

Hope Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 6th December 2017.

Present: Councillors Mrs C Cunah, Mr B Hughes, Mrs M Williams, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mr A Parry, Mr D Healey, Dr R Parsonage

Absent: Cllr A Parsonage

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
1 x Member of the Public
PCSO Peter Jones

243. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr C Shone, Mr H Manning, Mrs L Davies and Mrs A Dunlop.

244. Declarations Of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

245. Public Questions

There were no public questions received.

246. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman advised of the wonderful Christmas light switch on and service which was very well attended. She expressed her appreciation to Mr Ian Sumpter for installation of the Hope lights. She also was pleased to advise of the number of attendees at Remembrance Sunday.

She recognised that there has been reduced attendance to the meetings of late and is aware that the length of the meetings has increased. She has requested that the Clerk circulate as much information prior to the meetings to hopefully assist in a more streamline meeting.

247. Minutes of Council

The minutes were approved by Cllr Waterhouse and seconded by Cllr Parry.

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1st November 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

248. Visitors to Meeting

PCSO Peter Jones provided members with a report of recent issues.

** PCSO Jones left the meeting at 6.45pm.

249. Matters Arising

Min 219 – an invitation to attend a council meeting (within the next few months) has been offered to Mark Middleton and a follow up request sent on 27th November, however no response has been received. The Clerk has since been made aware that MM has been absent from work and suggested that the invitation be postponed until early next year.

Min 167 - Anthony Stanford has contacted the Clerk to apologies for the delay in responding to the points raised when he attended the October meeting. He advised that the Operational Manager is currently on long term sick and that he will talk with the team concerned to ascertain the current position and come back as soon as possible shortly with a full update.

RESOLVED: the above was received and noted. The invitation to MM will be postponed and offered again early next year.

250. Minutes of Committees

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

- (i) Planning and Highways – 1st November 2017.
- (ii) Leisure and Environment – 1st November 2017.
- (iii) Finance – 1st November 2017.

251. Councillor Vacancy (Caergwrle Ward) – Co-option

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 will be displayed and applications for co-option would be submitted to Council for consideration at the January meeting.

Due to the Hope Ward vacancy being deferred and being reviewed together with the Caergwrle Ward vacancy, the notice will display the two vacancies.

RESOLVED: the above be received and approved.

252. Community Council Draft Estimates for 2018/19

The Council considered the draft estimates for 2018/2019 together with a report which detailed reasons of increases/decreases, a copy having been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting.

It was proposed that the Council's precept be set at the January 2018 meeting and Councillors were invited to comment on the estimates before them and discuss any amendments which they would wish to be included in the final figures before considering approval of the budget and the precept next month.

With regard the street lighting budget, Cllr Parsonage asked whether street lights being upgraded in the conservation area could be more in keeping with the historical nature.

Cllr Parry suggested that the Council needs to increase the precept. Cllr Healey raised concerns over cost implications of the maintenance of the castle ruins.

The Council requested the Clerk to present a number of precept options for the January meeting together with a ranking detailing all Flintshire Town/Community Councils precepts. Cllr Healey requested for a pie chart of expenditure.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will provide the council with a variety of precept amounts (and Band D charges), a table detailing the ranking of all precepts in Flintshire and a pie chart of expenditure. She will also ascertain the possibility of historical street light columns, costs and ownership.

253. Flintshire County Council Engagement Event

Cllrs Waterhouse and Parry provided members with a very brief report on the event, which included County Hall closing phases 4 & 5 of the building, the intention that FCC will relocate to the old Alyn and Deeside offices in Ewloe, the Councils 5 year plan, services they offer and targets to be met. FCC will have a shortfall of approx. £3m, having made savings over the last 10 years of £80m.

RESOLVED: the above was received and noted.

254. Welsh Government – Review of the Community and Town Council Sector

An Independent Review Panel has been set up to consider the future role of Community and Town Councils.

The review will:

- explore the potential role of local government below Local Authority councils, drawing on best practice
- define the most appropriate model(s)/structure(s) to deliver this role
- consider how these models and structures should be applied across Wales. This will include consideration of any situations in which they would not be necessary or appropriate.

