

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 13th June, 2016.

PRESENT: Councillors Geoff Pierce (Chairman), Chris Ruddle (Vice-Chairman), Haydn Bateman, Marion Bateman, John Carlin, Linda Deane, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey (until the conclusion of Item 7), John Roberts and the Clerk. Mrs. Jan Blackwell and Mr. Roy Pierce gave the presentation. PCSO Amy Hughes was present until the conclusion of agenda item 2.

APOLOGIES – Received from Councillors Joanne Millar, Alan Watkin and Jos Wynn-Williams.

PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR by Mrs. Jan Blackwell and Mr. Roy Pierce of Northop Cricket Club.

Mrs Blackwell advised that Northop Cricket Club had chosen to support the British Heart Foundation and had organised a Snowdon Bike Ride on 25th June to raise money for the charity. The increased number of instances of cardiac arrest in young people had influenced the Club's decision to seek to purchase a defibrillator. The Club have been advised that there is no funding available from Welsh Hearts nor from the Welsh Ambulance Service. The cost of a defibrillator is approximately £1,200 and if the equipment is to be made available to the community, it would need to be housed and powered in an external cabinet. The cost of the powered cabinet would be approximately £500. The Club had approached the Council on this matter with a view to exploring the option of providing a shared community defibrillator.

Members posed a series of questions regarding the above and Mrs. Blackwell and Mr. Pierce responded as follows:

- The Welsh Ambulance Service will provide free training for volunteers to use the defibrillator but clarification would be sought for on-going/refresher training.
- The defibrillator is fully computerised and would be of particular benefit for use on young victims of cardiac arrest. Paramedics advised that First Aiders are not robust enough in CPR on young victims.
- Mrs. Blackwell would clarify security arrangements/locking mechanism for the external cabinet.
- Publicising the availability of a defibrillator would be considered and would need the support of the village.

Cllr. M. Bateman advised that Mold Town Council was aiming to raise £25,000 for the Mayor's Charity to provide defibrillators in the area. Furthermore the Mayor of Mold had agreed that Northop Community could purchase a defibrillator under the same discount scheme as the Town Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mold Town Council to explore the option of costings for defibrillator and external cabinet provision at Sychdyn and Northop.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Hughes provided the members with an update on Police Matters in the community and reported no incidents in Northop but a theft of a vehicle in Sychdyn in early May.

The Council was advised of a review of PCSO allocation in South Flintshire, effective from 13th June. The review formed three new geographic Safer Neighbourhood Groups and some vacancies (to be filled) were identified.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 9th May 2016 were confirmed as a true record.

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Cllr. J. Carlin confirmed his acceptance of the role of Council Representative on the Flintshire County Council Planning Focus Group.

4. STREET LIGHTING

Northop

The previously reported faulty light outside Fairbourne, The Green, Northop had been repaired.

Sychdyn

No faults 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) **JZP/055352** – Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension at Orchard House, Flint Road, Northop, CH7 6BR.

The Council had no objection to the proposals.

(ii) **KCS/055347** – Proposal: Erection of an orangery to the rear at Fieldside, The Green, Northop, CH7 6BD.

The Council had no objection to the proposals.

(iii) **DJM/055433** – Proposal: Demolition of existing rear single storey extensions and erection of new two storey extension with double pitched roof

to the rear of dwelling at Pontenion Cottage, Connah's Quay Road, Northop, CH7 6BT.

The Council had no objection to the proposals.

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

(i) **KCS/055297** – Delegated Officer Approval 26.5.16. Erection of extensions to front, rear and side of dwelling at 15 Maes Gwalia, Sychdyn, CH7 6RR.

(ii) **JZP/054967** – Delegated Officer Approval 26.5.16. Erection of extension to dwelling at 20 Ffordd Las, Soughton, CH7 6DU.

(iii) **ADW/055232** – Delegated Officer Approval 31.5.16. Erection of extension to side of dwelling with undercroft garage at Green Briars, The Vownog, Sychdyn, CH7 6EW.

(iv) **RMH/052334** – Section 78 Appeal by Memoria Ltd. Appeal start date 20th May 2016. Proposal: Construction of a new crematorium, associated car park, access road and ancillary works, landscaping, gardens of remembrance at Land at Kelsterton Lane/Oakenholt Lane, Nr. Northop, CH7 6DW. A Public Inquiry will be held in the Alyn & Deeside Room, County Hall, Mold commencing 10.00am on Tuesday 28th June 2016. The Inquiry is anticipated to last 6 days.

