

Hope Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

Present: Councillors Mrs SL Davies (Chairman), Mrs C Cunnah (Vice Chairman), Mr B Hughes, Mr I Sumpter, Mrs L Griffiths, Mr C Shone, Mr P Evans, Mrs S Waterhouse and Mrs A Williams

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

301. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr P Pemberton, Mr A Parry and Mr P Smith.

302. Declarations Of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

303. Public Questions

There were no public questions received.

304. Chairman's Announcements

No items to report.

305. Minutes of Council

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4th January 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed, by the Chairman.

306. Visitors to Meeting

- i. Clare Morter - Education Practitioner Flintshire County Council. CM gave the Council a brief background of her role and responsibilities. One of which is as a Substance Worker at Castell Alun High School. This involves liaising and educating pupils and also liaising closely with the police.

The items discussed were as follows:

- Anti Social behaviour has reduced within the villages. She regularly patrols the areas in search for groups of youths.
- Funding has been secured to provide sporting activities on a Friday evening commencing on 10th February 2017 for 12 weeks. These will run at Hope Sports Centre from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Initially there will be two qualified football coaches, two FCC Support Workers and the Police (where possible). Once the lighter nights approach they will also be looking to provide a Professional Inline Skater. The aim of this scheme is to engage with young people, educate and offer alternative activities which could also involve in them being trained as life guards, football coaches and street sports. This in turn could result in the youths becoming 'ambassadors/buddies' during the summer months.
- They would like to cater for all age groups, however, initially they will focus on high school ages.
- They have secured bookings for the outside football pitches and also an indoor room in case of adverse weather.
- This scheme will be communicated via school assembly, posters and social media.
- There has been an arrest of a young person for the intent to supply, this person was the main drug supplier to the area.
- The importance of reporting ASB via 101 is extremely important as it assists the Police in building a picture and address and respond accordingly.
- Since the bench has been removed from outside of the Deli Shop in Caergwrle, this has reduced the number of youths congregating and causing ASB.

- During the summer school holidays they are hoping to provide a mobile muga pitch to engage the young persons.
- Funding will be sort from the High Sheriff and possibly the Community Chest.

Cllr Waterhouse advised of youths congregating at Hope Railway Station, CM will monitor this where possible.

The Council asked CM if she would report back on the progress of the schemes and thanked her for her time in attending the evening. The information she provided was very positive and encouraging.

**Ms Morter left the meeting at 6.55pm

307. Matters Arising

Min 239. In his absence Cllr Parry informed the Clerk of the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) being installed on Hawarden Road, Abermorddu. He will monitor progress as the sign is not yet in use.

Cllr Cunnah advised the Council that since Cllr Parry's report they have now been informed by Flintshire County Council that the VAS that was installed had been moved from a different location does not actually work and due to the age of the sign it would be too expensive to repair so in fact will be getting removed.

Cllr Cunnah also brought to the Council's attention a newspaper article regarding the VAS. The article was reported by County Councillor Healey and unfortunately had no mention or recognition of the hard work and unrelenting requests of the Community Council to have the VAS installed.

Min 273. Sgt Evans has provided the Council with a copy of their Engagement Plan as requested.

Min 276. The Clerk reported that the transfer of electricity providers has been made and is currently in process. She also reported that she will be attending a meeting with Darell Jones, FCC Streetscene to discuss street lighting on Monday 6th February.

Min 279. The Clerk circulated a draft Election Leaflet for Councillors to review and advised that the local post offices were unable assist with newspaper insertions but had received a price from The Leader Newspaper to undertake a solus distribution. Cllr Waterhouse informed the Council that FoHCL in the next few weeks will be undertaking their own leaflet drop and therefore the Council could approach them to see if they would consider distribution the election posters also.

RESOLVED: the leaflet be shortened into a 1 page poster and the Clerk will contact Friends of Hope Community Library to ascertain if they would be willing to assist.

308. Minutes of Committees

Cllr Griffiths highlighted an error on the Planning & Highway Minute 287(ii) it was not the hedges on Rock Lane, it is the path that runs through Bryn y Gaer Woods into Bryn y Gaer Quarry.

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

- (i) Planning and Highways – 4th January 2017.
- (ii) Leisure and Environment – 4th January 2017.
- (iii) Finance – 4th January 2017.

309. Community Council Noticeboard

Following a car accident in 2016 damaging the Council's Noticeboard an insurance claim was made. The Insurance Assessors have reviewed the noticeboard and claim and have made a settlement offer of £795.00.

The clerk provided the Council with four quotes for a replacement board which will be reviewed and considered.

RESOLVED: the Council approve and accept the settlement offer and will review the replacement noticeboard further at the March Meeting.