The Panel are keen to hear all views from Community and Town Councils themselves, from the communities they serve, from the people they work with, from areas that have councils and areas that don't. Responses can be given from the Council as a body and or individual members.

RESOLVED: the Council did not wish to submit a response at this stage.

255. Recycling

Due to a number of reports that Flintshire County Council will be implementing charges for brown bin collections from next year, the Clerk has written to Chief Officer Stephen Jones to seek clarification on this matter. Unfortunately to date no response has been received. Cllr Healey did clarify that there will be a £30 charge for the emptying of brown bins which will be implemented next year.

RESOLVED: the above was received and noted.

256. Identification Badges

Following the Council's approval of Identification Badges, the Clerk now required a photograph of each member in order to pass to the printing company.

257. Community Engagement

The Council wishes to explore options for community engagement and the Chairman proposed that this should be postponed until the Council had filled the current vacancies.

RESOLVED: this will be included on the March agenda.

258. Training

The Chairman has requested that Training remains as a monthly agenda item to ensure the Council addresses any training needs.

The Clerk advised that she had recently attended an SLCC Training event in relation to the new General Data Protection Regulation which will come into force on 25th May 2018.

259. Correspondence

- A letter received from a resident:
Regarding the car park next to the Willow Playing Field. The lower end of Queensway is becoming congested by the parked cars of Hawarden Road Residents. It appears that the Willow Car Park is not being used for Evening/Overnight parking. Can the car park be made more open by lowering the relatively recent wooden fence and keeping the hedge at this new level. This will make it more visible for residents to keep an eye on their cars. It may also deter Ner do Wells from parking park there for a 'smoke'.
- An update Newsletter (Nov 2017) from North Wales Police. A joint letter from the Police & Crime Commissioner, Arfon Jones and the Chief Constable Mark Polin (copies circulated to members).
- One Voice Wales – Flintshire/Wrexham Area Committee will take place on Wednesday 6th December.
- Cllr Williams had forwarded a letter from FCC with regard to parking at Heulwen Close Community Centre. It is asking attendees to refrain from parking within the immediate area (copies circulated to members).
- Tickets are now on sale for the Mayor of Mold's Christmas Concert which will take place on Monday 11th December at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets £10.
- Invitations for the Chairman:
 - Mayor of Mold Charity Dinner and Dance.
 - Sealand Community Council's Candle Lit Christmas Carol Service.

- Leeswood & Pontblyddyn Community Council joint civic and Mission Area Carol Service.
- 50+ Action Group Newsletter – the clerk will provide copies to members at their request.
- County Forum Meeting Notes from FCC for the meeting held on 12th October.
- An invitation to council members from Claire Homard, Interim Chief Officer, Education and Youth and Marianne Mannello, Assistant Director, Play Wales’. In partnership with Play Wales, FCC is delivering a professional development programme aimed at supporting the play sufficiency process in Flintshire. This provides a unique opportunity for partners to consider play sufficiency and local responses to emerging Welsh Government priorities and programmes.

It would be most advantageous to attend all of the session if possible

- The programme will be delivered:
 - Mon 15 January 2018 9.30-12.30 Jade Jones Pavilion
 - Tues 30 January 2018 9.30-12.30 Jade Jones Pavilion
 - Mon 12 February 2018 9.30-12.30 Jade Jones Pavilion
 - Mon 26 February 2018 9.30-12.30 Jade Jones Pavilion
 - Wed 7 March 2018 9.30-12.30 Jade Jones Pavilion
- The Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) Draft Well-being Plan is now out for Consultation and will close on 2nd February 2018.
- Welsh Government has advised the appropriate sum for the purpose of Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community and Town Council in Wales for 2018/19 is £7.86 per elector.

260. Future Agenda Items

- Cllr Parry still has concerns regarding issues of speeding.
- Cllr Parsonage advised that the Action Group will be looking to distribute a Village Questionnaire in relation to a Community Development Plan.

Chairman: 3rd January 2018

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 6th December 2017.

