

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held remotely via Zoom Pro on Monday 9th November, 2020.

PRESENT: Councillors Linda Scott (Vice-Chair), Linda Deane, Alison Brebner, Jarred Livesey, John Carlin, Rob Mackey, Alan Watkin and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Received from Councillors Pauline Lawton-Hughes (Chair), Chris Ruddle, Jo Millar, Rachel Hayward, Paul Ashley and Marion Bateman.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Scott declared a personal interest regarding Agenda Item 6 Planning Application 061878, being a friend of the property owner.

2. MICRO-CARE PROGRAMME

Marianne Lewis, Planning and Development Officer for the Micro-Team Programme at Flintshire County Council, had been invited to the meeting to discuss the programme and answer any queries.

It is the brief of the Micro-Care Team to help people to set up their own small care business, offering flexible care and support services to people in Flintshire. The Team believe that the services provided are vital to a person's happiness and wellbeing and will help them remain independent in their home and local community.

The types of micro-care services you might offer could include:

- Personal care and support to people in their own home,
- Providing Day Care or Breaks for carers
- Support to access community facilities
- Providing well-being services such as cleaning, shopping

Flintshire County Council assist care providers to achieve this by:

- By supporting you to develop your ideas and business
- Providing access to free relevant training in care and running a business
- Providing advice, guidance and mentoring every step of your journey
- Support to develop and deliver a quality service in line with care regulations
- Potential access to start-up funding
- Support you to find work and become a sustainable business

Members questions included:

What checks are in place to safeguard the more vulnerable members of our community, who maybe receiving the care and support within their own homes?

The Micro-Care team have a quality framework that they work to, to safeguard those being cared for and require the care businesses to have their own insurance and ensure all DBS checks have been made prior to commencing. They also request 2-3 references and require them to attend a number of training courses. Flintshire County Council will monitor and support the new care providers closely them annually against their quality framework.

What are the minimum and maximum hours that the Micro-Care Team providers are expected to undertake?

As the care providers will be self-employed the choice of hours worked, is their own. The Micro-Care Team can also help them set up voluntary free hours.

Are the Micro-Care Team aware of NEWCIS?

Yes, the team work closely with a range of other agencies and work in partnership with NEWCIS.

What are the length of time of calls?

Micro-Care calls will be no shorter than 30 minutes and as the carer is likely to be recruited from your area, the care is able to be more flexible when delivering care.

How are the carers paid?

As the Micro-Care provides are self-employed, they can receive income from private clients and in this case, Flintshire County Council will provide advice on charging policy. For non-private clients, should Flintshire County Council assess you as needing care then the money to cover the cost of the care is paid to the client in the form of Direct Payments (maximum paid is £12.63 per hour) and they in turn pay the care provider (maximum charge £12.63 per hour). Therefore, there is no extra cost that the client needs to fund. Flintshire County Council are able to pay the provider direct, if the person receiving the care does not wish to manage Direct Payments.

How do people access further information?

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Micro-Care Team on 01352 701461/02126 or access information via www.care@flintshire.com and a copy of the Micro-Care leaflet would be shared with the Clerk following the meeting and should Members or any members of the community have any further questions.

3. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk shared with Members the emailed update, which had been provided by PSCO Ryan Thomas on Police issues in the community area over the past month:

Northop

- High Street, Northop – Two road related incidents involving cars racing around the neighbourhood, over revving and general noise. The traffic officers on patrol were informed.

Sychdyn

- Vicinity of Soughton Hall, Sychdyn - Incident of anti-social behaviour nuisance. A group of youths on pushbikes being aggressive and seen throwing a boulder

onto the road. There were negative sightings on arrival and patrols were informed.

- Ffordd Eldon, Sychdyn - Incident of anti-social behaviour. Reports of a large group of youths congregating in the new play area and generally intimidating younger children. There were no sightings on arrival and the area will be patrolled.

