raised at the last Meeting that were still awaiting attention.

- Numerous other potholes are still awaiting attention on a number of roads.

- Council will ask for an update on potential works on the road above Glan Aber and the safety measures on the road between Bryn Goleu and Sarn Mill.

Councillor Parkhurst spoke about the planned 20mph limit from the 17/09/2023. Areas without streetlights **will not** automatically go down to 20mph which may include the stretch along Village Road from Pen Llan, past the Church and School lane to the Courtyard. Councillor Parkhurst has asked for confirmation, and if this will not default to 20mph, he has asked about the process for submitting a request to change this to 20mph and which criteria have to be met.
Council agreed that Nannerch CC are in favour of the 20mph limit for the Village and asked if it could be extended to include Erw Llan and Ffordd y Llan to Lollipop Cottage. The Chair agreed to confirm to Councillor Parkhurst Nannerch Community Council's support.

Councillor Parkhurst had been asked if Allt y Chwiler could be made one way from the A541 junction to Ffordd y Waen, and a weight limit added. Councillor Costidell had also received this request in writing. Councillors suggested that these proposals may have an impact on both farm traffic and emergency services, and increased traffic on Ffordd y Waen resulting in vehicles exiting on a junction with far less visibility and onto a 60mph road not a 40mph road. Councillor Parkhurst also suggested that this may have implications on the buses and as has been seen on the Llys Alyn estate in Rhydymwyn. The bus route into central Nannerch may not be viable under these restrictions especially considering the proposed 20mph on the timetable. Councillors agreed that they wouldn't want to see the bus route go. It was proposed to ask Flintshire for their thoughts on the proposals.

Resolved
The Chair will remind Neil that other potholes still need to be fixed.
Council discussed the matter for a one-way system being introduced on Allt y Chwiler and will contact Flintshire for their opinion.
The Chair and Councillor Parkhurst will follow up items as noted above.

Chairman : …… ……

7. To update on items from last meeting

7.1 To consider the options for Telephone Kiosk interior work

The defibrillator and cabinet will be installed in the Kiosk soon and the Chair is in contact with Tomos Hughes from Save a Life Cymru. Councillor Costidell has passed the funds raised towards the defibrillator at the Cross Foxes to the Chair for payment into the Council's bank account.

The interpretation panel and map in the kiosk will be undertaken in a similar design to the community miles leaflet being done under the Green Communities Grant.

Resolved

The defibrillator and pads will be installed in the Kiosk in the coming weeks and the Chair is in contact with Tomos Hughes from Save a Life Cymru. Councillor Costidell has passed the funds raised at the Cross Foxes to the Chair for payment into the Council's bank account.

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

Under the Green Communities Fund, a hazel hedge has been planted to the West and South of the play area. The orchard tree guards have also arrived, and tree planting undertaken along Ffordd y Waen. Further work will be completed in the coming weeks.

The Clerk told Council a letter had been received from Aura about the Match-funding availability for 2023/24. The deadline date for expressing an interest is the 31st of May. £2,500 has already been offered for the play area from the 2022/23 match funding and £2,500 ringfenced in the Council's budget. It was agreed the Chair will discuss with Richard Roberts how much one final item will cost to complete the play area improvements and refurbishment and Nannerch Council will reply to the 2023/24 offer accordingly.

Council had also received an invoice from Flintshire County Council for £2,635 for the match funding towards the MUGA (Multi Use Games Arena) maintenance. Councillors agreed that Councillors Owen, Weston and the Chair will meet with the Sports Club to establish what the Sports Club can contribute towards the £5,270 cost of the maintenance and who is to pay this invoice.

Resolved

The Chair will discuss the funds available for the 2023/24 match-funding with Richard Roberts from Aura. Councillors Owen, Weston and the Chair will meet with the Sports Club with regards to the £2,635 invoice.

8. Planning

To consider:

8.1 Planning applications received by Flintshire County Council

8.1.1 **Ref** FUL/000172/23

Proposal Erection of 1 Yurt, 1 Wooden Log Cabin and 1 composting WC to form a Campsite

Location Penbedw Uchaf, Nannerch, Mold, CH7 5RP

Resolved

Concerns over the potential additional traffic on Llandyrnog Road had been raised by Residents. The Chair asks that any comments in support or

against this application are forwarded the Clerk or himself, so that they can be collated, and sent to the Planning Department before the deadline dates.

8.2 Planning applications received by Flintshire County Council

None

8.3 Planning appeals received by Flintshire County Council

None.

8.4 To receive feedback from Fron Haul Quarry Liaison Meeting

Councillors Parkhurst, Owen and the Clerk attended this Teams Meeting online. Maria Cotton, Planning and Estates Manager from Breedon led the Meeting which included Dan McVey, Senior Planning Officer- North Wales Minerals and Waste (Flintshire County Council) and representatives from Ysceifiog Community Council.

