

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 11th February, 2019

Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

at the Memorial Institute, Northop

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 14th January, 2019.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

To receive reports on faults/concerns.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider comments to Flintshire County Council on the following planning applications.

(i) **KHJ/059410** – PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing church, and erection of 4no. houses and 2no. apartments at the United Reformed Church Northop, High Street, Northop, CH7 6BL To view on-line:

https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=059410

(ii) **DJM/059420** – PROPOSAL: Erection of 1no. dwelling at Land adjacent Offa Bank, Wats Dyke Way, Soughton, CH7 6DX. To view on-line:

https://digital.flintshire.gov.uk/FCC_Planning/Home/Details?refno=059420

(b) To receive correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning on planning applications on which the Council has previously submitted observations:

- (i) **059190 –PROPOSAL:** Proposed erection of a rear double storey extension and separate rear single storey extension to the existing house at Isfryn, London Road, Sychdyn, CH7 6EL. Approved. Delegated Officer decision - 17/12/18.
- (ii) **059209 –PROPOSAL:** Proposed entrance porch at Greenacres, Bryn Offa Lane, New Brighton, CH7 6RQ. Approved. Delegated Officer decision – 16/01/19.
- (c) To receive an update on the Ffordd Eldon development site.

6. ACCOUNTS

- (a) To approve the payment of the following accounts:
- (i) Gwen Smith – Clerk’s salary for February 2019 = £333.02 (net)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £83.40 in respect of Clerk’s salary February 2019
- (iii) Flintshire County Council – Contribution towards the summer Playschemes 2018 (2 sites x 3 weeks each) - £2,618.00.

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

None reported to date.

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

To receive any update on the matter.

9. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- (a) To consider requests for financial support. Information will be provided at the meeting.
- (b) Correction of powers used for donations to:
- Sychdyn Bowling Club (08/10/2018)
 - Northop Institute Bowling Club (12/11/2018)

The donations should have been made under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, rather than Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL WALES – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

To consider continuing membership of CPRW at a cost of £20 for the year.

11. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2018-19

To consider the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2018-19 Annual Audit.

12. SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2019 **

- (a) To consider funding the minimum 3 weeks' provision of Summer Playschemes in Sychdyn and Northop villages at a cost of approximately £1,373.95 per playscheme setting. Additional provision will be available at an approximate cost of £355 per setting, per week. Provision is likely to commence 22nd July 2019.
- (b) To consider partnership working with local groups who may wish to fund any additional provision at a cost of £355.00 per week.
- (c) Report back on 2018 attendance.

13. FLINTSHIRE PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2019

Flintshire County Council are seeking the views of Community and Town Councils to assist with their response to the Welsh Government Play Sufficiency Assessment. The assessment aims to provide information to Welsh Government with regard to local issues that impact positively or negatively on children's and young people's opportunities to play in their own communities. Members are asked to finalise the draft response for submission to FCC before the closing date of 22nd February 2019.

14. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – MATCHFUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

To consider options for the next improvement project for the local Public Rights of Way.

15. TRAFFIC MATTERS**

To receive any updates on:

- (a) **Speeding Vehicles in and around Northop**
- (b) **Improvement to the road network within the Community Area**
 - (i) Traffic Issues in Northop
 - (ii) Safety Improvements along New Brighton Road

16. CITIZEN'S AWARD/YOUNG PERSON'S AWARD 2019 (to follow)**

To receive an update from the Clerk.

17. CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

- (a) To accept the resignation of the Clerk of the Council with effect from 31st July, 2019.
- (b) To consider the process for the review of the Clerk's Job Description, recruitment and appointment of a Clerk with a shadowing roll effective from 1st July, 2019 leading to full responsibility from 1st August, 2019.
- (c) To appoint a Panel of Members to undertake the review, the short listing and interviews for the role of the new Clerk.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

To consider the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting for the following agenda item in view of the confidential information to be discussed.

18. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 2019

To consider awarding the Grounds Maintenance Contract to be let for a term of 3 years (2019-2021). (Information will be provided at the meeting.)

19. FOR INFORMATION

(a) Spirit 2019 – Child Friendly Communities – There will be a conference event on 16th May in Cardiff which will explore child friendly communities and the challenges/barriers to providing for children's play. Legislation is in place to protect play/sports activity opportunities for children and young people. The conference can be viewed as an opportunity for members to familiarise themselves with the legislation and its benefits in working to protect play opportunities across the community area.

(b) The Council has received a letter of thanks from Flintshire Citizens' Advice for the grant of £100 made in support of their work.

(c) 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 22 February, 4-5pm at Holywell Library
- Friday 22 March, 10-11am at Northop Hall Pavilion
- Friday 24 May, 11am-12pm at Caffi Isa, Mynydd Isa
- Friday 28 June, 10-11am at Ffynnongroyw Community Centre.

(** Attachments)