

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 5th December, 2016

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

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION: STRATEGIC OPTIONS – PLANNED GROWTH AND SPATIAL OPTIONS

The Council met to consider a response to the above consultation on the issue of Growth and Spatial Options.

The Council's Growth Option was Option 4 as this option reflects Welsh Government household projections using 2014 population forecasts and using 2011 household formation rates. It also uses the highest expectations about the movement of people over 10 years. It is hope that the Welsh Government will accept that by adopting Option 4, with it's maximum expectations, Flintshire will not be left vulnerable to speculative development in the future.

Spatial Option 5 was this Council's preferred choice as this would allow for a sustainable and flexible distribution of housing. Spatial Option 5 could see the greater proportion of new housing developed in the larger county service centres where shops, services and places of work are closely sited and there is a reduced reliance on the Car. This option could build on the current infrastructure and transportation links including the coastal railway corridor providing links to North West Wales, Merseyside and Manchester.

There was a recognition that smaller centres such as Northop and Sychdyn need to be sustained and a moderate and appropriate degree of development would help to secure and maintain the limited services they provide. The development of small to medium-sized enterprises within rural communities could also help to sustain smaller centres and provide work opportunities close to home. The Council is aware of the shortage of modest, affordable housing in the Community, and particularly so in Northop village.

The Clerk to submit the Council's response before the closing date of 9th December 2016.

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

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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
	None.	