

NORTHOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Northop Community Council held at the Memorial Institute, Northop on Monday 8th January, 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors Linda Deane (Vice-Chairman), Alison Brebner, John Carlin, Rachel Hayward, Pauline Lawton-Hughes, Rob Mackey, Jo Millar, Linda Scott, Alan Watkin and the Clerk. PCSO Stephanie Jones attended for items 1 and 2.

APOLOGIES: Received from Councillors Chris Ruddle (Chairman) and Marion Bateman.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Stephanie Jones attend the meeting and provided an update on Police matters in the community since the last Council meeting:

- 30/12/17 – Report of A.S.B. – Officers attended to find 4 male youths sitting on the roof of Sychdyn School.
- PCSO Jones would complete one more speed survey on Blackbrook before forwarding the results to GoSafe.
- Despite reminders, there had been no response since October from GoSafe regarding speeding traffic along the B5126 adj. to the college campus. PCSO Jones would chase progress with GoSafe.
- Llys Y Wern – One vehicle was found to be obstructing the footway. PCSO Jones would be sending letters to all residents in the area regarding parking responsibilities and fines.

Members noted street parking was still causing problems at Caernarfon Terrace, Church Road, Northop. PCSO Jones would investigate further.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting of the 18th December 2017 were confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising

ITEM 11 – The Clerk sought clarification of a suitable delivery point for the Community kit for Sychdyn.

4. STREETSCENE ISSUES

Cllr. Brebner to advise the Clerk further regarding the streetlight close to 16 Maes Celyn, Northop.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) No planning application were considered.

(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) **057615** – Delegated Officer Approval 04/12/17. Erection of extension to dwelling at 9 Tan y Coed, Sychdyn CH7 6TU.

6. ACCOUNTS

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

- (i) Gwen Smith – Clerk's salary for January 2018 = £326.65 (net) (Cheque No. 2032) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (ii) HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax payment of £81.60 in respect of Clerk's salary for January 2018 (Cheque No. 2033) (Government Act 1972 - Section 111)
- (iii) Flintshire County Council – Contribution towards matchfunded upgrade work at Sychdyn Play Area, £500.00 (Cheque No. 2034) (Local Government Act 2000, s.2)

(b) Having received the current audited annual accounts, the grant payment to the following organisation was completed, as approved at the Council meeting of 9/10/17, under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (i) Sychdyn Memorial Hall (£1,500) (Cheque No. 2035)
- (ii) Northop Silver Band (£500) (Cheque No. 2036)

(c) Council agreed the necessary deletions and additions to the Council's bank mandate. Upon the advice of the local branch, the four new signatories and the Clerk would need to return the relevant forms to the Nat West bank for the process to be completed.

7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

(a) **Northop Telephone Kiosk** (Cllr. L. Scott)

Cllr Scott reported that Northop Cricket Club hoped to install a defibrillator within the clubhouse for the use of the Cricket Club. Cllr. Scott to liaise further with the Community Heartbeat Trust regarding their support in securing a defibrillator and to register the Council's interest in acquiring the kiosk. The Clerk to liaise with the Council's insurers, Zurich Municipal, to query any implications of the scheme. Members thanked Cllr. Scott for her work on this project.

8. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2017-18

The matter would be considered at the February council meeting.

9. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (ESTIMATED) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS ENDING 31st MARCH 2018 AND 31st MARCH 2019

Council considered the report by the Responsible Financial Officer on the estimates for the financial years ending 31st March 2018 and 31st March 2019 in order to agree the precept for the financial year 2018-19. Having given due consideration to the

matter, it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the precept for Band D equivalent properties be increased by 10% (£2.00) to £22.00p.a., with effect from 1 April 2018. The additional monies raised (some £3,000) would be earmarked for upgrading work to the Council's street lighting stock during 2019-20. It was noted that the precept had not been increased since 1 April 2014.

Members wished to see publish on the Council's website, details of grants made during the financial year. The Clerk to action at the beginning of April.

10. SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2018/19

(a) Council agreed to fund the minimum 3 weeks' provision of Summer Playschemes in Sychdyn and Northop villages at a cost of approximately £1,309 per playscheme setting.

(b) Council approved partnership working with Sychdyn 2012 which would see Sychdyn 2012 fund an additional week's Playscheme provision in Sychdyn.

11. ADOPTION OF A LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

(a) Council accepted One Voice Wales's model protocol Local Resolution Procedure subject to the deletion of the word 'frivolous' on the presented page 112.

(b) Council agreed to adopt and abide by the agreed Local Resolution Procedure.

The Clerk to finalise the Council's version of the Procedure and ensure that each member received a paper copy for reference.

12. FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2015-2030 PRE-DEPOSIT PROPOSALS PUBLIC CONSULTATION (PREFERRED STRATEGY)

The matter to be deferred to the February Council meeting.

13. SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Concerns were again raised as to the safety of the footway between Sychdyn and Mold and the absence of a designated pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights adjacent to County Hall. A further update is anticipated. The matter to be returned to the February Council meeting.

14. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR

One Voice Wales will shortly be providing guidance to Town and Community Councils to support their responses. The matter to be returned to the February Council meeting for consideration in the light of that guidance.

15. LAW COMMISSION CONSULTATION: PLANNING LAW IN WALES

Cllr. Scott would investigate this matter further.

16. AIRBUS CONSULTATION: INTRODUCTION OF A NEW GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM AT HAWARDEN AERODROME.

Councillors agreed to respond positively to the introduction of a new Global Navigation Satellite System at Hawarden Aerodrome. The Clerk to complete.

17. FOR INFORMATION

(a) The Council received a letter of thanks from Flintshire Citizens Advice for the grant of £100 made by the Community Council.

(b) The Council received an e-mail of thanks from the Northop Church Committee for the grant of £1,000 to the Parish Churchyard Fund.

(c) The Council received confirmation from Flintshire County Council that the Match Funding Scheme for improvements to Children's Play Areas 2017/18 has been reduced by 50% in value. FCC received a number of expressions of interests and the sums required exceeded the level of funding available to the Council. Therefore, a reduction of 50% in value has been applied to all expressions of interest. Northop Community Council's contribution to the Coronation Play Area at Sychdyn is £1,000 (£500 c/f from 2016/17).

18. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

(a) Members heard that following the closure of Sychdyn Post Office, consideration was being given to establishing an outreach service at Sychdyn Village Hall.

(b) Members heard of reports of a deterioration in the condition of a section of Wats Dyke Way. The area in question was very muddy and horses had free access onto the ancient monument. Council agreed to report the matter to CADW. The Clerk to action.

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

COUNCIL MEETING	DATE: 8th JANUARY 2018
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MEMBER	ITEM	MIN. NO. REFERS
None.		