

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 10th April, 2017.

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

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

Cllr. Mackey lead members to thank Cllr. Tony Sharps for his work for the community in the 50+ years he had served as a County and Community Councillor for the area.

CITIZENS' AWARD

Members were delighted to welcome Mrs. J. St-Amour to the Council meeting to receive the annual Citizens' Award for outstanding voluntary work within the Community. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Mrs. St-Amour for her consistent support of fellow-citizens and noted that such voluntary work makes such a valuable contribution to well-being and community life.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declaration of Interests were made.

2. POLICE MATTERS

Members were disappointed not to have received a report from the PCSO.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 13th March 2017 were accepted as a correct record.

Matters Arising - Item 5(c) – Planning Applications

(i) Cllr John Roberts reported that, despite representations on behalf of the Council and the representations by Cllr. Marion Bateman, the Planning Application for development of land off Eldon Road, Sychdyn had been approved by Flintshire County Council.

(ii) Cllr. Roberts stated that the Planning Application for the development of land at the Northop Cricket Club had been refused by Flintshire County Council.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

(a) No reports were received on faults.

(b) Initial costings had been received for the upgrading work to the identified street lights along Church Road, Northop. The Clerk and Cllr. M. Bateman to clarify further with Flintshire County Council. The Clerk to commission the upgrading work if final costs are comparable with previously acceptable quotations and within the allocated budget of £7,500.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(i) **ADW/056532** – Extensions and alterations to dwelling at 7 Bryn Rhyd, Northop, CH7 6EH. Additional information has been submitted.

The Council had no objection to the proposal.

(ii) **JZB/056696** – Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and part out buildings and construction of new dwelling at The Red House, Bryn Offa Lane, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6RQ.

Council resolved unanimously to object to the proposed development at The Red House as the design of the property is wholly out of character and appearance of nearby dwellings and the remainder of the community area.

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

(i) **DGJ/056451** – Delegated Officer Approval 13/03/17 – Application for variation of condition N05 following grant of planning permission 0324/89 relating to personal permission. Land rear of 3 Tai Cochion, Sychdyn.

Council noted the correspondence.

(c) **ECH/055555 – Notification of Section 78 Appeal** by applicant proposing: Erection of 17 dwellings and associated infrastructure and access to land south east Northop Brook, The Green, Northop, CH7 6BE. Appeal start date: 23/03/17 (6 weeks duration) will be decided on the basis of an exchange of written representations and a site visit by an Inspector.

Council resolved to resubmit previously stated objections directly to The Planning Inspectorate at Cardiff.

6. ACCOUNTS

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

(i) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for April 2017 = £326.65 (net)
(Cheque No. 1979) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

(ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £81.60
in respect of Clerk's salary April 2017
(Cheque No. 1980) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

(iii) Flintshire County Council – Payment of February 2017 invoice totalling £315.27 comprising:

- Street Lighting = £161.77
 - Inspection and Maintenance = £153.50
(Cheque No. 1981) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)
- (iv) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 13th and 27th March, totalling £110.00.
(Cheque No. 1982) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

Cllr. John Roberts provided an update on the preparation work undertaken by John Hill of Flintshire County Council on the Public Right of Way at Springy Lane. Cllr. Roberts suggested that once completed, a press release and photograph would be a means of publicising the improvements funded by the Community Council.

8. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION - A55 JUNCTION WITH A494 AND A548 - DEESIDE CORRIDOR

Council agreed that the draft response to the consultation by the Task & Finish Group, would be referred to the Council meeting on 8th May. The Clerk to contact Welsh Government to seek to secure more meaningful consultation with the Northop community by holding an exhibition of the proposed schemes at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall or Sychdyn Village Hall. The consultation period closes on 5th June 2017.

9. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

- (a) The report from the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer was received and the final accounts for the financial year 2016/17 and the budget for 2017/18 were approved. The Clerk was thanked for her work in compiling the Audit.
- (b) The Chairman was authorised to certify the submission of the final accounts and supporting documentation to the Internal Auditor on 13th April 2017, including the amended Asset Register.

10. FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Council received a letter of thanks from Welsh Border Community Transport for the grant of £200.00 in support of their work in the community area.
- (b) Council received a letter of thanks from Marie Curie Nursing Services for a grant of £300.00 in support of their work in the community area.
- (c) CPRW have advised:
- Of a visit to Llandyrnog Creamery on 25th May commencing on site at 1.45pm. Please contact the Clwyd Branch if you wish to attend.
 - Their calendar of meetings for 2017 (all to be held at Loggerheads Country Park):
 - 18th May at 2:00pm
 - 20th July at 7:00pm
 - 21st September at 7:00pm
 - 16th November at 7:00pm

Further information can be found on the CPRW website:

<http://www.cprw.org.uk/index.html>

(d) Council received a copy of the updated “The Good Councillor’s Guide”. This can be viewed on the Welsh Government’s website:

<http://gov.wales/docs/dsjlg/publications/localgov/170330-good-councillor-guide-en.pdf>

(e) Council received a letter of thanks from the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall Trustees for the grant of £1,500.00 in support of community facility.

(f) Council received a letter of thanks from Macmillan Cancer Support for a grant of £100.00 in support of their work in the community area.

(g) The Clerk provided an update on the issue of School Transport raised at the January Council meeting. Mrs. Ceri Hansom of Flintshire County Council’s Transportation Unit undertook to monitor the situation as regards to the safety aspect at the Northop bus stop. Concerns had been raised that the narrow pavement at the bus stop could be hazardous where a large number of pupils were gathered to await the arrival of buses.

The Clerk to seek clarification as to whether drivers of service buses and/or drivers of contracted, pupil only buses are required to be C.R.B. checked.

(h) The next meeting of the Joint Meeting with Flintshire’s Standards Committee and Town and Community Councils will take place on the 2nd October.

(i) The next South Flintshire Police Consultation meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th April. Cllrs. Pauline Lawton-Hughes and Haydn Bateman to attend.

(j) Members were advised of the most recent OWL Message warning of a “Talk Talk” scam where residents are advised that they are entitled to a refund and the caller asks for the resident’s bank details. This is a scam and residents should not disclose any information. Flintshire Trading Standards Department wish to hear from anyone who receives suspicious approaches, by phone, e-mail or in person. Residents can report suspicious approaches by e-mailing watch@owlcymru.org or by telephoning 01352-708118.

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

At the close of the meeting, and on behalf of fellow-members and the Northop community, Cllr. Linda Deane expressed appreciation for the work undertaken by those member who were retiring from the Council. Councillors Jos Wynne-Williams and Tony Sharps of Northop and Cllrs. Haydn Bateman and John Roberts of Sychdyn had all contributed to a productive Council that works amicably together for the benefit of the community.

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CODE OF CONDUCT**

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| COUNCIL MEETING | DATE: 10th APRIL 2017 |
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