

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 9th July, 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Ruddle (Chairman), Linda Deane (Vice-Chairman), Paul Ashley, Marion Bateman, Alison Brebner, John Carlin, Rachel Hayward, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Linda Scott, Alan Watkin and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Jo Millar.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made:

- Cllr. Chris Ruddle - (Agenda Item 7(a)(iv) – Planning Applications)
- Cllr. Marion Bateman - (Agenda Item 7(a)(v) – Planning Applications)
- Cllr. Linda Deane (Agenda Item 10(d) – Poppy Wreaths)
- Cllr. Rachel Hayward (Additional Agenda Item 15(c) - Match Funding – Improvements to Children’s Play Areas 2018/19)

2. INTERVIEWS FOR CO-OPTION TO THE VACANT SEAT IN THE NORTHOP WARD

The Clerk to offer Jarred Livesey the opportunity of co-option to the Community Council.

3. CITIZENS’ AWARD FOR 2018

The Citizen’s Award for 2018 was presented to Mrs. Muriel Patterson for her unstinting voluntary work in the community of over 40 years.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSOs Stephanie Jones and Maisie Prytherch attend the meeting and PCSO Jones provided an update on Police matters in the area:

- 18.6.18 – Theft from a vehicle on New Brighton Road, Sychdyn. Two males broke into the vehicle and a wallet and phone were stolen. Enquiries are ongoing. PCSO Jones reported that there had been a number of vehicle break ins across Flintshire and that the Police advise motorists to ensure that they secure their vehicles.
- 23.6.18 – Garden ornaments were removed from a property in Sychdyn. No CCTV footage was available.
- 6.7.18 – A number of reports in the Park View area of a male knocking on doors. No offence has been committed but the behaviour is viewed as causing a nuisance.
- Members heard that a homeless male in the area has been approached but wishes to continue to live in such a way.

Members reported as follows:

- Cllr. Brebner reported that she had not heard further from GoSafe and that the letter of complaint regarding the continued delays in action by GoSafe, would be sent to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales.
- Inconsiderate/illegal parking of vehicles was again highlighted at Caernarfon Terrace and along Church Road. PCSO Jones would investigate.
- Cars parked on the corner of Vownog Newydd and New Brighton Road, Sychdyn (to await children leaving school) were causing difficulties for other road users.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 11th June 2018 were confirmed as a true record subject to the change on Page 1, Matters Arising, Point 3, where the junction in question is with Raikes Lane and Blackbrook.

6. STREETSCENE ISSUES

Sychdyn

Concerns were raised that the following issues had not been resolved:

- Reports of wooden stakes being put into the bank of the lane between Vownog Newydd and Alltami Road, at the back of 9 Pen y Pentre, Sychdyn.
- Report of rocks placed on the grass verges of a single track road by Vownog Cottage / Henfryn.

Northop

Cllr. Carlin reported that the torrential rain had caused a flood into his drive from the adjacent blocked gully.

The Clerk to report to FCC and request that the gulleys at the Northop traffic light controlled crossroads also be cleaned.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (i) **DJM/058500** – Proposed renewal of Outline application (ref: 053811) for approval of erection of a dwelling at Land to the side of The Spinney, The Green, Northop, CH7 6BD. The Council had no objection to the application.
- (ii) **AJD/058509** – Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single-storey extension to provide Hydrotherapy Room, Gym and replacement Conservatory at St. Pierre, Northop Country Park, Mold, CH7 6WD. The Council had no objection to the application.
- (iii) **KCS/058496** – Proposed replacement of existing container with new portable building at Sychdyn Bowling Club, Vownog, Sychdyn. The Council had no objection to the application.
- (iv) **KCS/058585** – Proposed single storey rear extension at Grasmere, Bryn Seion Lane, Sychdyn, Mold, CH7 6YY. The Council had no objection to the application.

(v) **KCS/058211** – Amendment to Submitted Application of Proposed construction of 6no. detached dwellings on land at Cortonwood, Sychdyn, CH7 6LT. Council re-iterated objection to the proposal on the ground previously submitted to the Planning Authority.

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

(i) **058265** – Application for Listed Building Consent for the installation of a memorial bench on a stone base in the grounds of the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall, Northop. Delegated Officer Approval 22/5/18.

(ii) **058281** – Single storey ground floor kitchen extension to the rear of the existing dwelling at Wortley House, Church Road, Northop. Delegated Officer Approval 21/5/18.

(iii) **058403** – Delegated Officer Approval 1/6/18. Application to Prune 1no. Oak at 29 St. Peters Park, Northop, Mold, CH7 6DP

(c) Concerns were raised regarding working practices at the Ffordd Eldon site, in particular:

- The noise generated from the piling operations
- Loss of electricity to local residents following an incident where a construction vehicle was driven through overhead power lines
- Lorries arriving on site before 8:00am which add to the school traffic.

The Clerk to contact Mr. Harris of FCC to request a copy of the Traffic Management Plan for the site.

