

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 8th January, 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

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 11th December 2017.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

(a) To receive reports on faults.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) To consider responses on any planning applications received. None received to date.

(b) To receive correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning on planning applications on which the Council has previously submitted observations. None received to date.

6. ACCOUNTS

(a) To approve the payment of the following accounts:

- (i) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for January 2018 = £326.65 (net)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £81.60 in respect of Clerk's salary January 2018

(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 Memorial Institute (£1,500)
- (ii) Sychdyn Memorial Hall (£1,500)
- (iii) Northop Silver Band (£500)*

(c) To update the list of signatories for the Council's bank mandate. New signatories will need to complete the process by presenting the necessary information directly to the Council's bank.

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) Northop Telephone Kiosk (Cllr. L. Scott)

To consider any response from Northop Cricket Club and how the Council can secure a defibrillator for Northop village.

8. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2017-18

To consider the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2017-18 Annual Audit.

9. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (ESTIMATED) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDING 31st MARCH 2018 AND 31st MARCH 2019 **

To consider the attached report from the Responsible Financial Officer on the estimates for the financial years ending 31st March 2018 and 31st March 2019 and to agree the precept for the financial year ending 31st March 2019.

10. SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2018/19 **

(a) To consider funding the minimum 3 weeks' provision of Summer Playschemes in Sychdyn and Northop villages at a cost of approximately £1,309 per playscheme setting. Additional provision will be available at an approximate cost of £355 per setting, per week. Provision is likely to commence 23rd July 2018.

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

11. ADOPTION OF A LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE **

The Public Service Ombudsman has agreed to the principle of referring some complaints against Members back to Community and Town Councils for a local resolution. However, to date there has not been a common process for Community and Town Councils to follow in dealing with such matters. To assist the sector, One Voice Wales has drawn up a model protocol which any Community and Town Council can use in dealing with such complaints.

For decision:

(a) To consider any changes or additions to the model protocol.

(b) To adopt and abide by the agreed Local Resolution Procedure.

12. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2015-2030 PRE-DEPOSIT PROPOSALS PUBLIC CONSULTATION (PREFERRED STRATEGY)

To consider questions to be put to FCC's Andy Roberts, Service Manager Strategy, at the Council's February meeting.

13. SCHOOL TRANSPORT

To receive a further update by the local member on school transport.

14. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR

To consider a response to the Independent Review Panel established to consider the future role of Community and Town Councils in Wales based on their questions:

- i. What should Community and Town Councils be responsible for?
- ii. How should they operate?
- iii. What's standing in their way to deliver for the local community?
- iv. How do councils ensure they best represent their local community?

15. LAW COMMISSION CONSULTATION: PLANNING LAW IN WALES

The Law Commission are undertaking a review of planning law in Wales, with the aim of ensuring it works for the specific needs of Wales and improves accessibility to the general public and stakeholders. More information can be viewed at:

<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/planning-law-in-wales/>

To consider any response to the consultation by the closing date of 1st March 2018.

16. AIRBUS CONSULTATION: INTRODUCTION OF A NEW GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM AT HAWARDEN AERODROME.

To consider the form of any response to the consultation. The closing date is 9th February, 2018. Further information can be viewed at:

<http://www.hawardenaerodrome.co.uk/airspace-change-process/>

17. FOR INFORMATION

(a) The Council has received a letter of thanks from Flintshire Citizens Advice for the grant of £100 made by the Community Council.

(b) The Council has received an e-mail of thanks from the Northop Church Committee for the grant of £1,000 to the Parish Churchyard Fund.

(c) The Council has received confirmation from Flintshire County Council that the Match Funding Scheme for improvements to Children's Play Areas 2017/18 has been reduced by 50% in value. FCC received a number of expressions of interests and the sums required exceeded the level of funding available to the Council. Therefore, a reduction of 50% in value has been applied to all expressions of interest. Northop Community Council's contribution to the Coronation Play Area at Sychdyn is £1,000 (£500 c/f from 2016/17).