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Absent: Cllr A Parsonage

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
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261. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr C Shone, Mr H Manning, Mrs L Davies and Mrs A Dunlop.

262. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

263. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman of the Council be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 1st November 2017.

264. Matters Arising

Min 185 - a follow up email has been sent to the Conveyancing Dept of FCC to enquire the progress of their investigations.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

265. Planning Complaint

The Clerk reported that the first stage of the complaint process has been undertaken and a formal letter of complaint was sent to FCC Customer Services on 15th November. This has been received and logged by Customer Services (reference number is 1711 018308). The complaint has been allocated to the Planning Manager who although aims to respond within ten working days, a holding letter was received on 29th November advising that the Planning Manager requires more time to consider the issues raised.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

266. Planning Applications

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

- i. Ref: 057709. Proposed remodel, extension, new roof and loft conversion. 43 Rhyddyn Hill, Caergwrle.
Supported

RESOLVED: the above comments will be reported to Flintshire County Council Planning.

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

- i. Ref: 057225. Proposed double storey rear extension and internal alterations. 13 Kiln Lane, Hope.
Approved
- ii. Ref: 057457. Construction of menage. Faes y Gad, Hawarden Road, Caergwrle. **Approved**
- iii. Ref: 057332. Demolition of existing tack room and stables and extension and alteration of farmhouse. Brynhyfryd, Pentre Lane, Hope Mountain, Caergwrle. **Approved**
- iv. Ref: 057391. Erection of front and rear extensions. 66 Rhyddyn Hill, Caergwrle. **Approved**

- v. Ref: 056979. Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed building. Talwrn Cottage, Higher Kinnerton. **Approved**
- vi. Ref: 057521. Formation of a 65m x 3m wide independent track. New Farm Cottage, Rhyddyn Hill, Caergwrle. **Approved**

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

267.Planning Ref: 056668. Construction of a new retail pharmacy car park, Hawarden Road, Hope

There has been no further information received on this planning application.

RESOLVED: the above received and noted.

268.Pre-Deposit Proposals Public Consultation (Preferred Strategy) Flintshire Local Development Plan 2015 – 2030

- i. Cllr Parsonage provided a brief report to members of a Community Engagement Event she held on Monday 4th December with regard to the LDP.
- ii. Information relating to the Pre-Deposit Proposals Public Consultation (Preferred Strategy) for the LDP which closes on Thursday 21st December were circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- i. The report was received and noted. Cllr Healey wished to thank Cllr Parsonage for her efforts in community engagement.
- ii. Comments will be submitted individual by members. The responses given will reflect members opinions on Hope, Caergwrle and Abermorddu rather than opinions of Flintshire as a County.

269.Highway Matters

Cllr Parry advised members that he has been liaising with Network Rail with regard to Caergwrle Train Station and in particular the surrounding grounds. There is a strip of land on the outside of the fencing which he asked the council to consider a partnership with Network Rail and to maintain and improve this piece of land.

RESOLVED: the Council support this initiative. Cllr Parry will obtain further details.

Chairman: 3rd January 2018

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 6th December 2017.

Present: Councillors Mrs M Williams (Chairman) Mrs C Cunnah, Mr B Hughes, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mr A Parry, Mr D Healey, Dr R Parsonage

Absent: Cllr A Parsonage

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
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270. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr C Shone, Mr H Manning, Mrs L Davies and Mrs A Dunlop.

271. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

272. Minutes

In the absence of the Chairman at the November meeting the minutes were approved by Cllr Waterhouse and seconded by Cllr Parry.

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 1st November 2017.

273. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

274. Playing Fields

The Chairman advised that there are still dogs on the Willow Playing Fields since the PSPO came into force, otherwise there are no other issues.

RESOLVED: the above received and noted.

275. Abermorddu Cibyn Project

Cllr Healey informed members of a project he is currently working on independently from the Council. The Caergwrle Bowl was discovered by workmen who were draining the land in 1823 and is now displayed in a prominent position in the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. The Bowl is of considerable historical significance because of the unique insight which it gives to the art, trade, transport and possible beliefs of Bronze Age people.