4. MINUTES

Councillor Deane noted that the Minutes had not reflected that she had made a declaration of interest regarding Agenda Item 13 as she is also a member of Northop Memorial Hall. The Clerk will amend the minutes accordingly. Councillor Scott proposed that the Minutes of the Council meeting of the 12th October, 2020 subject to the above amendment, were a true record of the meeting and this was seconded by Councillor Brebner.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. STREETSCENE ISSUES

Members reported the following issues:

Northop

- Councillor Brebner had been asked by a resident to bring to the attention of the Community Council, the need to be aware of hedgehogs in the Northop area.
- Councillor Deane had contacted Streetscene to request that leaves on the lane (off the High Street) be swept as they were a possible slip hazard and congratulated Streetscene for their swift assistance in clearing the leaves.
- Report of pothole on the High Street in Northop between Yacht Terrace and the Post Office which requires attention. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with Streetscene.

Sychdyn

- There were no reports of any issues in the Sychdyn area this month.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) The following planning application was considered and observations agreed to be submitted to Flintshire County Council's (FCC) Head of Planning:

(i) **061566**

PROPOSAL: Conversion of existing agricultural outbuildings to 1 no. dwelling at Mount Pleasant, Altami Road, Sychdyn, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6RH
There were no objections to this proposal by Northop Community Council.

(ii) **061769**

PROPOSAL: Proposed wider external doors to side elevation. Proposed alterations to existing windows. Proposed addition of roof detail over existing rear window at single storey level at Rusan, The Green, Northop, Mold, CH7 6BD

There were no objections to this proposal from Northop Community Council.

(iii) **061855**

PROPOSAL: Proposed store over existing garage at 32 Wats Dyke Way, Sychdyn, Mold, Northop CH7 6DX

There were no objections to this proposal from Northop Community Council.

(iv) **061857**

PROPOSAL: Lowering of kerb at 49 New Brighton Road, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6EF

There were no objections to this proposal from Northop Community Council.

(v) **061878**

PROPOSAL: Change the use of an existing agricultural stone building into a three-bed holiday let at Mynachlog, Northop, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6AF

There were no objections to this proposal subject to the bat and bird species being safeguarded and ensuring that the guidance of the Ecology Report, which highlights the measures that are required to protect the bat and bird species on site, is followed.

(vi) **061881**

PROPOSAL: Erection of single Storey front extension at 75 St Peters Park, Northop, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6YU

There were no objections to this proposal from Northop Community Council.

(vii) **061904**

PROPOSAL: Proposed extension to provide accommodation for disabled access and facilities at Bryn Seion Cottage, Bryn Seion Lane, Soughton, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6YY

There were no objections to this proposal from Northop Community Council.

(viii) **061975**

PROPOSAL: Fell 1 no. Cypress at Car Park (Band Hall) High Street, Northop, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6BQ

There were no objections to this proposal from Northop Community Council.

(viii) **061340 Appeal Notification**

PROPOSAL: Application for variation of condition no. 4 following grant of planning permission at Rusan, The Green, Northop, Mold CH7 6BD
appeal start date is the 20th October, 2020 and comments have to be made to the Planning Inspectorate by the 17th November, 2020.

Members discussed the matter and agreed that they would support the appeal of the applicant. The Clerk will write to the Planning Inspectorate.

(x) **061966**

PROPOSAL: Extension and alterations to existing building at Crime Prevention Services Security House, Northop, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6HB

Members discussed the possible loss of parking as a potential issue however, as the associated plans show no change to car parking facilities, there were no objections raised to the proposal from Members.

Any applications received after the agenda was printed will be reported to the meeting.

(b) The Council received and noted information from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning regarding planning applications on which the Council has previously submitted observations.

(i) **061348** Delegated Officer Approved 15/09/2020

Proposal: Erection of 2 storey dwellinghouse including all other associated works relating to At: Land Adjacent to 16 Raikes Lane, Sychdyn, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6LR

(No objection by Northop Community Council).

