

## **NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Chris Ruddle (Chairman), Linda Deane (Vice-Chairman), Marion Bateman, Alison Brebner, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Jo Millar, Geoff Pierce, Linda Scott, Alan Watkins and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES** – Received from Councillors Paul Ashley and John Carlin.

**Prior to the meeting, Council convened to complete the co-option process in which Cllrs. Jo Millar and Chris Ruddle made Declarations of Interests and took no part in the discussions nor decision prior to the co-option to the Council of Rachel Hayward as a Sychdyn ward member.**

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

Cllr. Linda Deane – Item 5 Planning Application ADW/056793 – Member of the Church Council.

#### **2. POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Stephanie Jones had sent apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to a clash of meetings with another area of responsibility. The Clerk read an update report sent by PCSO, which highlighted 5 thefts from unsecured vehicles since the beginning of June. PCSO Jones advised residents to ensure that their vehicles are always locked and valuables placed out of sight. The Clerk to supply posters to the village Post Offices and Halls, to raise awareness of the Police advice.

Cllr Brebner advised Council members of the Community Speed Watch Scheme and at PCSO Jones's invitation, had join her and others undertaking a speed survey along the B5126 by the College Campus. The data collected had been forwarded to Go Safe and Cllr. Brebner would chase progress and request that the Go Safe camera van be located in the area in the very near future. The outcome of the survey suggested that the speed signs are not obvious and that this could be an explanation for some of the excessive speeds recorded. It was therefore proposed that FCC be approached to improve the speed signage and install a speed warning matrix sign along the Holywell Road. Cllr Bateman advised that she is in discussions to seek to reduce the speed limit to 30mph along the Holywell Road. Cllr Bateman advised that she would shortly be meeting with FCC's Road Safety unit regarding speeding along Blackbrook, Sychdyn and that she would take the opportunity to suggest installation of speed warning matrix in Northop and in Sychdyn.

The Clerk to post information regarding the Community Speed Watch Scheme and Go Safe's community concern on-line form, on the Council's website.

### 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were confirmed as a true record.

#### Matters Arising

Item 5. – Police Matters. The Clerk to chase progress on the issue of vehicles exceeding the weight limit along the lane out of Sychdyn towards New Brighton.

Item 16. – Deeside Corridor Project Consultation. Cllr. Bateman thanked those members who helped with the leaflet drop in Northop village prior to the Village Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May. The Clerk was thanked for completing the Council's submission to the Welsh Govt. consultation.

### 4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

None reported.

### 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (i) **ADW/056793** – Proposal: Change of use of land for use as extension to existing graveyard at Land to the rear of St. Eurgain and St. Peter's Church, Church Road, Northop.

The Council fully supported the application.

(b) Council received and noted information from Flintshire County Council's Head of Planning on planning applications on which the Council has previously submitted observations.

- (i) **056532** - Delegated Officer Approval 4/5/17. Application for extensions and alterations to dwelling at 7 Bryn Rhyd, Northop, CH7 6EH.
- (ii) **056696** – Delegated Officer Refusal 9/5/17. Application for 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.

### 6. ACCOUNTS

(a) The following payment of the following accounts were approved:-

- (i) Gwen Smith – £471.65 comprising of:
  - Clerk's salary for June 2017 plus ¼ of Annual Allowance (1.3.17 - 31.5.17) = £398.65 (net)

- Quarterly internet rental (1.3.17 - 31.5.17) £48.00
- Quarterly contribution to telephone calls (1.3.17 - 31.5.17) £25.00 (Cheque No. 1990) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £99.60 in respect of Clerk’s salary for June 2017 plus ¼ of Annual Allowance (1.3.17 - 31.5.17) (Cheque No. 1991) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Jim’s Mowing – Grass Cutting on 8th and 22nd May totalling £110.00 (Cheque No. 1992) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (iv) Zurich Municipal – Insurance policy for 12 months commencing 1.6.2017, totalling £411.98. (Cheque No. 1993) (Local Government Act 1972)
- (vi) Flintshire County Council – Payment of March 2017 invoice totalling £348.09 comprising:
  - Street Lighting = £186.04
  - Inspection and Maintenance = £162.05
 (Cheque No. 1994) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

## **7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

- (a) **The Old School, Northop** (Cllr. A. Brebner)

Cllr. Brebner’s concerns regarding the continuing deterioration in the condition of the Grade II listed building were echoed by all members of the Council. The Clerk to write to FCC expressing those concerns and calling for positive progress to be made to ensure that the planning conditions dictate that the building is brought into use without further delay.

## **8. FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017\*\***

- (a) Following the Internal Auditor’s recommendation (reported to Council on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017) and the subsequent advice from the External Auditor, Members:
- (i) approved the restatement of the 2015-16 Fixed Asset Valuations in line with the basis of valuation undertaken for the 2016-17 Audit.
  - (ii) amended the Annual Return accordingly.
- (b) The Chairman and Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer were authorised to sign the amended draft Annual Return for submission to the External Auditor by 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## **9. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

- (a) Cllr. Alison Brebner was appointed as the Council’s representative on the Northop CP School Governing Body.

It was noted that the following consultative groups no longer exist:

- (b) Flintshire County Council Public Transport User Forum
- (c) Flintshire County Council Planning Focus Group

#### **10. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Members agreed to a request for financial assistance by the Sychdyn Friendship Club of £250.

#### **11. RENEWAL OF THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY**

Members noted that Zurich Municipal will be the Council's insurers for the period 1.6.17–31.5.18 with a premium of £411.98.

#### **12. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION – DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) IN FLINTSHIRE**

Members were supportive of the content of the Draft PSPO.

#### **13. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS/ONE VOICE WALES JOINT CONFERENCE AT THE ST. DAVID'S HOTEL, EWLOE ON 12 JULY 2017**

Members agreed that Council should fund the event fee of £69.00 (plus VAT) for the Clerk to attend the Conference on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The Clerk to provide members with a report of the Conference.

#### **14. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION – STREET NAMING AT DEVELOPMENT SITE OFF ELDON ROAD, SYCHDYN**

Members considered the proposed new street names at the above site. The developers Stewart Milne had provided the following bilingual names to reflect the proximity of the woodland to the development:

- Aspen Close / Clos y Aethnen
- Maple Way / Lôn y Fasarn

Members considered that the street names should be Welsh only with no English translation. It was further proposed that the street names should reflect native British trees with regional significance, e.g. oak, ash, birch. The Clerk to respond to FCC.

#### **15. THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

The Clerk to contact the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to arrange a meeting in August to deal with any urgent matters.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE: 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>MIN. NO. REFERS</b>
Cllr. Jo Millar	Co-option of Sychdyn ward member	Above
Cllr. Chris Ruddle	Co-option of Sychdyn ward member	Above
Cllr. Linda Deane	Item 5. Planning Application ADW/056793	5.(a)(i)