

**Cyngor Cymuned Gwersyllt Community Council**

**Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**

**Under this Act, Gwersyllt Community Council is required to do the following:**

*“As soon as reasonably practicable after a meeting of a community council, and in any event before the end of seven working days beginning with the day on which the meeting is held, the council must publish electronically a note setting out –*

- (a) The names of the members who attended the meeting, and any apologies for absence*
- (b) Any declarations of interest*
- (c) Any decision taken at the meeting including the outcome of votes”*

What follows, therefore, is a summary of the issues discussed and the decisions made at the Meeting of Gwersyllt Community Council held on Wednesday, 21 July 2021.

Please note that the decisions are subject to confirmation by Council at its next meeting on Wednesday, 22 September 2021.

**Present at the Meeting** - Councillor David Edwards (Chair) and Councillor Gwenfair Jones (Vice-Chair), together with Councillors Annette Davies, David Griffiths, Arfon Jones, Arthur Jones, Mrs Sheelagh Jones, Tina Mannering, Jayne Parlour, Phil Rees, Jackie Roberts, Mike Wilde and Dennis Wynne.

**Item 1 - Apologies for Absence** – Councillors Martyn Davies, Raymond Hughes, Louise Roberts and Barrie Warburton.

**Item 2 - Declarations of Personal Interests** – Councillors Gwenfair Jones, Phil Rees and Tina Mannering all gave notice that they proposed to declare a personal interest in Agenda Item 14 (Planning Matters) by reason of their roles as members of Wrexham County Borough Council’s Planning Committee.

Councillor David Griffiths also gave notice that he proposed to declare a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 14 (Application for Planning Permission – P/2021/0634 – Two Storey Extension - 57 St. Giles Park, Gwersyllt) on the grounds that he was related to the applicant.

Councillor Mrs Sheelagh Jones gave notice that she proposed to declare a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 21 (Bradley Park Bowling Club – Installation of CCTV System) as she was a member of the Club.

**Item 3 - Public Questions** – No public questions were submitted although it was pointed out that a member of the public had asked that her concerns about the overgrown state of the burial ground at Holy Trinity Church be brought to the Council's attention.

**Item 4 – Minutes** -The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 June 2021 were received and confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following correction:

Page 6 - Minute 35 (vi) – The Wauns Carnival

The date of the Carnival should be amended to read Saturday, 18 September 2021.

**Item 5 – Policing in the Community** – A Member remarked that she had been contacted by people who had been issued with speeding tickets on Dodds Lane and requested that the vegetation obscuring the 20mph sign should be cut back.

**Item 6 - Community Agent** - The Community Agent's report for June 2021, the quarterly monitoring data and the quarterly budget position were noted.

**Item 7 - Street Lighting Issues** – Members considered a formal quotation from Jones Lighting Ltd for the installation of 9 new or replacement columns, including the selection of 2 solar powered lanterns to test their suitability. The quoted cost of £15,977.95 was approved.

**Item 8 – Caia Park Partnership – Open Access Youth Work (for 8-13 year olds)** – The quarterly report for January to March 2021 was received and, during discussion, the Clerks were asked to query why there were a much higher number of males attending the sessions compared to females.

Members also approved the Service Level Agreement for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 and authorised the Clerk to sign the document on behalf of the Council.

**Item 9 – Request for Provision of a School Crossing Patrol outside Ysgol Bro Alun** – The Council decided to support the request and provide the necessary funding to enable Wrexham Council to put this service in place.

### **Item 10 – Consultations**

- (i) Planning for Dark Night Skies: Supplementary Planning Guidance for Lighting in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - The Council resolved to support the introduction of the proposed new supplementary planning guidance.
- (ii) Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales Regulations – Members welcomed the proposed specified qualifications as set out in the draft regulations and agreed to fund the associated training costs for the Council’s Clerks.

**Item 12 – Planting of Tree in Memory of Victims of COVID-19** – The Clerk presented the options and Members approved:

- the planting of hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus fastigiata*) trees with commemorative plaques at specified locations; and
- the estimated expenditure of £900 for the purchase of two trees.

