

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 14th July, 2014.

PRESENT: Councillors John Carlin (Chairman), Haydn Bateman, Linda Deane, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Geoff Pierce, John Roberts, Chris Ruddle, Tony Sharps, Jos Wynne-Williams, PCSO Lynn Turner and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES – Received from Councillors Marion Bateman (Vice-Chairman), Joanne Millar, and Alan Watkin.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Turner provided the members with an update on Police Matters in the community:

- Following a number of reports of anti-social behaviour by an individual in Sychdyn, it was reported that the matter was being closely monitored by the Police.
- Speeding vehicles through Sychdyn had recently been monitored by PCSO Turner and a colleague. Of the 200 vehicle speeds recorded, 35mph had shown to be the maximum speed. A number of drivers received warnings.
- No further reports of anti-social behaviour outside the Sychdyn Village Hall had been received.
- The number of burglaries from sheds/outhouses had increased. The Police believe the thefts are carried out by people from outside of the area who return during the evening/night to carry out the burglaries. A reported car has been linked to six other burglaries. PCSO Turner asked that residents be particularly vigilant and record the number plates of any out of place cars and inform the Police.

Cllr. Haydn Bateman requested a visit of reassurance to Sychdyn post office.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the 9th June 2014 was accepted as a correct record.

4. STREET LIGHTING

No reports of faults were received.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(i) **PXR/052246** – PROPOSAL: Demolition of Conservatory – Proposed Orangery with extension of existing balcony over c/w new external staircase up at Carnoustie House, Northop Country Park, Northop, Mold, CH7 6WD.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

(ii) **PXR/052280** – PROPOSAL: Erection of a first floor extension to the rear and extension to the existing garage at Greenacres, Bryn Offa Lane, New Brighton, Mold, CH7 6RQ.

The Council had no objection to the proposed scheme.

(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) **PXR/051751**– Delegated Officer Approval 12/6/14. Outline - Demolition of outbuilding and single garage and erection of residential dwelling at Land adj. Offa Bank, Wats Dyke Way, Sychdyn, CH7 6DX

(ii) **BMK/052145** – Delegated Officer Approval 30/6/14. Installation of 50KW roof mounted solar panels at Deeside College, Northop Campus, Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 6AA

6. ACCOUNTS

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

- (a) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for July 2014 = £293.90 (net) (Cheque No. 1811) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (b) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £73.60 in respect of Clerk's salary July 2014 (Cheque No. 1812) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (c) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 9th and 23th June and hedge cutting on 23th June, totalling £160.00. (Cheque No. 1813) (Open Spaces Act - Sections 9 and 10)
- (d) Thomas Fattorini Ltd – supply of Chairman's Staple totalling £45.16* (£37.63 net). (Cheque No. 1814) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (e) Flintshire County Council – 3 composite invoices totalling £725.31:
 - 1. Electricity consumption April-June 2013 = £485.31
 - 2. Inspection and maintenance of street lighting April-June 2014 = £240.00 (Cheque No.1815) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) **County Forum** (Cllr. Pauline Lawton-Hughes)

Cllrs. Pauline Lawton-Hughes and Chris Ruddle provided feedback from the County Forum meeting of the 12th June:

- Fracking – The Forum received a presentation from Flintshire County Council's Waste & Minerals Manager, Gary Nancarrow, in which he outlined the

availability of £100,000 of grant funding from the Aggregate Levy Fund to each Town and Community Council in which exploration for shale gas (Fracking) occurs. The potential presence of shale gas has been linked to coal deposits such as those remaining in parts of Flintshire therefore the Council resolved to invite Gary Nancarrow to a future meeting to learn more about Fracking. The Council expressed their thanks to Cllrs. John and Hilary Lamb of Northop Hall for related information.

- Community Review – The draft final proposals of the recent Community Review were approved at Flintshire County Council's meeting in April.
- Community Asset Transfers – The Forum were briefed on the potential transfer of some 40 underused community centres from Flintshire County Council to Town and Community Councils.
- New Council Houses – Flintshire County Council announced the building of 100 new Council owned houses which would be subject to the Right to Buy. These are the first new Council owned houses to be built in Flintshire for over 25yrs.
- Youth Clubs – A report highlighted the lack of facilities for young people.
- Digital Inclusion Workshops – Flintshire County Council would facilitate workshops to encourage members from all local councils to benefit from training in the use of iPads and similar devices.
- Restructure of Local Government in Wales – The Forum received an update on the proposed restructure which included a proposal for Flintshire and Wrexham Borough Councils to merge. Cllr. Tony Sharps stated that he would object to the proposed merge when the matter is debated at the September meeting of Flintshire County Council.

(b) **Support for local business** (Cllr. John Roberts)

Cllr. John Roberts reported that a resident had raised concerns about support for local businesses. The Council encouraged the support of all local businesses as they provide a service and benefit to the community as a whole.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNTY FORUM - 16th OCTOBER

It was agreed to reconsider in September, the appropriateness of proposing the matter of Local Government Restructure for inclusion on the agenda of the County Forum meeting to be held on Thursday 16th October.

9. CLWYD COMMUNITY CHEST

It was agreed that the Council would not join the Clwyd Community Chest but rather would add the £35.00 membership fee to the Council's Community Donations budget head for the current year.

10. FOR INFORMATION

(a) The Council received the Annual Report 2013 for Nightingale House and an invitation to attend the celebration of 20 years care at the Hospice on Monday 1st September at 6.00pm.

(b) The Council received the Ombudsman's Annual Report 2013/14.

(c) The Council received a request from Flintshire Refurbs to promote the work of the charity in the Flintshire community and accepted an invitation for Cllrs. Linda Dean and Pauline Lawton-Hughes to take a guided tour of their premises.

11. THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk would meet on 11th August to deal with any urgent matters.

The next full Council meeting will be on Monday 8th September at 7.00pm at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S
CODE OF CONDUCT

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 14th JULY 2014
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
	None.	