

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 12th December, 2016

PRESENT: Councillors Geoff Pierce (Chairman), Chris Ruddle (Vice-Chairman), Haydn Bateman, Marion Bateman, Linda Deane, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Alan Watkin, Joss Wynne-Williams and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES – Received from Cllr John Carlin, Joanne Millar, John Roberts and Tony Sharps.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made:

- Cllr. Linda Dean – Trustee of Edith Bankes Memorial Institute (Agenda Item 10 – Request for Financial Assistance)
- Cllr Rob Mackey – Chair of Trustees of Edith Bankes Memorial Institute (Agenda Item 10 – Request for Financial Assistance)

2. POLICE MATTERS

No issues were raised by members and no updates were reported by the Police.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the 14th November 2016 were accepted as a correct record.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

The following faults were reported:

- None of the streetlights in Manor Park, Sychdyn were lit.
- A streetlight outside the Cross Keys (opposite the garage), Sychdyn is lit intermittently.

The Clerk to report to Flintshire County Council, for repair.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (i) **DJM/055903** – Amendments to submitted application. Erection of replacement dwelling including changes to land levels, construction of retaining wall and raised garden at 15 Manor Park, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6EQ.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

(ii) **MES/056223** – Proposed Planning Application for Scoping request for the consolidation of existing planning permissions and amending the consented landfill phasing and levels at Parrys Quarry, Pinfold Lane, Alltami, Flintshire.

The Council had no comment to make on the proposed scheme.

(iii) **MES/052364** – Development of an Integrated Waste Management Facility comprising a mixed waste treatment facility, a construction waste materials recycling facility, and a contaminated soils treatment facility at Brock PLC, Stoney Beach Quarry, Pinfold Lane, Alltami, Flintshire.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

(iv) **JZP/056238** – Proposed erection of sun room extension to rear of dwelling at 23 Wats Dyke Way, Sychdyn, CH7 6DX.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

(b) To receive any correspondence from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning regarding planning applications on which the Council had previously submitted observations.

(i) **KCS/056144** – Remodelling and extension of dwelling, erection of a detached garage and temporary siting of caravan (amendment to previously approved application ref. 055612) at Top Yr Allt Cottage, Blackbrook Road, Sychdyn, CH7 6LT. Notification that the application would be considered by Flintshire County Council's Planning and Development Control Committee on 14/12/2016.

6. **ACCOUNTS**

(a) The Council resolved to approve the payment of the following accounts:-

(i) Gwen Smith – £501.49 comprising:

- Clerk's salary for December 2016 plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of Annual Allowance (1/9/16 – 30/11/16) = £382.30 (net)
- Quarterly internet rental (1/9/16 – 30/11/16) £48.00
- Quarterly contribution to telephone calls (1/9/16 – 30/11/16) £25.00
- Reimbursement of photocopying, printing materials, postage, stationary costs and incidentals (1/9/16 – 30/11/16) £46.19

(Cheque No. 1956) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

(ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £95.60 in respect of Clerk's salary for December 2016 including $\frac{1}{4}$ of Annual Allowance (1/9/16 – 30/11/16)

(Cheque No. 1957) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

(iii) Flintshire County Council – invoice totalling £241.77:

- Electricity consumption September 2016 = £161.77
 - Inspection and maintenance of street lighting August 2016 = £80.00
- (Cheque No. 1958) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

(iv) Northop Churchyard Fund – grant of £1,000 approved at Council on 10/10/16.

(Cheque No. 1959) (Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

South Flintshire Police Consultation Evening (Cllr. J. Carlin)

Deferred until the next Council meeting in January 2017.

8. SLCC PAY AWARD 2016-18 FOR CLERK

Council considered the report from the Clerk on the NJC National Salary Award, effective from 1 April 2016 and agreed:

- (a) an incremental uplift to the Clerk's salary from SCP 24 to the top of the scale at SCP 25 w.e.f. 1.1.2017. The Clerk was appointed w.e.f. 1.9.2013 on point 23 of the NALC/SLCC salary scale range 21-25.
- (b) the National Salary Award in respect of the Clerk's salary for the financial years 2016-18.
- (c) the payment of backpay, effective from 1 April 2016.

9. PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18

Council accepted the Clerk's report on the current year's budget in preparation for the 2017/18 estimates report which will be finalised at the January 2017 Council meeting. Council thanked the Clerk for the clear presentation of the financial information.

10. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Council agreed to a request from the Trustees of the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall for a grant of £175 towards the cost of repair of the Hall notice board. The Trustees have received a grant of £300 from the Welsh Church Act towards the estimated cost of repair of £475.

11. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Council received a request from Sychdyn Bowling Club seeking support for it's joint venture with Flintshire War Memorials to improve the Sychdyn Bowling Club and renovate the War Memorial. The Council extended it's full support to the venture. The Clerk to write to the Bowling Club accordingly.

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 12th DECEMBER 2016
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
Councillors Linda Dean and Rob Mackey	10. Request for Financial Assistance	10.