(ii) **061732** Delegated Officer Approved 29/10/2020

Proposal: Application for a non material amendment to planning permission Reference 058211 at Cortonwood, Blackbrook Road, Sychdyn, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6LT

(No objection by Northop Community Council).

(iii) **061622** Delegated Officer Approved 06/10/2020

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension at 2 Cae Glas, Sychdyn, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6FD

(No objection by Northop Community Council).

7. ACCOUNTS

(a) Councillor Watkin proposed that the payment of the following accounts be approved and this was seconded by Councillor Mackey.

(i) **Clerks Salary** October 2020 Mrs S C Lovell at **£891.47 (Net)** Cheque Number: 002251;

(ii) **HMRC** – There is no income tax to pay this month. The Clerk has overpaid tax since commencing in June and £255.40 has been added to salary for November;

(iii) **Clwyd Pension Fund** Employers & Employee Pension contribution for Clerk October 2020 at **£178.09** Cheque Number: 002253;

(iiii) **Jim's Mowing** – Grass Cutting and all waste removed at the Band Hall/Car Park site in Northop on the 12th and 22nd October, 2020 at **£120.00** (each visit £60.00) Cheque Number: 002254;

(v) Flintshire County Council Summer Playscheme 2020 at Northop (£871.64) and Sychdyn (£871.64) at total of £1,743.28 Cheque Number 002255;

(vi) SLCC Membership Renewal 2020/21 at £44.00 Cheque Number 002256;

- (vii) Sychdyn Memorial Hall Annual Grant at £1,500.00 Cheque Number 002257;
- (viii) St. Peter's Churchyard Annual Grant at £1,000.00 Cheque Number 002258;
- (ix) Northop Silver Band Annual Grant at £500.00 Cheque Number 002259;

8. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) Remembrance Poppies and Silhouettes for Northop and Sychdyn villages (Cllr L. Scott);

Councillor Scott had been contacted by a local resident to enquire as to why Northop do not have the large event poppies located on lamp posts, as other villages do. The Clerk had contacted the British Legion and they supply the large event poppies at a suggested donation of £3 to £3.50 each and advised that the order be placed in September/October 2021 to ensure delivery in time for Remembrance Day.

The soldier silhouettes are no longer being made, as they were made to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of World War I and those that are seen in villages, were purchased previously and Councils continue to erect them during the period of annual remembrance.

Members agreed that the matter should be put forward for further discussion at the September 2021 meeting. Councillor Deane commented that the Clerk may need to clarify with the insurance company whether Northop Community Council would be covered to erect such poppies and also highlighted that the Community Council would need to consider who would erect them and the possible cost involved.

(b) Fly-tipping matter on land accessed via Pinfold Lane and the process for reporting (Cllr R. Mackie);

Councillor Mackey had reported to the Clerk evidence of fly-tipping and was able to supply photographs and an almost exact location using the 'what three words' app. Streetscene were informed and the matter was dealt with the same day. As the rubbish had contained evidence of several addresses, Streetscene confirmed that they would be able to approach the individuals concerned and give them an opportunity to confirm who had deposited the waste illegally and pay a fixed penalty fine or face criminal prosecution.

(c) Proposal for members to claim Councillor Allowances and have them contributed to or towards a scheme(s) in the Parish (Cllr J. Carlin);

Members discussed Councillor Carlin's suggestion however, it was felt that the proposal was not practical and could lead to various governance issues and various queries regarding impartiality and objectivity. Members decided not to proceed.

9. TRAFFIC MATTERS

Councillor Brebner requested that the Clerk liaise with Councillor Bateman to see if it would be possible to ascertain from Lee Shone at Flintshire County Council, where Northop Community Council were on his list regarding the provision of signage.

10. UPDATE ON THE A55/A494/A548 DEESIDE CORRIDOR PROJECT

Councillor Scott informed members that the Petitions Committee held on the 13th October, 2020 had questioned Ken Skates MS Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales and that there were some outstanding issues that required addressing. A further traffic assessment is to be undertaken and consideration of a crawler lane may be reconsidered. Councillor Scott would like to thank Councillors Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Paul Ashley and Alison Brebner for their help in distributing leaflets.