6. ACCOUNTS

(a) To approve the payment of the following accounts:-

- (i) Gwen Smith – £522.50 comprising of:
- Clerk's salary for June 2016 plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of Annual Allowance (1.3.16 - 31.5.16) = £382.30 (net)
 - Quarterly internet rental (1.3.16 - 31.5.16) £48.00
 - Quarterly contribution to telephone calls (1.3.16 - 31.5.16) £25.00
 - Reimbursement of photocopying, printing materials, postage and stationary costs (1.3.16 - 31.5.16) £67.20
- (Cheque No. 1925) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £95.60 in respect of Clerk's salary for June 2016 plus $\frac{1}{4}$ of Annual Allowance (1.3.16 - 31.5.16)
- (Cheque No. 1926) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Chairman's Allowance for the Civic Year 2016/17, £200.00 (Cheque No. 1927) (Section 15 (5), Local Government Act 1972)
- (iv) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 9th and 23rd May totalling £110.00 (Cheque No. 1928) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (v) JDH Business Services Ltd. – Fee for internal audit £144.00 (Cheque No. 1929) (Local Government Act 1972)

- (vi) Thomas Fattorini Ltd., supply of Chairman's Staple, £55.46
(Cheque No. 1930) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

- (a) **Eisteddfod yr Urdd** (Chairman and Cllr. P. Lawton-Hughes)

The Chairman and Cllr. P. Lawton-Hughes reported very favourably on their visit to the Urdd Eisteddfod at Flint on Monday 30 May. They had the opportunity to enjoy events on The Maes and in the Pavillion, including the award to the Young Composer of the Year. The Council was awarded a certificate to record the event.

Cllr. L. Deane represented the Council at the Presentation of the Crown and Chair on the Thursday preceding the opening of the Eisteddfod and reported on a very enjoyable event. The design of the Chair reflected the local area and featured silver to represent the former silver mines of Halkyn and Oakenholt. Cllr. Deane thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend.

Cllr. J. Roberts thanked the Chairman and Councillors for their attendance and for representing the Council.

8. FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2016

- (a) The report from the Clerk on the outcome of the Internal Audit for the financial year ended 31st March 2016 was received. The following responses were approved:

1. The Annual Return was amended to reflect the 2014/15 value for fixed assets.
2. The Asset Register was amended to record the month and year of purchase of assets.
3. It was noted that Confirmation of receipt and thanks for the donation to Northop Silver Band was reported to Council on 8th February 2016 (Minute 13(b)). The Council had secured a signed confirmation of receipt.

- (b) Council authorise the Chairman and Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer to certify the Annual Return for submission to the External Auditor.

9. NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE – USER STATISTICS

The report by the Clerk on the use of the Council's website was received. The Council agreed to an invitation by the Welsh National Library, to have the Council's website archived for future reference.

10. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS/TRAINING

- (a) North Wales Police will hold it's next South Flintshire Consultation Meeting on Tuesday 5th July between 6.00 – 7.30pm at Mold Council Chambers, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold. Cllr. J. Carlin to represent the Council.
- (b) In conjunction with Flintshire County Council, Planning Aid Wales will be delivering a training session 'General Introduction to planning' on Wednesday

29th June between 6.30 – 9.00pm at Mold Town Hall. There is a fee of £30 per attendee. Cllrs. J. Carlin and P. Lawton-Hughes would attend.

11. THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

The August Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th August 2016, commencing at 7.00pm, for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk to deal with any urgent matters during the summer recess. Venue to be confirmed.

12. FOR INFORMATION

Council received the following information.

- (a) The Council has been advised by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales that the CPRW Council and AGM will be held on Saturday 2nd July at Plas Dolerw in Newtown, Powys.

Additional Items

13. GULLIES (Cllr. J. Carlin)

Cllr. Carlin reported that drainage gullies between the driveway to Lower Soughton Hall and Sychdyn were blocked. Concerns were raised regarding the ability of FCC to clear and maintain all gullies and to respond to the increasing incidents of flash-flooding in the county. The Clerk to write to the Head of Streetscene and Neil Hickie expressing concern and asking that the blocked gullies be cleared. Cllr. M. Bateman to request a schedule of gully cleaning for the community area.

It was resolved that gully issues would be reported in future under the standard agenda item 4 (currently Street Lighting).

14. SYCHDYN FOOTBALL CLUB (Cllr. J. Roberts)

Cllr. Roberts reported that Sychdyn Football Club had had a very successful year but had not been promoted to the higher league. The Council to send a letter of support to the Club, congratulating them on their success. Cllr. Roberts to provide the Clerk with further information.

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 13th JUNE 2016
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
None		