

Hope Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

Present: Councillors Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman), Mr B Hughes (Vice Chairman), Mrs SL Davies, Mr C Shone, Mrs M Williams, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mr a Parsonage, Mrs A Dunlop, Ms K Harston, Mr D Healey & Dr R Parsonage

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
County Councillor G Healey
2 x Members of the Public

49. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Edwards.

50. Declaration Of Acceptance of Office

Following the Councils approval on minute 3 to grant an extension for Cllr Parsonage, this was signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: the signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office has been completed and received.

51. Declarations Of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

52. Public Questions

- i. A question was put to the Council by a member of the public present at the meeting. The question related to playing areas and she asked whether the Council had liaised with the public as to whether all play areas were needed, what equipment should be installed and if one main play area for the villages would be more beneficial (such as what is in Mynydd Isa).
- ii. The Clerk read to the Council an email question received, again relating to play areas but specifically to the limited play equipment in Abermorddu compared to other play areas within the community. Also asked was if there is information available to the public for a breakdown of what has been spent on each play area.

RESOLVED: The Chairman thanked the public for the questions and advised that this would be considered and responded to under the Leisure and Environment agenda.

53. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman asked members to take a moment to reflect the recent events of Manchester and London.

She informed the Council that she had attended the recent training provided by FCC which even as an existing Councillor was very interesting and informative referring to the principles of the Code of Conduct.

A press release was made by the Chair together with the two County Councillors in relation to the recent damage (fire) at Caergwrle Castle.

54. Minutes of Council

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Meeting of the Council held on 17th May 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed, by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Shone and seconded by Cllr Williams

55. Visitors to Meeting

- i. Janet Roberts – Play Development Officer (FCC) – did not attend.

- ii. Claire Morter – Education Practitioner (FCC) – was unable to attend but supplied the Council with a brief update of what’s been going on to support young people in the community to help reduce the ASB:

Flintshire Sorted young person’s drug and alcohol team have been doing work on several evenings and during the holidays to educate the young people of the dangers of drugs and alcohol and try to engage them in positive use of their leisure time to reduce ASB.

They continue to support Flintshire sports development team on a Friday evening at Castell Alun Astro football pitch offering the young people free football coaching giving the young people the opportunity to meet up with their friends and use the spare time in a positive way. This support will continue until after the summer holidays where there will be some additional days on the Willows . The cost of the Friday sessions is £250 for six sessions currently funded by Sports development and as long as it is well attended by young people it is hoped the funding will continue into the autumn. It currently is very well attended with approximately 40 +young people attending on a regular basis (this includes about 10-15 females).

On Friday 26th May some professional sports people came from sky sports to show the young people skating and bike skills on the skate park on the willow with the aim in recruiting park buddies for other young people.

We are not hearing of any ASB issues from the police on these evenings. And generally the ASB in the community has dropped. We are aware that the summer is nearly upon us and we will continue to support the young people and the community

Cllr Healey advised there had been concerns made regarding the lack of police presence on a Friday evening at Castell Alun when the young people are leaving. The Clerk advised she has liaised with the new PCSO to make him aware of this concern and has been informed efforts will be made for the future.

Cllr A Parsonage asked the Council to consider a letter of thanks be sent to Mr & Mrs Kasprovitch who ran the Rock Salt Youth Club for their service to the youth and community.

- iii. Mike Eastwood – Streetscene (FCC), sent his apologies and requested to attend the July Meeting.

RESOLVED:

- i. The invitation to Janet Roberts will be extended to the July meeting.
- ii. The report was received and noted. A thank you letter will be sent to Mr & Mrs Kasprovitch.
- iii. An invitation will be made to Mike Eastwood to attend the July Meeting.
Cllr Shone advised there have again been trucks using the layby off Wrexham Road despite the ‘No Overnight Parking’ signs. He requested this be brought to the attention of ME.

56. Matters Arising

Min 8 - FCC have confirmed that the skate park facility is included on their insurance as part of their maintenance portfolio, they inspect the area weekly and as set out previously with Alan Rushton (previous Clerk) if there is an extensive repair required and it does not fall within the warranties provided by Bendcrete they would report this to your Community council.