**Item 13 – Installation of Defibrillators** – The Clerk provided an update on the installation of the initial batch of 4 defibrillators and Members made the following comments:

- That all areas of the community should have convenient access to a defibrillator noting that the minimum distance between each defibrillator should be 500 metres. The Clerk was asked to explore possible, additional locations at (a) Rhosddu Industrial Estate & Rhosrobin, (b) Bradley, (c) Sydallt & Cefn-y-Bedd and (d) Pendine Park.
- That the North Wales Ambulance Trust estimated prices of £800 per defibrillator plus a cabinet (£423.20), delivery (£15) and installation costs were approved
- The price for direction signs (£35 per sign) was also noted
- Arrangements should be made to ensure that the defibrillators are checked on a regular basis and Members asked the Clerks to investigate whether a maintenance contract should be put in place.
- Members resolved that the defibrillators should remain the assets of the Council and, therefore, listed in its asset register.
- Members also requested that the Council’s network of defibrillators should be publicised when all the equipment was in place.

**Item 14 - Planning Matters** –The Council agreed to inform the Local Planning Authority that it has no objection to the following applications for planning permission:

- P/2021/0634 – Two Storey Rear Extension, 57 St. Giles’ Park, Gwersyllt.
- P/2021/0643 – Two Storey Side and Rear Extensions, 17 The Meadows, Gwersyllt.

The Council resolved to object to the following application and adhere to its previously submitted objections:

- P/2021/0699 – Change of Use of Land to Domestic and Boundary Fence (Partly in Retrospect), 6 Fox Close, Summerhill.

### **Item 15 – Members’ Issues/Concerns**

- (i) **Local Places for Nature** - Members agreed to support an application for a project starter pack for a site next to Sunnyview, First Avenue, Gwersyllt.
- (ii) **Bus Shelters** – the condition of several bus shelters was poor with repairs taking a long time to be done. Members were asked to send details and locations of any damaged shelters to the Clerks who would enquire with Wrexham Council whether a local contractor could be engaged to carry out immediate repairs. A Member also asked whether a bus shelter in the wrong location could be moved.
- (iii) **Village Signs** – Members agreed that the Clerks should pursue a “village” sign for Ffos-y-Go as an initial project and prior to consideration of any other signs to identify local communities.
- (iv) **Retirement of Sandra Davies, Manager at Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre** – Members agreed to the purchase of a suitable retirement gift for Sandra in recognition of all her work as Manager of the Resource Centre and, in particular, the many, successful community events she had organised over the past 14 years.
- (v) **Pop-up Camping Site at Chestnut Heights** – A Member reported that she had made enquiries and understood that this was a temporary camping site limited to 56 days.
- (vi) **Fly Tipping** – Several Members commented that fly tipping was increasing but enforcement action did not appear to be taken. The Clerks were asked to contact Wrexham Council and enquire about the possible use of covert cameras at some locations.
- (vii) **Gate to The Wauns off Delamere Avenue** – A Member commented that parents with prams were unable to negotiate the single gate due to a barrier erected to prevent motorcyclists entering and requested that a double gate with a self-closing device be fitted.

**Item 16 – Clerks’ Update**

- (i) **NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day (5 July 2021)** – The Clerk reported that the special flag had been raised to mark the day and that the Practice Manager had been approached regarding the possible purchase of equipment by the Council for use at Penymaes Surgery.
- (ii) **Play Areas Sub-Committee** – Members agreed that the local play areas should be visited with a view to identifying new and replacement items of equipment to be purchased through Wrexham Council. A Member asked that the provision of equipment for children with a disability should also be considered.
- (iii) **Stationery and other Office Supplies** – Members authorised the Clerk to establish a business account with Bates Office Supplies.
- (iv) **Renewal of ZOOM Video Conference Software** – Members approved the renewal of the subscription

**Item 17 – Information Items** - Members noted the following information items:

- (i) **The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons**
- (ii) **Operation London Bridge**
- (iii) **AVOW Press Release** –Members resolved to make a donation of £50 to AVOW in memory of the former Chairman of AVOW, John Leece-Jones

**Item 18 – Accounts for Payment** – The list of accounts was approved for payment.

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