

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

DATE: **THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF OFFICER (GOVERNANCE)**

SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A COUNCIL**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 For Council to consider a request from Gwernaffield Community Council to change its name to Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 Section 76 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that, at the request of a Community Council, the principal Council in which the community was situated may change the name of the Community Council.

2.02 In accordance with Section 76 of the Local Government Act 1972, Gwernaffield Community Council has requested the Council to consider changing the name of the Community Council from Gwernaffield to Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council. A copy of the resolution is attached as Appendix 1.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 Apparently, residents have often asked Community Councillors why Gwernaffield Community Council is not Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council when it is inclusive of and serves both small villages. The issue was raised again by residents at a fun day last Autumn. Although no formal consultation has taken place on the proposed change of name, the vote to change was unanimous by Community Councillors.

3.02 Should the Council be minded to approve the change of name of the Community Council, notice of the change is required to be sent to the National Assembly for Wales, to the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and to the Registrar General for England and Wales. It must also be published in the community.

3.03 A change of name of the Council would not affect any rights or obligations of the Community Council nor render defective any legal

proceedings which may be commended to continue as if there had been non change of name.

- 3.04 Section 76 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that at the request of a Community Council, the principal Council in which the community was situated may change the name of the Community Council.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 That the Council approves the change in the name of Gwernaffield Community Council to Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 A cost will be incurred in advertising the change of name of the Community Council.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 10.01 None as a result of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 11.01 None as a result of this report.

12.00 APPENDICES

- 12.01 Appendix 1 – Gwernaffield Community Council Resolution.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

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