Street light Columns: - the Council are covered under Public Liability should a column fall and injury a member of the public or property. If the Council were to include the 176 street light columns under the ‘All Risk’ section of the Insurance Policy, it would cost an additional £1591.03, this would provide cover to replace a column if it was damaged.

Min 19 - The HSBC mandate is currently being processed to update the new signatories. Members need to attend the bank to provide suitable identification.

Min 23 - The Chair again highlighted the benefits of the training courses provided. The Clerk advised that FCC are hoping to offer further dates in September. She also advised members of dates and courses available through OVW.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted. No further action will be taking regarding the street light columns.

57. Minutes of Committees

RESOLVED: the minutes of the following standing committees be approved and adopted and confirmed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Williams.

- (i) Planning and Highways – 17th May 2017.
- (ii) Leisure and Environment – 7th May 2017.
- (iii) Finance – 17th May 2017.

58. Vacancies by Co-option

Four expressions of interest were received in relation to the two vacancies by co-option, copies of their applications were provided to all members prior to the meeting. The Chairman proposed a vote by ballot which was agreed by all members.

The ballots were completed and returned to the Clerk which were counted and verified by the Chairman. The results were read by the Chairman detailing the majority votes were Huw Manning and Allan Parry. The Chair proposed Huw Manning (vacancy 1) and Allan Parry (vacancy 2) which was unanimously agreed by full council.

RESOLVED: Huw Manning and Allan Parry be co-opted to the Community Council to fill the two existing vacancies for the Caergwrle Ward.

59. One Voice Wales – Annual General Meeting

Member Councils have been invited to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM.

The chair proposed public transport and community transport.
Cllr Harston proposed youth engagement.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will liaise with Cllrs Cunnah and Harston to submit these proposals.

60. HSBC Internet Banking

The Clerk advised that as the new signatories have yet to be finalised, the Internet Banking Application cannot be completed.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will monitor the above.

61. Correspondence

- Police Report provided by PCSO Peter Jones.
- Civic Service invitations received from The Town Mayor of Buckley and The Chairman of Flintshire County Council.
- FCC – Consultation on the Implementing of a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 1st – 29 June. The Clerk encouraged member to complete the survey and advised this can be accessed either by internet or copies may be viewed at County Hall. www.flintshire.gov.uk/dogcontrolpspo
- One Voice Wales training dates.
- FCC County Forum will be held on Wednesday 28th June 6.30pm at Mynydd Isa Community Centre. The Chair advised she will endeavour to attend.

62. Future Agenda Items

- Communication
- Community Transport – with an invitation to Jessica Pritchard

Chairman: 5th July 2017

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

Present: Councillors Mrs SL Davies (Chairman), Mrs C Cunnah, Mr B Hughes, Mrs M Williams, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mr A Parsonage, Mrs A Dunlop, Ms K Harston, Mr D Healey & Dr R Parsonage

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
County Councillor G Healey
2 x Members of the Public

63. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Edwards and C Shone

64. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from Cllr A Parsonage and Cllr R Parsonage in relating to agenda item 5 (minute 67).

65. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 17th May 2017.

66. Matters Arising

Min 32 - An approximate price has been provided by Jamie Bennett, Streetscene of £2,500 - £3,000 for a VAS. If the Council were to consider purchasing a VAS, it would still have to go through the normal assessment criteria and be approved by Anthony Stanford.

The Clerk also advised that she has been notified that the VAS on Hawarden Road is due to be removed within the next few weeks.

Cllr Harston advised that this sign is actually damaged and not fully functioning. Cllr Cunnah asked whether the VAS records and stores data?

RESOLVED: the Clerk will report the faulty VAS and also make enquiries as to whether the signs are capable of storing traffic data.

