MINUTES of the proceedings of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held at Nannerch Memorial Hall on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7pm

PRESENT:

Councillors J Byrne, K Weston, J Costidell (Vice Chair), R Calderwood-Duncan, J Capstick, J Morgan-Millington and G Williams.
Councillor Huw Morgan joined the meeting from item 10 onwards.
Jeanne Penn, Clerk.

In the absence of the Chair at the start of the meeting, Councillor Costidell chaired the meeting.

1. Public Participation

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no requests for remote access to the meeting.

2. To accept apologies for absence

County Councillor Parkhurst. The Chair had reported he would be arriving later this evening.

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

There were no declarations of interest received

4. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting 6th June 2024

The Minutes of this Meeting of Nannerch Community Council were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

5. To receive updates on progress from previous Minutes

- **SmartWater Kits.** The most recent data showed that 55 smartwater kits had been issued and registered, with a further 5 kits allocated and awaiting delivery to residents by PCSO Tiff Davies. North Wales Police had undertaken much positive publicity via a press release and posts on their social media channels, PCSO Davies had suggested a further drop in event at the Memorial Hall to target more households to increase the take up rate. Councillors suggested that this could be in the form of a 'Community Café' with a proposed date of Saturday 14th September. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would liaise with PCSO Davies, to establish areas where smartwater kits should be targeted, and to ascertain her availability for the next proposed event.

- **Village Noticeboard.** As the lead was damaged, it was **agreed** for Councillor Calderwood-Duncan to source this material and undertake the repair.

- **Commemorative structure.** The Chair had received an estimate for a replica cast of the tank plaque in readiness for Remembrance Day in 2024. Including installation, the cost would be in the region of £3,000. In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, additional quotes would now be required. The Chair would shortly be meeting with the family who owned the original plaque to discuss the proposals for the cast.

6. To receive police update and raise any matters

Crime statistics for April 2024 noted 1 report of antisocial behaviour and 1 burglary.

7. To receive Streetscene update and raise any matters

An action plan had been received from Neil Hickie on 9th July 2024, with the following update:

A work order had been issued for the following Pothole repairs: before Nant y Cwm on Ffordd y Cwm; on Plas Yw Road towards Moel Arthur; by Grey Cottage on Ffordd y Waen; on Sarn Mill (which had separately been reported by a resident to Councillor Parkhurst).
Pothole repairs on the A541 and on Llandyrnog Road had been completed.
Pothole repairs on Trefechan Lane was ongoing.
Litter removal from A541 had been completed.
The clearing of drainage channels near Hawthorn Cottage was an ongoing action
A request for signage on Lane to Piw Gwyn to deter inappropriate large vehicles referred to the situation being monitored.
The request for a crash barrier at Sarn Hill had been escalated to management.
The policy after mowing to leave grass cuttings in situ was confirmed.

Neil had confirmed that the pothole repair team would be in Nannerch next week. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would respond to Mr Hickie urgently in order that all the pothole repairs were completed.

8. Flintshire County Council Planning Matters

- No planning applications had been **received** by Flintshire County Council
- Application LBC/000360/24, the proposal to install a log burner at Hafod y Cwm, Ffordd y Cwm, was noted to have been **withdrawn** on 18/6/24
- Application DET/001032/23, details reserved by conditions 3-7 at Fron House, Ffordd y Cwm, had been **approved** on 24/6/24

9. Financial Matters

- The Bank Reconciliations were **received and approved**. For quarter 1 April to June 2024, receipts of £7977.21 against an expenditure of £9458.16 left a total balance of £14,425.86 between the 2 accounts as at 30/6/24.

- A further 2 transactions consisting of payment to Information Commissioner's Office of £35 by direct debit on 5/6/24 and receipt of £287.50 from Nannerch Sports Club (for their contribution to the basketball equipment) were **noted** during this quarter.
- The Vice Chair and Councillor Bryne had checked the schedule of payments due for June 2024, having reviewed the supporting invoices/paperwork supplied. Payments were **approved** by all Councillors as follows:

Payee	**£**	**Payment method**	**Power**
Clerk net salary-June	390.95	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111 & 112
HMRC Clerk's PAYE-June	98.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
Clerk allowance/travel/print	37.79	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
Gordon's Gardens	140.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111
Hall hire for Jan-June	75.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 s.111

- **TOTAL £741.74**

10. Clerk's Update - Correspondence and other items

- Submission of the basic External Audit 2022/23 was made on 11/6/24 and the full External Audit 2022/23 was made on 17/6/24. This was **noted** by Councillors.
- The letter from Ken Skates MS regarding 20mph National Listening Programme was **noted**. The document signposts people towards the relevant highway authority to request feedback on specific speed limits. As Councillors had already agreed earlier in the year the additional areas in Nannerch for extending the 20mph zone, and which had already been reported to County Councillor Parkhurst, it was **agreed** that the Clerk would confirm this information to him.
- The Annual Report for 2023/24 prepared by the Clerk was received and **agreed** and would be made available on the website and on Nannerch P&P facebook.
- The Members' Registers of Interests for 2023/24 was **agreed**.
- The Register of Councillor Allowances for 2023/24 was **agreed**. It was also **noted** that Councillors had individually chosen to forego their allowances in order to free up funds in the accounts towards the purchase of the defibrillator for the village.

16. Reports and Updates from other meetings.

County Councillor Parkhurst had sent a report as follows:

- Resident's Concern re Footpath near Grayburn Kennels – Stuart Jones, FCC's Access Officer is aware and will discuss directly with the resident.
- Surgery in Nannerch Memorial Hall – I had a call from David Burns, the Holywell Surgery Practice Manager. They may be a possibility of a prescription drop off service. I encouraged David to engage with NCC.
- A541 opposite lane to Piw Gwyn – concealed entrances and footpath used by DoE children etc. Following concern raised by residents over the speed of vehicles on the A541 and the potential danger to pedestrians crossing the road from the footpath

and from vehicles leaving concealed entrances, I arranged a site meeting with FCC. They will do an assessment. There is a possibility that this stretch of road might meet WG criteria for 40mph (particularly in view of the footpath just by the bend).

- Household Recycling Centres – a review of charges is being undertaken in view of 2024/25 budget pressures. This could result in a new chargeable facility for trade waste but also the potential for charging residents for what FCC call 'DIY' waste. Councillors have been resisting unreasonable or unworkable solutions. Further news is expected to follow shortly.
- FCC 2025/26 Budget – initial considerations are underway. It's early days, particularly in view of the change in UK Government and how that might affect the WG funding settlement but it's looking like FCC will face a significant shortfall next financial year which will have to be met by a combination of efficiency savings, service reductions, increased fees & charges and a rise in Council Tax.

13. Village Items.

- **AED Checks.** The Chair confirmed that, subject to the inspection of the defibrillator at the Cherry Pie which would be done this week, the periodic checks of the 3 defibrillators which were emergency ready.
- In light of Councillor Parkhurst's update from Bodowen Surgery, it was **agreed** that the Clerk should establish the latest position from the Practice Manager.
- Recent incidents of alleged antisocial behaviour have been reported by a number of residents. It was **agreed** that these will be monitored and that the Clerk would seek further advice from the relevant authorities responsible should they continue.
- It was **noted** that the bench near the War Memorial needed re-painting.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7pm