Maria Cotton had not seen Nannerch CC's response to the planning proposal detailing complaints from residents and suggesting numerous breaches of conditions. She will respond to the points made.

Councillor Owen asked for independent verification of the volume left due to the quantities declared differing depending on which document is being read.

Future complaints should be sent to Breedon and Flintshire County Council.

Maria Cotton is happy to attend community events and local shows. Breedon are also happy to support local good causes although Councillor Owen reminded her that the Community Council did ask for assistance when we were gathering funds for the play area improvements and funds were not forthcoming.

Resolved

Breedon will reply to the Council with regards to residents' complaints.

9. Clerk's Update - Correspondence and other items

9.1 To receive year end receipts and payments analysis for 2022/23

The Clerk had sent this through to Councillors alongside the 31st of March bank reconciliations. Councillors received and accepted the content of the analysis.

Resolved

Councillors received the year end receipts and payments analysis for 2022/23.

9.2 To receive year end bank reconciliations as at 31st March 2023

Councillors received and accepted the reconciliations, with an overall year-end total of £10,152.35.

Resolved

The Chair signed the bank reconciliations.

9.3 To receive budget outturn for 2022/23

The Clerk had shared this with Council. Councillors accepted this outturn which in total balanced with the £10,152.35 bank balance as agreed in the bank reconciliations.

Resolved

The Council received the budget outturn for 2022/23.

9.4 To receive budget proposal for 2023/24

The Councillors had received this budget proposal for the current year.

Resolved

The Council accepted the proposal for 2023/24.

9.5 To receive notice of completion of 2021/22 Annual Return Audit

The Clerk had received a Notice of Completion and the signed Annual Return from Audit Manager, Deryck Evans. There were no matters arising from the audit.

Resolved

The Notice of Completion and the signed Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 will be displayed on the Notice Board and online.

10.1 AED Check

The Chair had checked the defibrillator before the Meeting. It is believed that the pads had been replaced since its last use, but are no longer present. Therefore, it is not currently emergency ready and not available for use. The Chair will contact Tomos Hughes about new pads. The Chair had also checked the defibrillator at the Cherry Pie which was operational, emergency ready and he had updated the circuit accordingly.

10.2 To discuss Village Celebrations for the King's Coronation

Councillor Costidell said that the Cross Foxes hoped to hold a barbecue- weather permitting. Councillor Weston confirmed the WI are holding an afternoon tea party. The Chair had spoken to Councillors in neighbouring villages where £300 had been set aside for those organising should funds be required and requested. It was agreed to do the same.

Resolved

Council agreed that funds of £300 will be made available similar to neighbouring villages should they be required and requested by anybody organising an event for the King's Coronation in May.

10.3 To receive an update following the AONB Champions Meeting

Councillor Hunter, as Nannerch Community Council's AONB Champion, and the Chair had attended the AONB Champions meeting. The AONB Champions are to help connect and engage the AONB with Community Councils. Councillor Hunter had sent a detailed update with relevant links and reiterated the main points at the meeting.

The meeting gave details on some of the projects that the AONB are working on in order to enhance nature and the environment. Firstly, there was an update on the potential National Park update for North East Wales. Natural Resources Wales have appointed a specialist advisor on landscape who will advise the Welsh Government and look at the scope of any potential area.

A talk on the moorland project, which is in collaboration with the fire brigade, gave details on the work done to reduce the fire risk on upland moorland. This work also has benefits for wildlife and some of this work for Black Grouse is visible locally on Moel Arthur, Penycloddiau and Moel y Parc.

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There was an update on the Our Picturesque Landscape (OPL) Project in the Dee Valley. This project aims to re-engage the communities along the Dee Valley and the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site by protecting the natural and historical heritage features through conservation and access management. It provides interpretation and increases awareness and understanding of the special qualities of the landscape.

There was also a presentation on the Dark Skies of the AONB. 60% of our biodiversity relies on darkness to survive. The AONB are trying to ensure that the night skies in the AONB are preserved so that wildlife can thrive in their natural habitats. However, there are few places left where people can really get a true perception of the night and its awe-inspiring sky with stars. They are part of a collaboration with the Eryri National Park and the Isle of Anglesey and Llyn Peninsula AONBs. Encouraging darks skies is not about removing lighting but to have consideration in terms of light pollution by focussing light downward and changing the colour temperature to a maximum of 3000k with 2700k preferred as it reduces the blue component further. Details can be found at DARK-SKIES-GUIDANCE-2.pdf (clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk)

The next AONB Champions meeting is at Loggerheads on Thursday 15th June.

Resolved

Council received an update from Councillor Hunter following the AONB Champions Meeting in March.

