

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hope Community Council held at the  
Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope on  
Wednesday 6 April 2016.**

**Present:**

Councillor PR Pemberton (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, Mrs SL Davies, P Evans, Mrs L Griffiths, B Hughes, A Parry, EA Parsonage, C Shone, P Smith, and Mrs MD Williams.

Also present Mr AF Rushton, Clerk and Financial Officer and Mrs S Hughes, Clerk and Financial Officer.

**294. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors IR Sumpter and Mrs A Williams.

**295. Chairman's Announcements.**

(i) The Chairman introduced the newly appointed Clerk and Financial Officer, Mrs Sarah Hughes.

(ii) The Chairman also reminded Councillors that this would be the last meeting of the current Clerk and Financial Officer Mr Alan Rushton who was retiring after more than 19 years service. Councillors thanked Mr Rushton for his work for the Council and wished him a long and happy retirement.

**296. Minutes of Council.**

**Resolved:**

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed, by the Chairman save and except that the following comments be recorded as having been raised with Mr Steve Jones Head of Streetscene Flintshire County Council (see minute no. 269(ii)):

- (i) Concern over speeding traffic along Hawarden Road Abermorddu.
- (ii) Request for 30mph repeater signs on lamp posts – Mr Jones responded by stating that these were not permitted where there were street lamps within a prescribed distance from each other.
- (iii) Installation of solar powered flashing LED 30 mph/slow down signs.
- (iv) Random arrive alive/safety monitoring along Hawarden Road Abermorddu in conjunction with the provision made for Hope village.

**297. Visitors to Meeting.**

There were no visitors to the meeting.

**298. Matters Arising.**

(i) Ysgol Estyn Governors - The Vice – Chairman reported that she was standing down as a governor representing the Council for Ysgol Estyn Primary School and was seeking a replacement from the Council to serve on the governing body.

**Resolved:**

that Councillor Mrs C Cunnah be nominated to serve as a Community Council representative on the Ysgol Estyn governing body.

(ii) Interruption at Council meeting – Councillors expressed their concern over an outburst from the local County Councillor for Caergwrle at the last Council meeting and requested that their concern be recorded in the minutes.

(iii) County Council Transportation Workshop – It was reported that a workshop had been arranged by the County Council for Friday 29 April 2016 to which two Community Council representatives were invited.

**Resolved:**

that Councillors P Smith and Mrs MD Williams be appointed to attend the above workshop.

**299. Minutes of Committees.**

**Resolved:**

that the minutes of the following standing committees be approved and adopted and confirmed as a correct record.

(i) Planning and Highways – 2 March 2016.

(ii) Leisure and Environment – 2 March 2016.

(iii) Finance – 2 March 2016.

**300. Vacancy for Councillor Caergwrle Ward.**

The Clerk reported that no request for an election had been received by the Returning Officer and that the Council should now fill the vacancy by co-option in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. The appropriate notice had been posted and applications for co-option would be submitted to Council for consideration in due course.

**Resolved:**

that the above report be noted.

**301. Community Transfer of Hope Library.**

Councillor Mrs Cunnah reported that she had attended meeting of the Friends of Hope Community Library (FHCL) on 25 March 2016 at which a draft proposal was discussed which was hoped would lead to an agreement between Flintshire County Council, Castell Alun High School and FHCL for a way forward to enable a future public library service in the village.

The proposal was for the school to provide 9 hours per week opening over 3 days during school term with an additional 4 hours late afternoon/early evening provided by volunteers. During school holidays it was hoped that the 9 hours per week could be covered by paid library staff from the school the cost (estimated to be £1000 per annum) to be met initially from the start up grant of £4000 being provided by Flintshire County Council. The cost of new books would be in addition to this and the Community Council was being asked whether it would make a financial contribution towards this other running costs. This cost could be between £5000 and £10000 per year. Some Councillors expressed concern over the continuing trend of the County Council cutting back on services and looking to Town and Community Councils take on more commitments whilst recognising that a service such as this was important to the local community.

Following discussion it was:

**Resolved:**

that the Council supports the above proposals in principle and that the situation be monitored over the next 6 months with a view to more information being available on the financial and operational implications of providing this service.

Note: Councillor C Shone requested that his name be recorded as having voted against this decision.

**302. Annual Investment Strategy 2016/2017.**

The Council considered the above report, a copy of which had been enclosed with the agenda.

**Resolved:**

that the above report be received and approved.

**303. Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2016 Supporting Statement and Asset Register.**

The Council considered the above documents, copies having been enclosed with the agenda.

**Resolved:**

that the above documents be received and approved.

**304. Budget Review and Receipts and Payments/Bank Reconciliation for Financial Year 2015/2016.**

The Council considered the receipts and payments/bank reconciliation/budget review for the financial year 2015/2016, a copy of which had been enclosed with the agenda.

**Resolved:**

that the above receipts and payments/bank reconciliation/budget review for the financial year 2015/2016 be received and approved and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the document accordingly.

**305. One Voice Wales – Quarterly Area Committee Meetings – Appointment of Council Representative.**

The Council was requested to appoint a representative to attend One Voice Wales quarterly area committee meetings.

