

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 11 April, 2016.

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

APOLOGIES – Received from Councillors Joanne Millar and Jos Wynne-Williams.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declaration of Interests were made.

2. POLICE MATTERS

Members heard of a burglary at Sychdyn which also involved the theft of a car.

Cllr. J. Carlin reported witnessing a vehicle being driven in the wrong direction along the one-way system which links the B5126 with the approach road to Northop Golf Club and the Celtic Arms restaurant. The Clerk to contact Flintshire County Council's (FCC) Streetscene Service with a view to improving the road signage in the vicinity.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 14th March 2016 were accepted as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Item 6. (i) in the fifth point, amend "unmade" to read "unadopted"

Matters Arising

Page 2, Item 3 - The Chairman advised that she met with Lee Shone of FCC to discuss a revised road layout at the slip road connecting the A5119 and the B5126 adjacent to Northop Car Park. The proposed one-way system would be considered by FCC with local consultation. It was reported that the road marking in the area had been renewed.

4. STREET LIGHTING

Concern was expressed regarding the unfinished upgrading work to the street lighting along High Street, Northop. Members heard that the old post stumps had not been removed and there were concerns regarding the quality of the tarmacing work by FCC. The Clerk to write to FCC regarding this matter.

There were no reports of street lighting faults, however, despite earlier attention, the intermittent green light fault to the traffic light column controlling traffic along the B5126 from the College remained a problem.

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/055085** – Outline application for the erection of a replacement classroom building and associated works at Glyndŵr University, Northop Campus, Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 6AA

The Council had no objection to the proposal.

(ii) **DJM/055105** – Proposal: Discharge of Section 106 agreement at The Mill House, Tyn y Caeau Farm, Northop Road, Northop, CH7 6BE.

The Council had no objection to the proposal.

(b) No further correspondence had been received from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning regarding planning applications on which the Council had previously submitted observations.

6. ACCOUNTS

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

- (i) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for April 2016 = £310.30 (net)
(Cheque No. 1912) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £77.60
in respect of Clerk's salary April 2016
(Cheque No. 1913) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Flintshire County Council – Part-payment of composite invoice totalling £15,727.77, for:
 - Street Lighting (March) = £161.77
 - Inspection and Maintenance (March) = £191.00
 - Upgrading work to Pen-y-Bryn, Sychdyn = £6,175.00
 - Upgrading work to High Street, Northop = £9,200.00

Council resolved to withhold the payment relating to the upgrading work at High Street, Northop until the work was completed to a satisfactory standard. A payment of £6,527.47 was therefore approved.

- (iv) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 12th and 29th March, totalling £110.00.
(Cheque No. 1917) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (v) Flintshire County Council – Composite invoice for February 2016, totalling £241.77:
 - Street Lighting = £161.77
 - Inspection and Maintenance = £80.00

(Cheque No. 1916) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) Noticeboard at Sychdyn (Cllr. J. Roberts)

Cllr. Roberts sought support for the funding of a notice board for community use in Sychdyn. The principle of provision was agreed with further consideration to be given to location and costings. Cllr. Roberts and the Chairman to research notice board suppliers in time for the May Council meeting.

8. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT WORKSHOPS

Cllr. P. Lawton-Hughes to advise the Clerk on attendance at a workshop hosted by Flintshire County Council at Theatr Clwyd on Tuesday 26th April 2016.

9. CITIZENS'S AWARD

(a) The Chairman confirmed that Mrs. Rosemary Jones was the recipient of the 2016 Citizens' Award. Mrs Jones had been nominated for her exceptional voluntary work which benefitted Northop Community life over many decades. The Chairman further advised that, on behalf of the Community Council, she had presented Mrs. Jones with a certificate and bouquet of flowers to mark the Award. Mrs. Jones's thanks were conveyed to members.

(b) Council resolved the continuation of the Citizens' Award scheme for the coming and future financial years. The scheme would be funded from the Community Grants budget head.

10. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

(a) The report from the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer was received and the final accounts for the financial year 2015/16 and the budget for 2016/17 were approved. The Clerk was thanked for the timely presentation of the accounts.

(b) The Chairman was authorised to certify the submission of the final accounts and support documentation to the Internal Auditor on 12th May 2016. However, as the final audit documentation had not been received from the external auditor, this item would be returned to the 9th May agenda for final approval.

11. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER (C.A.T.)

Members were advised that the Clerk had received correspondence from an allotment holder wishing to explore the options for continued service provision at the Allotment Land at Northop. Council resolved to defer the matter to the meeting on 9th May pending further information.

12. FLINTSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION KEY MESSAGES: SETTING THE FUTURE DIRECTION FOR THE PLAN

Members gave consideration to the consultation on the future direction for the Flintshire Local Development Plan. Northop Community Council recognised that it did not have the technical expertise to comment on the professionally drafted, complex processes set out in the consultation documentation. Council therefore resolved to comment that any

rigorous methodology for decision making adopted by FCC must be adhered to as must any subsequent policies and development briefs. The Clerk to respond before the closing date of 29th April 2016.

13. FOR INFORMATION

- (a) The Council received a letter of thanks from Urdd Gobaith Cymru for the Council's £100 donation towards the Flint Eisteddfod.
- (b) The Council received notification that funding for the Summer Playscheme 2016 had been secured, however Flintshire County Council cautioned that match funding may not be available for 2017.
- (c) The Council received notification that the new Playday website has been launched and is a resource point for arranging play events and securing funding. More information can be viewed at: <http://www.playday.org.uk/>
- (d) The Council was advised that the North Wales Community Health Council (NWCHC) would be seeking views on the District Nursing Service in North Wales and would be conducting a survey of users/carers throughout April 2016. The NWCHC encouraged users of the District Nursing Service to complete a questionnaire. The data gathered will be used to enable the NWCHC to work with the Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board to ensure that the views of users are taken into account.
- (e) The Council received a letter of thanks from the Parochial Church Council for the donation of £1,000 towards the upkeep of Northop Parish Churchyard.
- (f) The Council received a letter of thanks from the Trustees of the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall for the donation of £1,500 towards the upkeep of the Hall.

14. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - CONSLUTATION ON WASTE COLLECTION, HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE AND BRING SITE POLICY

Council resolved to respond to the above consultation highlighting the risks of fly tipping and the importance of quality of service above corporate image. The Clerk to respond before the closing date of Friday 29th April 2016.

Additional Item

15. CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL WALES – CLWYD BRANCH AGM, 19th MARCH 2016 AT LOGGERHEADS COUNTRY PARK

Cllr. J. Carlin provided feedback on his attendance at the Clwyd Branch AGM highlighting:

- The excellent presentation by Mr. M. Moriarty.
- Changes proposed in the A55/A494/A548 Deeside Corridor Highway Scheme at Aston Hill that could mpact upon the Northop area.
- The loss of field, land and place names from OS maps of the Ruthin area.

The Clerk to contact the Wales Trunk Road Agency for further information on the Deeside Corridor Highway Scheme.

.....

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 11TH APRIL 2016
------------------------	---

MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
	None.	