11. MANAGEMENT PLAN – NORTHOP CAR PARK AND ENVIRONS

The planning application for the large conifer tree at Northop Car Park had been seen by Members, who had noted that the location plan indicating the position of the tree to be felled was incorrect. The Clerk has liaised with Rob Monshin at AGM Tree Surgery who is contracted to submit the planning application and he confirmed the correct plan had been resubmitted to Flintshire County Council. Unfortunately, as at the 9th November, the plans had not been amended on the Flintshire County Council website. The Clerk will liaise with Rob Monshin and Stuart Body at Flintshire County Council.

Members highlighted their concern regarding the flooded gulley and although the plan was to wait to repair the gulley following the removal of the tree, it was agreed that advice needs to be sought in the meantime. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Sam Tulley at Streetscene to ascertain if they were able to assess the gulley and provide general advice on the nature of the repair.

12. EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR FUNDING FOR MARIE CURIE

Details of the request from the local branch of Marie Curie had been shared with Members prior to the meeting for their consideration. The Clerk confirmed that the email stated that any donated funds would be distributed locally. Members felt that it was an extremely worthy cause and that local residents within the community may well have received nursing and bereavement support from Marie Curie. However, Members were also mindful that many other organisations and charities are struggling financially and that there may be many more request for donations to follow.

It was agreed that the Clerk would check the Community Donations budget for 2020/21 and liaise with Councillor Lawton-Hughes and Councillor Scott regarding the matter, as Members were in agreement that the decision could be delegated to them following the budget update.

13. WINTER MAINTENANCE 2020/21

Members discussed the maintenance request and Councillor Carlin confirmed that as last year was a mild winter, no salt was used. It was agreed that at present no request for salt was required and that Flintshire County Council could be contacted later in the year should additional supplies be needed.

14. IPRW DRAFT REPORT 2020/21 FEEDBACK

The report had been made available to Members prior to the meeting for their consideration. There were no comments to be forwarded to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

15. CHAIN OF OFFICE

The quote was shared with Members prior to the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would check whether the quote included the cost of sewing the pin to the ribbon and feedback to Members.

16. NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESIDENTS' AWARDS, YOUNG VOLUNTEERS AWARDS AND CITIZENS AWARDS 2020/21

Members felt that the recognition of people within the community during these difficult times was essential and agreed that the awards should proceed this year.

17. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The Clerk informed Members that the accessibility regulations came into force for public sector bodies on the 23rd September, 2018 and stated that all public bodies had to assess their websites and ensure that they were accessible to all Members of the public by September 2020. Mr Phil Parsons who manages the Northop Community Council website had undertaken an appraisal of the existing website in December 2019 and in summary felt that it met certain criteria regarding accessibility requirements but not all. He also stated that he would not be able to undertake all of the requirements necessary and that in his judgement it may be a disproportionate burden on the Community Council's finances.

The regulations state that should smaller public bodies feel that meeting the requirements would be a disproportionate burden upon them financially, they are required to make an accessibility statement informing the users of the website (Home Page) of this and agree to review the accessibility of the website on an annual basis.

The Clerk had shared a copy of the Accessibility Statement with Councillors prior to the meeting and it was agreed that it should be placed on the website.

18. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk had received correspondence from the Natwest regarding changes to Business accounts. Having read the information the Clerk reported that there was nothing of relevance to the Community Council Business Reserve account and the only noted change was the change of group name from RBS Group plc to Natwest Group plc.

19. FOR INFORMATION

The Community Council had received an email of thanks from Mrs Frances Cooper for the grant of £165 towards the cost of replacing and maintaining the flower planters in Sychdyn. Thanks were also extended to Councillor Millar and the Sychdyn Club for their kind donation of £200.

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S
CODE OF CONDUCT**

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