**Resolved:**

that Councillor Mrs C Cunah be appointed as the Council's representative

**306. Flintshire Optec Youth Exchange.**

The organiser of the Flintshire Optec Japanese Youth Exchange had written to ask if there were any activities or events taking place within the community between the 28 July and 9 August 2016 which the visiting Japanese students and their Flintshire hosts would find interesting and enhance their experience of visiting area.

**Resolved:**

that Mr Paul Harston be approached to see if he would be able to assist in this

matter.

**307. Assisting Young People Working within the Community.**

This item had been included on the agenda at the request of Councillor P Smith. Councillor Smith explained this had arisen following contact with a local resident who had raised the problem of her young sons having difficulty travelling to work in Chester as a result of the early DB1 service being discontinued by Cheshire County Council.

He wondered if contact could be made with neighbouring Community Councils with a view to addressing this problem. Councillors commented that there was a rail service through the area which could perhaps also be explored further as a means of providing alternative travel options but also conjunction with existing bus services.

**Resolved:**

that Councillor Smith be invited to undertake further research into service costs, the extent to which bus and rail services are currently integrated and whether any improvements could be suggested.

**308. Future Agenda Items.**

It was agreed that the following items be considered at the next meetings:

- (i) Street Lighting/Shop Fronts Caergwrle Village.
- (ii) Youth Issues.
- (iii) Relationship with Arriva Trains – Grants to Local Communities.
- (iv) Litter Outside Castle Inn Caergwrle.

Chairman: ..... 4th May 2016

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held  
at the Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope on Wednesday 6  
April 2016.**

Present:

Councillor C Shone, (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, P Evans, B Hughes, Mrs L Griffiths, EA Parsonage, A Parry, PR Pemberton, P Smith, and Mrs MD Williams. Also present Mr AF Rushton, Clerk and Financial Officer and Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Financial Officer.

**309. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors IR Sumpter and Mrs A Williams.

**310. Minutes.**

**Resolved:**

that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 2 March 2016.

**311. Matters Arising.**

(i) **Flintshire Local Development Plan** – The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter from the Chief Planning Officer Flintshire County Council consulting on setting the future direction for the Plan. The consultation period ended on 29 April 2016 and comments were being sought on the Key Messages which could be accessed on the ‘Local Development Plan – Flintshire’ web page or in hard copy at Council Offices, Connects Offices and libraries during normal opening hours.

Councillors and members of the public were invited to submit their views.

**312. Planning Applications.**

(a) The Committee considered planning applications received as follows:

(i) Application DGJ/053854 – Outline application for the erection of 2 no dwellings with all matters reserved on land off Stryt Isa Hope – amended application.

(ii) Application LEJ/054986 – Erection of site managers dwelling at the equestrian centre Caeau Farm Gresford Road Hope.

(iii) Application KCS/055073 – Creation of new access at 73 Hawarden Road Hope.

(iv) Application CEL/055000 – Erection of wooden shed at New Farm Cottage Rhyddyn Hill Caergwrle.

(v) Application DJM/0550056 – Erection of two storey rear extension at 2 Bryn Alyn Cottages Bridge End Caergwrle.

**Resolved:**

(i) that applications DGJ/053854 KCS/055073 and DJM/0550056 be supported.

(ii) that application LEJ/054986 be opposed on the grounds that this represents residential development in the open countryside and is outside the settlement boundary.

(iii) that application CEL/055000 be opposed on the grounds that this represents inappropriate development in the open countryside.

(iv) that Mr Andrew Farrow Chief Planning Officer be invited to a future meeting of the Council to talk about the role of the Community Council in the planning consultation process

Note: Councillors Mrs C Cunnah and P Evans requested that their names be recorded as voting against application DGJ/053854 above.

(b) The following applications which had been determined by Flintshire County Council were reported:

(i) Erection of 2no. semi-detached dwellings at 2 Windsor Avenue Caergwrle – approved.

(ii) Construction of new retail pharmacy building adjacent to existing car park Hawarden Road Hope – withdrawn.

**313. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Schedule 15 The Flintshire County Council (Public Paths at Gwern Alyn in the Communities of Llanfynydd and Hope) Definitive Map Modification Order 2008.**

The Clerk reported that following a local public inquiry between 8 and 11 December 2015 a Notice of Decision had been issued by the inspector not to confirm the above Order.

**Resolved:**

that the above report be noted and the Ramblers' Association be thanked for their efforts in supporting the above Order.

**314. Highways Matters.**

The Clerk reported that the evaluation of the parking problems on Fagl Lane and Stryt Isa Hope was still with the County Council's technical team the head of which has been asked for a report on progress. This report has yet to be received. With regard to the parking issue near the Queensway junction Hope the offending vehicle appeared now to be parking wholly on the carriageway in respect of which there are no restrictions.

Councillor A Parry also raised the issue of speeding vehicles along the A550 through Abermorddu and asked if the County Council could monitor this.

**Resolved:**

that the County Council/police be asked to carry out further monitoring of vehicle speeds along the A550 through Abermorddu and whether one of existing interactive speed signs within the Community Council's area can be relocated to Abermorddu.