310. Community Youth Club

The Council overlooked this item when speaking to Claire Morter who may have been able to advise.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will liaise with Claire Morter regarding a Youth Club and a possible location of Bryn Castell, Bryn Yorlin Lane as these premises received planning permission for the retention of the community facility towards the end of 2016.

**Cllr Shone left the meeting at 7.20pm

311. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and noted.

- Police Report.
- Notification from North Wales Police that with effect from 6th February there will be a temporary change of District Inspector for South Flintshire from Jonathan Bowcott to Geriant Richards.
- North Wales Police – Inspector’s Newsletter January 2017 .
- Mark Tami PM and Carl Sargent AM – surgery dates.
- Mold Town Council – Mayor’s Valentine Charity Dinner Dance and Auction will be held on Friday 17th February at Soughton Hall, Northop.
- An invitation from the Chairman of Flintshire County Council to his Annual Charity Dinner to be held on Friday 17th March at the Beaufort Park Hotel, New Brighton.
- Mayor of Mold Variety Concert will be held on Sunday 9th April, 5.00pm at Theatre Clwyd, Mold.
- Best Kept Communities Competition 2017 – Information Evening on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 6.00pm County Hall, Mold.
- A thank you letter received from 1st Hope Cub Scouts for the financial assistance received.

312. Future Agenda Items

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Chairman: 1st March 2017

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

Present: Councillors Mrs SL Davies, Mrs C Cunnah, Mr B Hughes, Mr I Sumpter, Mrs L Griffiths, Mr P Evans, Mrs S Waterhouse and Mrs A Williams

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

313. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr P Pemberton, Mr A Parry, Mr P Smith and Mr C Shone.

314. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

315. Minutes

Following the correction highlighted in Minute 308 the Council approved the minutes.

RESOLVED: the Chairman of the Council in the absence of the Planning and Highways Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 4th January 2017.

316. Matters Arising

Min 239/252. Caer Estyn Crossroad. Following a site meeting with Mike Eastwood, Streetscene and Council members, ME has provided the following report:

Following a meeting at the Rhyddyn Hill/Caer Estyn Jct with members of the Community Council a number of issues were raised. These were:-

- 1. Lighting. Additional lighting can be installed by including another street light, this would be at a cost of roughly £1500 to the Community Council.*
- 2. Road Markings. I have requested that the existing road marking be refreshed at the earliest available opportunity.*
- 3. Patching. I have forwarded this section of road to be included within the 2017/2018 Class 1 patching program.*
- 4. Visibility Restrictions. I am trying to make contact with the resident of the property that has a wooden fence that could possibly cause a visibility issue.*

Cllr Griffiths agreed that the lighting should be reviewed, however was unsure as to why this would be the responsibility of the community council to finance. If the lighting was on the B5373 surely this would be the responsibility of FCC.

RESOLVED:

- i. the Clerk will request clarification as to the location and financial responsibility if an additional light was installed
- ii. Rhyddyn Hill/Caer Estyn Junction Lighting will be included on the March Agenda.

Min 287. A copy of the Wales Link Path passing through Hope has been provided by FCC and circulated to members. FCC have advised once the final map of the whole route has been completed a copy will be provided to the Council.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

317. Candidate Site – HCA005

Cllr Cunnah had requested this item as she was concerned that HCA005 had been supported in error. The site was reviewed again and Cllr Cunnah provided a photograph of the area and highlighted the safety issues for access. Following discussions a vote was taken as to whether to support or object.

Cllr Sumpter asked whether the Council are still able to submit proposed candidate sites?

RESOLVED:

- i. the Council wishes to withdraw their original support for HCA005 and would like to express their objection due to safety concerns of access
- ii. the Clerk will contact Andrew Farrow, Chief Planning Officer to ascertain whether further candidate sites can be submitted.

318. Planning Applications

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

- (i) Ref : 056425. Erection of a dwelling. Stone Cottage, 63 Derby Road, Caergwrle. ***Objection on the grounds of the application is on a conservation area, the build will disruption to the pistyll, the high elevation of the property and the design is not in keeping with the local character.***

(b) There were no applications which had been determined by Flintshire County Council.

319. Highway Matters

Chairman: 1st March 2017

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

Present: Councillors Mrs SL Davies, Mrs C Cunnah, Mr B Hughes, Mr I Sumpter, Mrs L Griffiths, Mr P Evans, Mrs S Waterhouse and Mrs A Williams

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

320. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr P Pemberton, Mr A Parry, Mr P Smith and Mr C Shone.

321. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

322. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman of the Council in the absence of the Chairman of Leisure and Environment be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 4th January 2017.

323. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

324. Telephone Kiosk - Abermorddu

Cllr Parry via the Clerk informed the Council that he is currently looking at fund raising options for the restoration of the kiosk and asked whether the Council would consider 'match funding'?

