

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 14th December, 2015

PRESENT: Councillors Marion Bateman (Chairman), Geoff Pierce (Vice-Chairman), Haydn Bateman, John Carlin, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Joanne Millar, John Roberts, Chris Ruddle, Tony Sharps, Alan Watkin, Jos Wynne-Williams and the Clerk. PCSO Amy Jones attended for items 1 and 2.

APOLOGIES – Received from Cllr Linda Deane

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

- Cllr. Haydn Bateman – Member of Sychdyn Memorial Hall Committee (Agenda Item 6(b) – Approval of Grants to Local Organisations)
- Cllr. Marion Bateman – Member of Sychdyn Memorial Hall Committee (Agenda Item 6(b) - Approval of Grants to Organisations)
- Cllr. Pauline Lawton-Hughes – Secretary to the Sychdyn Memorial Hall Committee (Agenda Item 6(b) - Approval of Grants to Organisations)
- Cllr Rob Mackey – Chair of Trustee of Northop Memorial Institute (Agenda Item 6(b) - Approval of Grants to Organisations)
- Cllr. Chris Ruddle - Trustee of Sychdyn Memorial Hall (Agenda Item 6(b) - Approval of Grants to Organisations)
- Cllr. Alan Watkin - Chair of the Sychdyn Memorial Hall Committee (Agenda Item 6(b) - Approval of Grants to Organisations)

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Amy Jones provided members with an update on Police Matters in the community:

- A burglary occurred in Sychdyn in mid-November.
- Criminal damage to cars on Ffordd Edwin, Northop was reported in late-November.
- Additional Police patrols have been requested in response to the abuse of the one-way traffic system on the High Street, Northop. Any parking problems would also be dealt with.

Members heard about the unoccupied properties scheme operated by North Wales Police. Residents are able to notify N.W. Police if their property will be unoccupied for a period of time.

Members advised:

- A 4x4 vehicle had been observed being driven around for some time, in the vicinity of Ysgol Owen Jones, Northop.

3. MINUTES

Matters Arising – Cllr. J. Roberts congratulated Cllr. J. Millar on the successful siting and illumination of the Christmas Tree at Sychdyn.

The Minutes of the meeting of the 9th November 2015 were accepted as a correct record.

4. STREET LIGHTING

Northop

- A resident had reported a light out near to “Linwood”, The Green. The resident had observed the light being knocked by a tipping refuse wagon. The Clerk to report the fault.
- The damaged column at Aber Crescent had been reinstated and the new lamp was considered to be far superior to the previous light.

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/054538** – Erection of replacement dwelling at 15 Manor Park, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6EQ.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

- (ii) **DJM/054518** – Conversion of existing garage to form hydrotherapy room and erection of extension to form new garage at St. Pierre, Northop Country Park, Northop, CH7 6WD.

The Council heard that the application had been withdrawn.

- (iii) **KZP/054579** -Change of use of land to additional car parking area for public house and relocation of vehicular and pedestrian access at Cross Keys, Black Brook, Soughton, CH7 6LT

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

- (iv) **DJM/054621** – Demolition of existing unit and stores and erection of new industrial building with associated parking at Tank House, Alltami Road, Sychdyn, CH7 6RH.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

- (v) **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.

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) **JZB/054208** – Delegated Officer Approval 17/11/2015 Proposed single storey rear extension at Pendalog, Connah's Quay Road, Northop, CH7 6BT.

(ii) **RMH/052334** – Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended) – Section 78 Appeal in respect of the Construction of a new crematorium and associated works by Memoria Ltd at Kelsterton Lane/Oakenholt Lane, Nr. Northop. Notification of receipt of amended plans showing revised access to the site (comments by 22nd January 2016).

6. ACCOUNTS

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

(i) Gwen Smith – £502.92 comprising:

- Clerk's salary for December 2015 plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of Annual Allowance (1/9/15 – 30/11/15) = £382.30 (net)
- Quarterly internet rental (1/9/15 – 30/11/15) £48.00
- Quarterly contribution to telephone calls (1/9/15 – 30/11/15) £25.00
- Reimbursement of photocopying, printing materials, postage, stationary costs and incidentals (1/9/15 – 30/11/15) £47.62

(Cheque No. 1894) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

(ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £95.60 in respect of Clerk's salary for December 2015 plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of Annual Allowance (1/9/15 – 30/11/15)

(Cheque No. 1895) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

(iii) Flintshire County Council – Contribution to Summer Playschemes 2015 in Northop and Sychdyn villages = £1,800.00.