10.4 To receive an update on the presence of Bodowen Surgery at the Memorial Hall

A number of residents have been in contact with both the Council and with Councillor Parkhurst. Residents are keen to see this service return. Councillors agreed to write to Bodowen asking for an update and confirming the village are still interested in the continued provision of this surgery.

Resolved

A letter will be sent to Bodowen Surgery about its absence from the Hall.

10.5 To receive and consider requests for grants from organisations outside Nannerch

Councillors again agreed to prioritise local causes as they had done so in previous years with Nannerch having one of the smallest precepts in Flintshire.

Resolved

No organisations from outside Nannerch will receive funding in 2022/2023.

10.6 To receive feedback from Flintshire County Council's Standards Committee.

Councillor Parkhurst gave feedback from David Davies report to the Flintshire CC's Standard's Committee. He had concluded that Councillors worked well together in an informal atmosphere and clearly had an experienced Chair and Clerk. He was satisfied that the declarations of interest were being followed.

Resolved

The independent member of the Standard's Committee found Nannerch CC was well run.

10.7 To receive NRW's Stakeholder Engagement for the Ruthin Forest Resource Plan.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is currently reviewing its Forest Resource Plan (FRP) for the Ruthin Forests. The Ruthin FRP covers a diverse mix of woodland, including Coed Llangwyfan, Coed Moel Famau and Coed Nercwys in the Clwydian Range. As a part of this process, NRW are keen to seek the views of their neighbours and stakeholders. Coed Llangwyfan is on the Nannerch boundary. The Chair asked for any comments Councillors wish to make to be sent to him by the 14th of April deadline so that a response can be sent if there is any feedback.

Resolved

The Chair will reply to this engagement should Councillors have any comments.

10.8 To receive offer to apply to be a member of the Flintshire's Local Access Forum.

Nannerch Community Council had been asked if they would like a representative to apply to be part of the Flintshire's Local Access Forum. The Chair has also been invited separately, outside the Community Council role and was happy to report back relevant details to Nannerch Community Council.

Resolved

The Chair will apply, and if successful, will report back relevant details to the Council.

10.9 To discuss NannerchCC.com

Prior to obtaining the right to host Nannerch.com, the Community Council had registered NannerchCC.com. Councillor Williams had been asked if this was still required. It was agreed that this is no longer needed, and Councillor Williams will confirm this.

Resolved

Councillor Williams will confirm NannerchCC.com is no longer required.

10.10 To receive confirmation of published White Paper on Electoral Administration and Reform.

Welsh Government had confirmed the next steps for electoral reform in Wales. Consultees were broadly in favour of their plans to modernise elections in Wales and deliver the Government's priority to increase voter participation and ensure that every citizen is able to play their full part in our democracy. Details are available here https://www.gov.wales/electoral-administration-and-reform-white-paper.

Resolved

Council confirmed receipt of the White Paper on Electoral Administration and Reform.

10.11 To receive opportunity to attend presentation on the Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) Airspace Change Proposal.

An invite had been received to attend a presentation on Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) Airspace Change Proposal (ACP). The partial re-visit of Stage 2 will focus on the change resulting from the introduction of the Airspace Change Masterplan, and the maturing ACPs of other Sponsors that will influence the

further development of the LJLA ACP. The Chair agreed that Councillors can attend if they have an interest, but highlighted that the presentation will also be uploaded to their website afterwards.

Resolved

Council confirmed receipt of the invite.

10.12 Appraisal of Clerk

Insufficient time was available to complete the Clerk's appraisal and a full appraisal will be undertaken by the Chair and Vice Chair prior to the May meeting, if not sooner.

Resolved

The full appraisal will be undertaken prior to the 3rd May meeting.

11. To receive list of payments

The Chair and Vice-Chair checked the list of payments due, having reviewed the supporting invoices and other evidence for items 11.1-11.5 previously. The invoices for 11.6-11.10 were approved by Council and will be confirmed once the Chair and Vice Chair and reviewed the invoices.

	Payee	**£**	**Payment method**	**Power**
11.1	Gordon's Gardens Mar 23	18	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
11.2	Clerk's Salary Mar 23	358.56	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111 & 112
11.3	Clerk's Travel Mar 23	10.80	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
11.4	Clerk's Reimbursements Mar 23	14	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
11.5	2021/22 Audit Fees Audit Wales	200	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.151
11.6	Prees Heath Nursery (plants)	377	BACS	Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006, s.20
11.7	AD Welding (orchard tree guards)	5286	BACS	Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006, s.20
11.8	G, JE and M Raw (installation of benches and work on byway)	4886.70	BACS	Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006, s.20

	Payee	£	Payment method	Power
11.9	Janet Costidell Village Questionnaires purchase	135	BACS	LGAct 1972
11.10	DoodleIT Website Hosting	150	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.142

TOTAL £11,436.06

NEXT MEETING 3rd MAY 2023

Chairman : …… ……