RESOLVED: the Council would consider match funding.

325. Summer Playscheme Programme 2017

Confirmation has now been received that following Cabinet approval on the 17th January, the local authority have agreed to contribute to assist local councils to maintain the summer playscheme provision for 2017.

Based on a three week scheme this funding will limit the increase to £1,309 per playscheme setting. FCC would like confirmation whether Hope Community Council would like to participate in the 2017?

The Council support the 2017 playscheme however, due to the increase and the potential future costs of the playscheme the Council would like a member of the Flintshire County Council Playscheme team to attend a meeting to inform the Council of what the scheme actual offers and possible alternative locations.

RESOLVED: the Council will financial support the 2017 summer playscheme and will invite a member of the FCC Playscheme team to the March Meeting.

326. Match Funding – Sarn Lane

The Clerk advised that a decision from FCC regarding the Council's Match Funding Application of £10,000 for Sarn Lane Play has been successful. Richard Roberts, Flintshire County Council, Leisure Services has provided the Clerk with a draft proposal for Sarn Lane improvements which was circulated to members. This quote was for a total of £22,811.67.

The Council agreed with the target age group of the equipment and requested that FCC provide a plan of where the equipment is intended to go together with two further quotes.

RESOLVED: to request from Flintshire County Council two further quotes and a plan of where the equipment would be installed.

327. Playing Fields

Notification was received from Richard Roberts, Leisure Services that whilst the work to concrete in the gate at Queensway Play Area there was also a need to replace some of the wooden fencing.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

328. Caergwrle Castle

The Ecological Report has been received and copies issued to members.

Cllr Pemberton had requested Treefellers to provide the Council with a Summary of the report and its findings. Treefellers have advised:

‘We are now in a position to schedule in the tree work at Caergwrle Castle. The report findings have not highlighted anything that is of particular concern prior to undertaking the tree work. The prime concern for us now will be to schedule in the work prior to bird nesting season to ensure nesting birds are not affected by the tree work.

Although the report recommends a separate ecological appraisal for bats is undertaken as an Arboricultural Association approved and reputable tree contractor, our standards risk assessments include a risk to wildlife and other ecological factors and appropriate controls are in place. Operatives have also received training in the signs and symptoms of the presence of bats in the trees and it is standard procedure for the climbers to check for nesting birds and any signs for bat habitats and will cease work immediately should any be found with appropriate action taken as appropriate.

In terms of scheduling in the work – we can commence next Friday 10th February – work will continue through to the following week’.

As the work is due to commence the Council requested that the Clerk to obtain the appropriate risk assessments and insurance documents from Treefellers.

Concerns were raised over the responsibility and future financial implication for the Community Council.

The Clerk advised that she has contacted the National Trust but unfortunately no response has yet been received. The Council also suggested contacting Cadwyn Clwyd to establish if they have any interest in taking ownership of the monument/castle. Cllr I Sumpter asked whether it would be an option to approach Flintshire County Council.

Cllr Sumpter requested the Clerk to provide the Council with a copy of the Caergwrle Castle Deeds.

The Council discussed Risk Assessments and Policy Statements, Cllr Waterhouse suggested contacting Flintshire County Council Countryside Services.

RESOLVED:

- i. Request Treefellers to provide the Council with the appropriate risk assessment and insurance for their work
- ii. Continue to pursue the National Trust
- iii. Write to Cadwyn Clwyd to establish any interest in ownership of the Castle
- iv. Request copies of risk assessments and policy statements from FCC Countryside Services
- v. The Clerk to provide the Council with a copy of the Castle Deeds

Chairman: 1st March 2017

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 1st February 2017

Present: Councillors Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman of Finance), Mrs SL Davies, Mr B Hughes, Mr I Sumpter, Mrs L Griffiths, Mr P Evans and Mrs S Waterhouse

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

329. Apologies for Absence

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330. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

331. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 4th January 2017.

332. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

333. Payments

Method	Payable to	Details	Amount
Telephone	Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Chairman guilt bars x 3	£149.04
Telephone	Staff Costs	January Wages, Expenses, Admin, Pension & HMRC	£807.90
Direct Debit	Scottish Power	Electricity Charges 31.12.2016 - 31.01.2017 Invoice not yet received – D/D taken on the 18th	TBC
Cheque	C.P.Owens	Bagillt Web Design - Additional Website work	£22.50
Cheque	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting & Inspections (Nov)	£386.65
Cheque	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting & Inspections (Dec)	£538.30
		Total	£1904.39

RESOLVED: that the above payments up to and including 1st February be approved.

The meetings began at 6.30pm and ended at 8.40pm.

Chairman:1st March 2017