This project would provide a piece of play equipment as an interpretation of the boat bowl. He feels that there is a need to celebrate the importance of a significant archaeological Flintshire treasure. He will be looking into funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. He will be circulating a questionnaire to the community.

Cllr Cunnah expressed her support with the project.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

276. Welsh Government Consultation Document on Town and Village Greens

Welsh Government are consulting on proposals to commence sections 52 and 53 of, and Schedule 6 to, the Planning

(Wales) Act 2015 which will amend the Commons Act 2006. This will introduce new procedures providing owners with a right to end use of their land as green. Comments on the consultation are required to be submitted by 2 February 2018.

The Consultation Document was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED: Further time was requested to review the consultation and it will be included on the January agenda.

277. Caergwre Castle

- i. The Clerk reported that although communication is still on going with Will Davies, no official response has yet been received. Cllr Healey advised that there has been a restructure in Welsh Government and Dafydd Elis Thomas has now been made responsible for culture which CADW will fall under. He proposed that the Council should write directly to Mr Thomas.
- ii. The Council consider a working group to assist with events at the castle. Cllr Waterhouse will initially make contact with Alistair Hemphill to obtain further information and members of the group could be consider once a full council has been obtained.
- iii. Cllr Healey feels that a sub-committee should also be created to assist with the castle management and possibly members would be interested in both the Working Group and Sub Committee which would increase the number of meetings for them. He also feels that non councillors should be invited to join the committee. The Clerk suggested that it would be unlikely that either the Working Group or Sub Committee would be required to meet on a monthly basis.

RESOLVED:

- i. Cllr Healey and the Clerk will write to Mr Thomas with regard to the Council’s Acquisition Request.
- ii. Cllr Waterhouse will liaise with Alistair Hemphill, Countryside Services and provide a report at the January Meeting. Once the Council has filled the current vacancies a ‘Castle Events Working Group’ will be created. As a working group they will have no delegated powers but will provide a report to the full council.
- iii. A Castle Management Sub Committee will be included for further consideration on the February agenda.

Chairman: 3rd January 2018

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 6th December 2017

Present: Councillors Mr B Hughes (Chairman) Mrs C Cunnah, Mrs M Williams, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mr A Parry, Mr D Healey, Dr R Parsonage

Absent: Cllr A Parsonage

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RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 1st November 2017.

281. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

282. Insurance

The clerk reported that due to the recent purchase of CCTV cameras and additional Christmas lighting, Zurich Insurance have quoted a further premium of £89.23 (6mths) to our 'All Risks' section of the policy.

RESOLVED: the above was approved and included in the December accounts for payment on receipt of the invoice.

283. Payments

To authorise account for payment up to and including 6th December 2017.

Payable To	Details	Amount
1st Hope Brownies	Grant	£270.00
Hope Craft Group	Grant	£270.00
Hope Parish Church	Grant	£270.00
Senior Citizens Assoc Caergwrle & District	Grant	£270.00
Hope & Caergwrle Heritage	Grant	£270.00
Hope Pre-school playgroup	Grant	£270.00
1st Hope Rainbows	Grant	£270.00
Castell Alun colts	Grant	£270.00
Friends of Hope Community Library	Grant	£270.00
Hope & Caergwrle pensioners Grant	Grant	£270.00
Poppy Appeal (wreath)	Grant	£50.00

Alder Hey Hospital	Grant	£125.00
Cystic Fibrosis	Grant	£125.00
Flintshire County Council	Poppies (for the lamp posts)	£37.50
Canda Copying	Photocopier Rental	£48.00
Aura Leisure & Libraries Ltd	Play Equipment Repair - Sarn Lane	£870.68
Greenfingers	Queensway Play Area Maintenance	£54.00
Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection/Maintenance and Supply Oct 17	£699.94
Staffing Cost	Nov Staffing Costs	£786.40
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£38.78
Zurich Insurance	Additional Premium for added items	£89.23
	Total	£5624.53

RESOLVED: That the above payments up to and including 6th December be approved.

The meetings began at 6.30pm and ended at 8.50pm.

Chairman:3rd January 2018