8. ACCOUNTS

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

- (a) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for July 2018, £326.65 (net)
(Cheque No. 2065) (Local Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (b) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £81.60
in respect of Clerk's salary July 2018
(Cheque No. 2066) (Local Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (c) Jim's Mowing – Grass Cutting on 6th and 20th June, also cutting of
roadside hedge, totalling £160.00.
(Cheque No. 2067) (Local Government Act 2000, s.2)
- (d) Flintshire County Council – Payment of April 2018 invoice totalling
£318.60 comprising:
 - Street Lighting = £166.55
 - Inspection and Maintenance = £152.05(Cheques No. 2068) (Highways Act 1957 – Section 17)

9. SUMMARY OF EXENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2018 (AS AT 30th JUNE 2017)

Members accepted the report of the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer. The Clerk to contact John Hill of FCC's Public Rights of Way Service, regarding the Council's commitment to improvements to the local network.

10. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) Tree Pruning at Fox Field, Northop / Council procedure (Cllr. R. Mackey)

(i) Cllr. Mackey raised concerns that an application for TPO pruning had been approved without the need for reference to the parties who had secured the original TPO. (Planning Application 058025).

(ii) It was agreed that Cllr. M. Bateman would arrange for Cllr. Mackey to be included in the Weekly List e-mail from FCC which records planning applications received and determined. It was further agreed that should Cllr. Mackey have concerns regarding any of the TPO applications, that he would refer them to Cllr. Bateman (copying to The Clerk).

(b) The Old Sand Hole, Sychdyn (Cllr. M. Bateman)

Cllr M. Bateman reported that she had been contacted by a local resident who raised concerns regarding the risk of contaminated land at Sandhole Field. Rather than employ an independent environmental officer to determine any signs of contamination at the Old Sand Hole Site, Alltami Road, Sychdyn, it was agreed that the Clerk should initially seek advice from Natural Resources Wales.

(c) Traffic Calming – Blackbrook, Sychdyn (Cllr. M. Bateman)

The item to consider the advice of FCC of purchasing a Vehicle Activated Sign to be sited at Blackbrook, Sychdyn was deferred until the September Council meeting to await the outcome of a meeting between Cllr. Bateman and FCC officers.

(d) Poppy Wreaths (Cllr. L. Deane)

It was agreed that two poppy wreaths (£20 each) should be purchased for the Remembrance Day services and that a donation of £10 should also be made to the Poppy Appeal.

(e) County Forum 19/6/18 (Cllr. C. Ruddle)

Cllr Ruddle provided an update on the County Forum meeting of 19th June, noting:

- The work of the Armed Forces Liaison Officer.
- FCC's Cymraeg 2050 strategy to increase the use of the Welsh language in Flintshire, in support of the Welsh Government's objectives.
- The Review of the Bus Service in the County.
- The news that Local Government Reform is now less likely to be enforced.
- The temporary disapplication of Paragraph 6.2 of the Planning Technical Advice Note 1.

The next County Forum meeting will take place on 4th October, 2018.

11. COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

Cllr. L. Scott reported that an autumn fundraising event was being organised.

12. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members were advised of the one request for financial assistance from Sychdyn Bowling Club. Members agreed that more information was required regarding the overall cost of the scheme to replace the clubhouse and ideally, the sum of assistance requested. The Clerk to contact the Club Secretary.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

(a) Confirmation that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk will meet on Monday 13th August to deal with any urgent matters.

(b) To note that the next full Council meeting will be on Monday 10th September at 7.00pm at the Edith Bankes Memorial Hall.

14. FOR INFORMATION

(a) The Summer Playscheme at Ysgol Owen Jones, Northop will run from 23rd July to the 10th August (10:30am-12:30pm) and at Sychdyn Play Area from 23rd July to 17th August (1:30-3:30pm). Sychdyn 2012 will pay for the 4th week's provision at Sychdyn. Consent forms will have to be completed for each child attending the Playschemes.

(b) Allied to the Summer Playscheme, Flintshire County Council is about to roll out a Holiday Hunger Programme – “Share Your Lunch / Rhannwch eich cinio.” This programme is one objective which Flintshire is looking to develop as part of its food poverty strategy and action plan. Locations have been identified in line with free school meals data to target areas where the lack of a free school meal will be most significant. Neither Northop nor Sychdyn Playscheme sites are involved in the Holiday Hunger Programme.

15. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

(a) Chairman's Badge

- The Chairman confirmed that the black mourning ribbon for the Chairman's Badge had been found.
- The Clerk confirmed that she would seek a quotation for the repair of the broken clasp to the commemorative pin.

(b) Chairman's Statement

The Chairman confirmed that she had attended a recent event “Women into Politics”.

(c) Match Funding Scheme – Improvements to Children's Play Areas 2018/19

Members approved a contribution of £500 for match funding of improvements to the Sychdyn Play Area.

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

COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 9th JULY 2018

MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
Cllr. Chris Ruddle	Agenda Item 7(a)(iv) – Planning Applications	7(a)(iv)
Cllr. Marion Bateman	Agenda Item 7(a)(v) – Planning Applications	7(a)(iv)
Cllr. Linda Deane	Agenda Item 10(d) – Poppy Wreaths	10(d)
Cllr. Rachel Hayward	Additional Agenda Item 15(c) – Match Funding – Improvements to Children’s Play Areas 2018/19	15(c)