

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall, Northop on Monday 14th November, 2016

PRESENT: Councillors Geoff Pierce (Chairman), Chris Ruddle (Vice-Chairman), Haydn Bateman, Marion Bateman, John Carlin, Linda Deane, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Joanne Millar, John Roberts, Alan Watkin, Jos Wynne-Williams and the Clerk. Dr. Alan Hatton-Yeo (Volunteering Matters Cymru), Helen Jones (Older Persons Strategy Co-ordinator) and Ella Jenkins (Older Persons Engagement Worker) from Flintshire County Council [FCC], also Andy Roberts, Service Manager Strategy, Environment Department of FCC were present until the commencement of Agenda Item 1.

APOLOGIES – None.

MEMBERS RECEIVED A PRESENTATION by Dr. Alan Hatton-Yeo MBE, National Expert Lead, Age Friendly Communities in which he explored the importance of:

- Age-friendly communities being responsive to the needs of both the young and the old.
- The Ageing Well Plans drawn up by all local authorities in Wales.
- The 8 steps in Planning for an Age-friendly Place, including community consultation and building upon what already exists.
- Good communication and networking for designing and realising Plans. FCC and the Ageing Well in Wales Network can provide information, with Flintshire and Pembrokeshire being the two lead counties in Wales.

Helen Jones undertook to update the Council on progress of a Lottery Fund application that could fund a community worker to develop age-friendly communities within Flintshire.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Hatton-Yeo, Helen Jones and Ella Jenkins for the presentation and offer of support.

MEMBERS RECEIVED A PRESENTATION by Andy Roberts (AR), Service Manager Strategy, Environment Services, FCC regarding the current consultation on the Local Development Plan (LDP) Strategic Options. The main points raised included:

- AR noted that although the current consultation was not a statutory requirement it was an important consultation and an extension of early engagement with stakeholders. FCC are seeking views on the extent and distribution of development within the county to help to design the draft, pre-deposit LDP.
- The consultation document sets out:
 - six options designed to respond to anticipated growth in demand for housing within the county. The six options are based on different, accepted methods of estimating growth in demand.
 - five options for the distribution of that anticipated growth in demand across the county.
- FCC will adopt a sustainable approach to any development.
- AR was supportive of communities drawing up their own Local Development Plans, but advised that they must have regard for the Flintshire LDP. AR offered to assist in the development of a community LDP, but stated that he could not provide guidance.

Discussions focused on Members concerns that both Northop and Sychdyn villages could be subject to further over-development under the proposed LDP and that any large-scale development would damage the environment and the village communities.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Roberts for his presentation.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

- Cllr. Rob Mackey – Employee of Coleg Cambria (Agenda Item 5(a)(i) – Planning Applications).

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Dan Stanton had was unable to attend the meeting but provided members with an e-mailed update on Police Matters in the community (between 10/10/16 and 14/11/16):

- There had been four incidences of Anti-Social Behaviour including youths throwing stones at a vehicle and persons reported in the area of the Northop college campus with torches.
- There had been an attempted break-in to a locked garage in the area near to Northop Cricket Club.
- Police were called to a vehicle fire in Sychdyn. The vehicle had been stolen from the Holywell area and burnt out.
- A person had suffered minor injuries following a dog attack in the area of Allt Goch Lane.
- There had been a further incidence of arson in the Raikes Lane area of Sychdyn.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the 10th October 2016 were accepted as a correct record.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

Members heard a report of a telegraph pole down near to No. 1 Glan Eglwys/Ffordd Gwynedd, Northop. The Clerk to report.

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) **ADW/055975** – PROPOSAL: Erection of Management teaching building with associated parking and landscaping works at Coleg Cambria, Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 2AA.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

- (ii) **CEM/056084** – PROPOSAL: Erection of two storey extension to dwelling at Bryn Gwyn, London Road, Sychdyn, CH7 6EL.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

- (iii) **KCS/056144** – PROPOSAL: 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.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

(iv) **ADW/056160** – Erection of extension front and side of dwelling and loft conversion at The Tannery, Church Road, Northop, CH7 6BS.

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) **DJM/055508** – Delegated Officer Approval 26/9/16. Erection of a two storey dwelling at land at Lilac Cottage, Ffordd Eldon, Sychdyn, CH7 6ST.

6. ACCOUNTS

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

- (i) Gwen Smith – Clerks salary for November 2016, £310.30
(Cheque No. 1952) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £77.60
in respect of Clerk's salary for November 2016
(Cheque No. 1953) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 10th and 24th October, totalling £110.00.
(Cheque No. 1954) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (iv) Flintshire County Council – October 2016 Street Lighting costs
totalling £466.77
 - Energy costs = £161.77
 - Inspection and Maintenance = £305.00
(Cheque No. 1955) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) **County Forum**

Cllrs P. Lawton-Hughes and C. Ruddle provide feedback from the County Forum meeting of 27th October, including:

- Presentations on the FCC Budget Position, the Improvement Plan and the Public Services Board vacancy. It was noted that the Welsh Government grant for the coming year would have an impact on FCC's reserves.
- Flintshire County Council updates on the Local Development Plan, Local Elections Planning and Community Asset Transfer Update on Play Areas.

(b) **Sychdyn Festive Lights**

Council agreed to the request submitted by Cllr. J. Millar for permission to arrange connection of the Sychdyn Festive Lights to one of the Community Council's street lights for power. Sychdyn 2012 would bear the connection and disconnection costs.

(c) **Signs in and around Northop and Sychdyn**

Cllr. J. Carlin raised concerns regarding the increase in the prevalence of signage, including A boards on pavements, within Northop village. Cllr. M. Bateman advised that FCC's

Streetscene officers had advised businesses of the need to ensure that A boards in particular, were carefully sited in order to avoid obstructing the pavements.

(d) **Civic Service, Saltney Community Council**

Cllr C. Ruddle reported that he and Mrs. Ruddle had received a very warm welcome by the Chairman of Saltney Community Council at a recent Civic Service.

8. WELSH BORDER COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (WBCT)

Council noted the continued use of the service by residents of the Community Council area. This item to be returned to the February agenda for consideration.

9. PLAY AREA GRANT SCHEME 2016/17

Council agreed to a request by the Sychdyn Carnival Committee for financial assistance to repair the sand pit at the Coronation Field play area. The grant of £500 would be subject to satisfactory sight of the Committee's current audited accounts and accurate costing before commencement of works. The grant by this Council would be submitted for matchfunding by FCC, along with further works to be funded by the Carnival Committee.

10. BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES CONSULTATION: THE 2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES – INITIAL PROPOSALS

Council noted the proposed review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales.

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

Following the earlier presentation by Andy Roberts of FCC, members asked the Clerk to arrange a Special Meeting to consider this Council's response to the consultation. The closing date for responses is 9th December 2016.

12. NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE CONSULTATION – AFFORDABLE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES FOR NORTH WALES

Council noted the opportunity for individuals to respond to the above consultation. The closing date for responses is 12th December 2016.

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| Cllr. Rob Mackey | 5(b)(i) – Planning Applications | 5. |