

## **NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.**

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

Mrs. C. Baker and Mrs. C. Humphreys were in attendance for the presentation of the Citizens Award and left before Item 2

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

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declaration of Interest were made.

#### **2. POLICE MATTERS**

Members raised the following issues:

- Persistent bad and inconsiderate parking outside the flats on Holywell Rd, Northop, this is making it very difficult for pedestrians to pass safely, this has been reported to the PCSO.
- Bad parking outside the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall.
- The yellow double lines High Street, Northop are faded and need redoing and this needs to be enforced.
- Incident at Raikes Lane Sychdyn, someone had walked up a drive at night, past a car on the drive, which triggered a sensor light, this was reported to the Police.
- People have been seen looking at cars at Maes Celyn, Northop and a bike has been stolen.
- Reports of cold callers stating they are deaf carrying pictures for sale. Reports they have knocked on doors asking for money and have then run off with money.
- Two Road traffic accidents, in Northop, outside the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall and one outside the Northop Cricket Pavillion.

The Clerk to report to Streetscene that the faded lines need redoing.

#### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

#### **Matters arising**

**Item 7b:** Cllr Bateman commented how excellent FCC officers were, as they had gone out straight away to clear the ford of as soon as the problem was reported.

#### 4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

Members reported the following issues:

- Footpath Maes Celyn to Northop which has a large footfall, has a broken surface, the tarmac has collapsed and there are two holes. The hedge needs cutting back, as the growth has made the path very narrow to walk along, single file only. It is not lit and is dangerous in the dark.
- Dog Fouling in Sychdyn is persistent and is causing problems and concerns particularly by the school.
- Significant Dog Fouling in Northop, Bryn Rhyd to crossroads. Cllr Livesey has reported this.

The Clerk to report the above to FCC.

#### 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (i) **060735 – PROPOSAL:** Domestic Extension to side of Existing Bungalow at Belgrave House, Holywell Road, Northop, Mold, CH7 6AN  
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) **060678 – PROPOSAL:** Proposed erection of wrap around extension with porch canopy at 33 Pen Y Bryn, Soughton, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 6EE. Approved. Delegated Officer decision - 16/12/19.  
(No objection by Northop C.C.)
- (ii) **060690 – PROPOSAL:** Single storey kitchen/diner; roof dormer and garage conversion at 16 Manor Park, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6EQ.  
Approved. Delegated Officer decision – 03/01/20.  
(No objection by Northop C.C.)

#### 6. ACCOUNTS

(a) Payment of the following accounts were approved:

- (i) Clerk's salary for February 2020 = £441.21 (net)  
(cheque no. 2193) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax £110.20  
Clerk's salary February 2020  
(cheque no. 2194) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Clwyd Pension Fund Employers & Employees' Pension Contribution for Clerk £148.21 (cheque no. 2195) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

- (iv) Annual membership to the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales, £20.00. As approved in the Council meeting of 13/01/2020. (cheque no. 2196) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (v) Flintshire County Council, Invoice, Street lighting Energy, December 2019 and January 2020, £312.70 (cheque no. 2197) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

## **7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

None

## **8. TRAFFIC MATTERS**

### **Essential resurfacing work on the A55**

Cllr Bateman reported: Essential resurfacing work is to take place on the A55 westbound between Junction 35 Dobshell and Junction 34 Ewloe. To minimise disruption as much as possible the work is being carried out at weekends and at night. For the safety of motorists and to allow the work to set one lane will be closed westbound on weekdays.

The work is scheduled to begin on 29 February and is programmed to last for four weeks, depending on weather conditions, but every effort will be made to finish ahead of schedule if that is possible.

The work will consist of four weekends of 24/7 working with a full A55 westbound closure from J36 Warren to J34 Ewloe with diversions in place. During the week there will be full overnight A55 westbound closure with diversions. A full westbound closure allows work to be carried out on both lanes at the same time, reducing the amount of time needed to complete the work.

The work will affect Sychdyn and Cllr Bateman raised concerns that the Traffic diversions may increase traffic usage on the New Brighton Road.

### **Speed Issues B5126 old Holywell Road from Northop**

Cllr Brebner spoke about the site assessment undertaken by FCC Officers; this was supposed to ascertain whether any additional works could be undertaken to alleviate the speeding problem. This assessment was apparently in addition to the assessment relating to the VAS implementation

The report should have been completed by 6<sup>th</sup> December

The Clerk to request a copy of the assessments.

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

Cllr Scott reported that the minutes from the Stop the Red Route meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January are now available, these will be forwarded to the Clerk for distribution to Council Members.

## **10. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- (a) Members gave consideration to the request received for financial support and agreed a donation of £250.00 to St. Kentigern Hospice & Palliative Care Centre.

## **11. SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2020**

- (a) Council agreed to fund 3 weeks' provision of Summer Playschemes in Sychdyn and Northop villages at a cost of **£1,428.90 per** playscheme setting. Provision is likely to commence 22nd July 2020.

## **12. PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS AWARD**

The Citizen's Award for 2019/20 was presented to Mrs. C. Baker for her unstinting voluntary work in the community. Cllr Lawton-Hughes gave thanks to Mrs Baker for her work in the Sychdyn community.

Cllr Lawton-Hughes thanked Cllr Bateman for providing the Award certificate and the bouquet of flowers.

The Clerk to issue a Press release with a photograph of the presentation pending Mrs Bakers permission.

## **13. FOR INFORMATION**

The following information was received:

- (a) The Council has been asked to publicise the upcoming Community Advice Drop-in Sessions to be held by Hannah Blythyn, the local Assembly Member. The sessions are as follows:

- Friday 14 February, 10-11am at Mold Library
- Friday 20 March, 3-4pm at Mostyn Community Centre
- Friday 15 May, 12-1pm at Edith Bankes Memorial Hall, Northop
- Friday 19 June, 10-11am at Caerwys Town Hall
- Friday 17 July, 10-11am Bagillt Community Centre

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

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| <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b> | <b>DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020</b> |
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| <b>MEMBER</b> | <b>ITEM</b> | <b>MIN. NO. REFERS</b> |
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|               | None.       |                        |

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