

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(Representing the Wards of Northop and Sychdyn)

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3rd January, 2017

Dear Councillor,

You are requested to attend the meeting of **NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL** to be held at the **MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, NORTHOP** on **MONDAY, 9th JANUARY 2017** at **7.00 p.m.**

Yours sincerely,

Gwen Smith
Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.

2. POLICE MATTERS

To consider Police matters in Sychdyn and Northop.

3. MINUTES**

To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 5th and 12th December 2016.

4. STREET LIGHTING

(a) To receive reports on faults.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) To consider responses on the following planning applications:
- (i) **RMH/056253** – Erection of 5no. dwellings and associated landscaping and creation of new access at Land off Northop Road, Northop. To view on-line:
https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=056253
- (b) To receive correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning on planning applications on which the Council has previously submitted observations:
- (i) **ADW/055975** - Delegated Officer Approval 07/12/2016. Erection of Management teaching building with associated parking and landscaping works at Coleg Cambria, Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 6AA.
 - (ii) **DJM/056266** – Delegated Officer Approval 05/12/2016. Application for non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 055508 at Lilac Cottage, Ffordd Eldon, Sychdyn, CH7 6ST.
- (c) **Planning Ref. 055912 / Appeal Ref. No. APP/A6835/E/16/3162410**. Section 78 Appeal for non-determination of planning permission. Appeal Start Date of 6.12.16. **Proposal:** Listed Building application for the conversion of School wing into 2 dwellings and refurbishment of existing school house. Demolition of curtilage storage buildings on boundary at School House, The Green Northop, CH7 6BD. The decision by the Planning Inspector will be on the basis of an informal hearing and site visit.
- (i) To consider any further comments on the above application. Comments to be made 16th January 2017.
 - (ii) To consider attendance at the informal hearing.

6. ACCOUNTS

- (a) To approve the payment of the following accounts:
- (i) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for January 2017 and backpay w.e.f. 1.4.16 to 31.12.16 = £351.85 (net)
 - (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £87.80 in respect of Clerk's salary January 2017 and backpay (as above).
 - (iii) Edith Bankes Memorial Hall - £175.00 grant towards the cost of repair of the noticeboard. As approved at the Council meeting on 12/12/2016.
- (b) To approve the payment of donations agreed at the Council meeting of 10/10/2016. Copies of current audited accounts have been received.
- (i) Northop Silver Band – £500
 - (ii) Flintshire Citizens' Advice Bureaux - £100

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) South Flintshire Police Consultation Meeting (Cllr. J. Carlin)

To receive feedback from attendees of the Consultation Evening at Mold Council Chambers, Town Hall, Mold on Tuesday 6th December.

(b) Public Rights of Way (Cllrs J. Roberts)

- (i) To consider a proposed improvement scheme for PRow Northop 18. Any contribution by Northop Community Council will be matchfunded (up to £500) by Flintshire County Council.
- (ii) To receive an update on local Public Rights of Way.

(c) Highway Safety (Cllr. J. Wynne-Williams)

To consider an improvement scheme at the junction of High Street, Northop and the B5126, Connah's Quay Road.

8. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2017-18

To consider the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2016-17 Annual Audit.

9. CITIZENS' AWARD

To receive an update from the Clerk.

10. SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2017/18

(a) To consider funding the minimum 3 weeks' provision of Summer Playschemes in Sychdyn and Northop villages at a cost of £1,309 per playscheme setting. Additional provision will be available at a cost of some £355 per setting, per week. Provision is likely to commence 24th July 2017.

(b) To consider partnership working with local groups who may wish to fund any additional provision.

11. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (ESTIMATED) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDING 31st MARCH 2017 AND 31st MARCH 2018**

To consider the attached report from the Responsible Financial Officer on the estimates for the financial years ending 31st March 2017 and 31st March 2018 and to agree the precept for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

12. REMUNERATION FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

The Council has received an invitation from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, to attend a discussion event on the remuneration framework for community and town councils. The invitation is for up to two representatives and the event will take place at Venue Cymru, Llandudno on Thursday 26th January, 10:30am-12:30pm. To consider attendance at this event.

13. FOR INFORMATION

(a) **Electronic Payments**

The Council has received a request by H.M. Revenue & Customs that future PAYE tax payments should be made electronically rather than by cheque.

(b) **Charity Event**

The Mayor of Mold will host a Valentine Charity Dinner, Dance & Auction at Soughton Hall on Friday 17th February 2017. Further details to follow.

(c) **National Development Framework (NDF)**

The Welsh Government has commenced work on the preparation of the NDF which will be a national land use development plan and will replace the existing Wales Spatial Plan. The NDF will set out the 20 year spatial framework for land use in Wales. The Welsh Government is inviting people and organisations to contribute evidence/projects to help inform the development of the NDF. An information event will be held at Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno on 7th February between 10.30am-12.30pm. More information can be found at:

<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/national-development-framework-for-wales/call-for-evidence-and-projects/?skip=1&lang=en>

(d) **Consultation on changing the name of the National Assembly**

The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly has launched a consultation on changing the name of the National Assembly for Wales. More information can be found at:

www.assembly.wales/name

(e) **Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018**^{***}

Councils and community groups are being encouraged to stage commemorative and remembrance events to mark the ending of the First World War.

(f) **Code of Conduct Training**

Flintshire County Council is canvassing Town and Community Councils for interest in a possible training event in February 2017.

(g) **External Audit Fee**

The External Auditor, BDO has advised that the Wales Audit Office will shortly be raising all invoices for the 2015/16 external audit. No indication of the fee has been received.

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