(Cheque No. 001896) (Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111)

(b) At the October meeting, members approved the following payments, subject to receipt of appropriate audited accounts. Audited accounts were received therefore payments under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 were approved as follows:

- Edith Bankes Memorial Hall - £1,500 (Cheque no. 001897)
- Sychdyn Village Hall - £1,500 (Cheque no. 001898)
- St. Peter's Churchyard, Northop - £1,000 (Cheque no. 001899)

Also, as agreed at the Council meeting of 9/11/15:

- Welsh Border Community Transport - £200 (Cheque no. 001900)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) **Community Speed Watch** (Cllr. J. Carlin)

Cllr. Carlin advised that North Wales Police wish to appoint volunteers to assist with traffic speed monitoring. Volunteers will be trained in the use of hand held speed

monitors. Working in pairs, volunteers would be responsible for monitoring traffic speed, noting the registration plates of vehicles driven at excessive speed and reporting those facts to the Police. The Police would then act on repeat reports. Cllr. Carlin received the support of members in putting himself forward as a volunteer. The scheme to be advertised on the Council's website.

(b) **Flintshire County Council Consultation on their Medium Term Financial Strategy**

Members heard that the series of events had brought some interest and engagement with the public. A budgetary cut from the Welsh Government of 4% had been anticipated, however, this has subsequently been confirmed at 1.5%. Members were concerned that public services continued to be undermined and that next year's settlement cut could be more significant.

(c) **Parking issues in Northop** (Cllr. M. Bateman)

Cllr. Marion Bateman had received a letter from a resident expressing concerns about traffic issues in Northop. Cllr. Bateman had subsequently addressed the concerns and the Clerk would respond to the resident accordingly.

8. PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/16**

The Clerk reported that the probable outturn for the financial year 2015/16 was generally close to the previously estimated figure with the exception of additional repairs to street lighting. Also, Council had committed to bring forward to the current year, the upgrading work to lighting on Pen y Bryn, Sychdyn. Budget estimates had been adjusted accordingly. The budget position would be discussed further at the January meeting when the precept for 2016-17 would be set.

The issue of street lighting would also be considered further at the January meeting and members requested input from Mr. Darell Jones, Operations and Lighting Manager of FCC's Streetscene, Department. The Clerk to invite Mr. Jones to attend the January meeting.

9. NORTH WALES POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER CONSULTATION – POLICING PRIORITIES**

Members agreed to respond individually to the Commissioner's consultation on policing priorities in North Wales.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS – 26 JANUARY 2016

The Clerk to advise no attendance by members at the training event to be held at Cymau Community Centre.

11. **FOR INFORMATION**

The following was received:

- (a) Public Health Wales has launched the Health Outcomes Framework Consultation and will hold a stakeholder consultation event in Llandudno on Monday 18th January 2016. The consultation closes on 28th January 2016. Further information can be found at:
<http://gov.wales/consultations/healthsocialcare/outcomes-framework/?lang=en>
- (b) Flintshire County Council have launched a consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy Review. The consultation closed on 31st December 2015. Further information on this Draft Policy can be found at:
<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Licensing/Draft-Licensing-Policy-Consultation-2016-2020.pdf>
- (c) The North Wales Police Community Safety team offered free bicycle security marking at their event at Mold market on Wednesday 16th December.
- (d) The Welsh Government consultation on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill has opened and will close on 15th February 2016. A response to the consultation will be considered at the Council meeting on 8th February 2016. Further information can be found at:
[http://gov.wales/consultations/localgovernment/draft-local-government-\(wales\)-bill-consultation/?lang=en](http://gov.wales/consultations/localgovernment/draft-local-government-(wales)-bill-consultation/?lang=en)

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 14th DECEMBER 2015
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
Councillors Haydn Bateman Marion Bateman Pauline Lawton-Hughes Rob Mackey Chris Ruddle Alan Watkin	6(b) Approval of Grants to Organisations	6.