Chairman: ..... 4th May 2016

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held  
at the Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope on Wednesday 6  
April 2016.**

**Present:**

Councillor Mrs L Griffiths, (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, Mrs SL Davies, P Evans, B Hughes, A Parry, EA Parsonage, PR Pemberton, C Shone, P Smith, and Mrs MD Williams.

Also present Mr AF Rushton, Clerk and Financial Officer and Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Financial Officer.

**315. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor IR Sumpter and Mrs A Williams

**316. Minutes.**

**Resolved:**

that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 2 March 2016.

**317. Matters Arising.**

**(i) Flintshire County Council – Summer Playscheme Programme 2016** – The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Flintshire County Council advising that there would be a match funding contribution towards this year's Playscheme resulting in the cost to this Council of £900 for the three week scheme. The Committee at the meeting on 6 January 2016 minute 224. had agreed in principle to participate in the scheme subject to a decision on funding. The County was also advising that there was a probability that there would be no County Council funding for the scheme next year.

**Resolved:**

that approval be granted to participation in this year's summer playscheme in conjunction with the County Council for a three week period at an estimated cost of £900.

**(ii) Flintshire Household Recycling Centre Survey** – The Clerk reported that Flintshire County Council was currently carrying out a Household Recycling Centre Survey which needed to be completed by 29 April 2016. Information on the survey was available on the County Council's website.

**318. Willow Playingfield.**

The Clerk reported that the installation of the skatepark facility was nearing completion and should be completed in the very near future weather permitting. Surrounding ground works were dependant on weather conditions and a retention sum had been held back by the County to ensure that the contractors returned to complete these works. The Committee also considered a report setting out the final cost to the Council of the skateramp facility as follows:

Tender price	£49885 approved L&E cttee min 103 2/9/15
Additional cost	£5761 approved L&E cttee min 193 (i) 2/12/15
<b>Total cost approved by Council</b>	<b>£55646</b>

This has been financed as follows:

Flintshire County Council match funding 2013/2015 £18000

Hope Community Council match funding 2013/2015 £20000

**Total £38000**

Amount paid on FCC invoice no. JM077173 of £43261.00 leaves a retention of £12385.00 which will be billed by FCC when remedial works to the site have been satisfactorily completed.

The Community Council's total contribution to this scheme is as follows:

Match funding 2013/2014	£10000
Match funding 2014/2015	£10000
Match funding 2015/2016	£14000
Additional cost 2015/2016 (to be met from balances)	£3646
<b>Total</b>	<b>£37646</b>

**Resolved:**

(i) that approval be granted to the final cost of the above scheme to this Council in the sum of £37646 including the additional cost of £3646 which reflects the Council's decision to agree the enhanced scheme and the additional foundation works, this sum to be met from balances in the financial year 2016/2017.

(ii) that the County Council be requested to provide a list of outstanding remedial items in respect of the scheme.

(iii) that the County Council be reminded of the Council's concern over dog fouling on the Willow area and the need to relocate the dog walking area.

**319. Crossways Play Area Abermorddu.**

To Clerk reported that the improvements to the above play area had been agreed and that the necessary work would be carried out as soon as the weather permitted. The Community Council's contribution towards this match funded scheme was £11380 which comprised £10000 approved over the last two financial years for match funding purposes and the additional sum of £1380 approved by this Committee on 2 December 2015 minute no. 194(i).

**Resolved:**

that the above report be received and approved.

**320. Caergwrle Castle.**

The Chairman of the Council reported that 3 firms had been approached for quotations for preparing a 2 year management plan and ecological survey for Castle hill. Some initial work had been carried out recently by Mr Phil Pearce. The Clerk reported that the £5000 had now been received from Mr Stuart Body Flintshire County Council towards environmental works on this area.

**Resolved:**

that the above reports be noted.

Chairman: ..... 4th May 2016



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at the  
Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope on Wednesday  
6 April 2016**

**Present:**

Councillor Mrs SL Davies, (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, P Evans, Mrs L Griffiths, B Hughes, A Parry, EA Parsonage, PR Pemberton, C Shone, P Smith, and Mrs MD Williams.

Also present Mr AF Rushton, Clerk and Financial Officer and Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Financial Officer..

**321. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors IR Sumpter and Mrs A Williams.

**322. Minutes.**

**Resolved:**

that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 2 March 2016.

**323. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**324. Payments.**

**Resolved:**

that the payments up to and including 31 March 2016, as attached to these minutes and in the total sum of £58538.59 be approved.

**325. Welsh Border Community Transport.**

The Committee considered an application for financial assistance from the above organisation. The Clerk advised that the sum of £1000 had been included in the 2016/2017 budget for this purpose. Some Councillors expressed their concern that a relatively small number of local residents appeared to be benefiting directly from the Council's contribution which was subsidising a specific service.

**Resolved:**

that a grant of £1000 be made to Welsh Border Community Transport towards their general activities and that this contribution be not used to subsidise any specific service

**326. Duration of Meetings.**

The meetings began at 6.30pm and ended at 8.55pm.

Chairman: ..... 4th May