

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 9th December, 2019.

PRESENT: Councillors Pauline Lawton-Hughes (Chairman), Linda Scott (Vice-Chairman), Linda Deane, Rachel Hayward, Jarred Livesey, Rob Mackey, Marion Bateman, Alison Brebner, Chris Ruddle, Alan Watkin and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Received from Councillors John Carlin, Jo Millar and Paul Ashley

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest from Members were received

2. POLICE MATTERS

There were no updates by the PCSO nor issues raised by members at the meeting. Clerk to seek confirmation in regards to the PCSO allocated to the Northop Community area.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 11th November, 2019 were confirmed as a true record.

Matters arising

None

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

- Cllr. Bateman reported that a street light at Black Brook, Sychdyn has been fixed.
- Cllr. Livesey reported that there had been complaints of dog fouling on the High Street in Northop and in Sychdyn. This has been reported to streetscene.

5. 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) **060678**– PROPOSAL: Erection of wrap around extension with porch canopy at 33 Pen Y Bryn, Soughton, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6EE.

The Council had no objection to the proposed development.

- (ii) **060690**– PROPOSAL: Single storey kitchen/diner; roof dormer and garage conversion at 16 Manor Park, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6EQ

The Council had no objection to the proposed development.

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

- (i) **060294 – PROPOSAL:** Erection of wrap around extension with porch canopy at 33 Pen Y Bryn, Soughton, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6EE. Decision: Refused. Delegated Officer decision - 25/10/2019.
(No objection by Northop C.C.)

6. ACCOUNTS

(a) Payment of the following accounts were approved:

- (i) Payment to Clerk – £693.2250 comprising of:
- Clerk's salary for December 2019 £441.21 (net)
 - Quarterly home working allowance (1.10.19 – 31.12.19) £54.00
 - Reimbursement of photocopying, printing materials, mileage, postage and stationary costs (1.10.19 – 31.12.19) £198.01 Costs include the purchase of a voice recorder and ink supplies
(cheque no. 2182) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HMRC – Income Tax £110.20 Clerk's salary December 2019
(cheque no. 2183) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Clwyd Pension Fund Employers & Employees Pension contribution for Clerk, December 2019, £148.21
(cheque no. 2184) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iv) Wales Audit Office – Audit of Accounts 2018/19 - £210.75.
(cheque no. 2181) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (v) TDM Drainage Ltd, Remedial work & Maintenance to Northop Car Park gully £324 (cheque no 2185) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (vi) Thomas Fattorni Ltd New Ribbon collarette and removal and refitting of badges £111.58 (cheque no 2186) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) Bus Service (Cllr. J. Carlin)

The item to be returned to the January meeting.

(b) Rail Petition (Cllr. L. Scott)

A petition has been raised against rail cuts to rush hour services in North Wales. Cllr Scott will forward the petition online link to the clerk to circulate to Northop Community Council Members.

8. TRAFFIC MATTERS

In regards to the B5126 Cllr. Brebner reported some progress is being made and referred to the email from Flintshire County Council Officer Darell Jones Operational North & Street Lighting Manager. FCC are currently undertaking assessments for the implementation of Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS). VAS signs are scored ranked and assessed in accordance with the Authorities Matrix Assessment process with the highest scoring schemes being progressed each financial year. In addition, Officers from the Authority will undertake a site assessment to investigate if there is additional works which can be undertaken. Should measures be identified, the scheme can then be scored and assessed against Flintshire's Safety Scheme Matrix, with the highest scoring schemes being submitted to Welsh Government for funding opportunity.

Cllr. Brebner has asked as the assessments should have been completed by 6th December can the Clerk contact FCC for the results. FCC highways have been contacted several times to ask what can be done to alleviate speeding. Go Safe have reported that there have been 28 offences on the B5126 since May. It is hoped that Highways will consider the findings of the report and that it should help towards moving forward with a solution for traffic calming measures.

Cllr. Brebner asked Northop Community Council to consider funding a speed detector, if funding is not forthcoming from Welsh Assembly.

Cllr. Bateman commented that she has had 3 meetings with the Cabinet Member for Streetscene and there is progress in this area.

The Clerk will again contact FCC to enquire if the assessments have been completed and to request that the results of the assessment be made available to Northop Community Council.

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

None to report.

10. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2019 (AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 2019)*

Members received and noted the quarterly report of the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.

Members were asked to give consideration to any other community schemes for the coming financial year that would require further funds to deliver.

Members requested the Clerk contacts FCC Street scene for information and costs in regards to further improvements on Street lights in the community area.

A further report would be presented at the January meeting when the annual precept would be set.

11. NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESIDENTS' AWARDS 2019/20

The Residents Awards sub-committee agreed that Mrs. C. Baker of the Sychdyn area is a worthy winner based upon her community involvement. Council considered and agreed that the presentation of the Northop Community Council residents' awards 2019/20 would take place at the February meeting. The Clerk will invite both Mrs Baker and Mrs. C. Humphreys who made the nomination. The Chair Cllr. Lawton-Hughes thanked Cllr. Bateman for providing the flowers and certificate of recognition.

12. NORTHOP CAR PARK – TREE MANAGEMENT

The Clerk reported that Metro Rod have completed the assessment of the car park gully, which identifies a problem with a manhole and high way drain in the footpath outside of the car park wall. This has been forwarded onto FCC Streetscene for investigation.

The Clerk confirmed that advice and guidance has been sought from FCC in regards to planning consents for the removal of the large fir tree in the car park. FCC have provided an approved list of contractors and three quotes have been sought for the removal of the tree. Cllr Bateman will be meeting with FCC Tree Officer Stuart Body to discuss the removal of the tree and the cutting back of shrubs and branches around the car park on grounds of health and safety.

13. CITIZENS ADVICE-PROPOSED RURAL PROJECT*

Council considered the letter from Salli Edwards Citizens Advice Chief Executive. Cllr. Mackey confirmed that the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall has been booked by Citizens Advice for a presentation/drop in advice session. The Clerk is to inform Citizens Advice that Sychdyn Village Hall is available on Wednesdays and Fridays afternoons if they would like to use the Hall for a presentation/drop in advice session in Sychdyn.

14. FOR INFORMATION

Members received the following information.

(a) Match Funding Scheme-Improvements to Children's Play Area.

Council has received notification that the £500.00 Match funding contribution was approved. Mr. Richard Roberts, Aura, Play Design Officer will make contact with the Sychdyn playing field Association to discuss the options/ideas for improvements and report back to Council in due course.

(b) Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Council has been advised by the Welsh Government that the **Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020/21** has been increased from £8.12 to £8.32 per elector.

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 9th December, 2019
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
	None.	

Chairman's Signature..... **Date**.....