67. Planning Applications

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

- i. Ref: 056859. Erection of detached dwelling and garage. The Spinney, Huxleys Lane, Hope. ***Opposed due to not in keeping with surrounding buildings. The Council would support the build of a bungalow but not a house.***

** Cllrs A Parsonage and R Parsonage left the room whilst Ref: 056910 was discussed**

- ii. Ref: 056910. First storey extension and alterations to replace existing redundant function room and form new kitchen/family room and bedrooms on first storey. Derby Arms, 26 Derby Road, Caergwrle. ***Support.***

** Cllrs A Parsonage and R Parsonage returned to the room **

- iii. Ref: 056975. Demolition of existing entrance gates and erection of new entrance gates. Talwrn Cottage, Higher Kinnerton. ***Support.***
- iv. Ref: 056938. Erection of front and rear extensions to dwelling. 66 Rhyddyn Hill, Caergwrle. ***Support.***

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

- i. Ref: 056670. Outline application for the erection of 2no. flats. Land side of Bellozan, Bryn Yorkin

Lane, Caergwrle. *Approved.*

- ii. Ref: 056788. Extend existing barn with new steel portal framed building. Firs Farm, Lower Mountain Road, Penyffordd. *Approved*

(c) It is anticipated that Ref: 056668. Construction of a new retail pharmacy. Car park, Hawarden Road, Hope, will be considered by FCC Planning Committee Meeting on 26th July (date to be confirmed). Cllr Healey suggested that as County Councillors, a Community Council Representative and a Public Representative will have the opportunity to speak it would be beneficial for these members to meet to assist in preparing the objections.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Cunnah and Dunlop will represent the Community Council and will liaise with the County Councillors and Public Representative.

68. Damaged Bridge, Rhyddyn Hill

Cllr A Parsonage advised he has received notification that work will be undertaken between 28th June and 4th July. Concerns were raised that as the bridge is damaged and advice has been received that it is unsafe to hold the annual duck race, why is there not any safety signage.

RESOLVED: Cllr Healey will raised the concern of safety signage with FCC>

69. A550 Wrexham Road / Hawarden Road Junction

A letter has been sent to Steve Jones, Chief Officer – Streetscene which has been forwarded to Mark Middleton for his attention. No response has been received.

70. Wrexham Road, Abermorddu – Speed Issues

A letter has been sent to Steve Jones, Chief Officer – Streetscene which has been forwarded to Mark Middleton for his attention. No response has been received.

71. Caergwrle Car Park – Resurfacing

A letter has been sent to Steve Jones, Chief Officer – Streetscene which has been forwarded to Mark Middleton for his attention. No response has been received.

72. Highway Matters

Cllr Healey has been liaising with Jessica Pritchard, FCC Transportation with regard to the proposed footway/access works at The Bridge where they will be installing dropped kerbs for mobility scooters. FCC are also proposing to resurface the footway and repair concrete channels up to the highway boundary along the High Street in Caergwrle from the corner of Spar shop to the end of the row of shops. They would also like to replace the shelter next to the car park in Caergwrle as this is would be the ‘hub’ for Caergwrle. This would all be part of the Community Travel initiative. Works would take place on a Sunday to avoid disruption to the shop owners. A letter drop will be done by FCC. There will be no cost to the Community Council for these works.

RESOLVED: the Council fully support the proposed works.

Chairman: 5th July 2017

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

Present Councillors Mrs M Williams (Chairman), Mrs C Cunnah, Mr B Hughes, Mrs SL Davies, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mr A Parsonage, Mrs A Dunlop, Ms K Harston, Mr D Healey & Dr R Parsonage

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
County Councillor G Healey
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73. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Edwards and C Shone.

74. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

75. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 17th May 2017.

76. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

77. CCTV Security Cameras

The Clerk had been supplied with dates from Kelsey Evans – Designing Out Crime Officer to meet on site to review and identify the six locations.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Williams, Cunnah, Hughes and Davies will attend the meeting scheduled for the 14th June with Kelsey Evans and Connected Security

78. Telephone Kiosk – Abermorddu

Allan Parry had taken on the responsibility of the kiosk refurb prior to the elections and has managed to obtain a quote for £275 for preparing and painting the exterior of the kiosk, undercoat and primer would be provided but council would have to get the top coat (2.5ltr red BT paint - £40.08+vat).

RESOLVED: the Council approved the above quote and for the works to be carried out.

79. Play Equipment Paint Work

Following a site meeting with Richard Roberts – FCC he has supplied the following quotations for the paint works and replacement panels:

The Willows

Replacement of 5 panels to the Nexus DNA(red & yellow) £1258.40+vat

Sarn Lane

To repair and upgrade the top bar and mechanism of the current double swing and to paint the existing framework £870.68+vat

Queensway

Quotation not yet supplied

RESOLVED: the Council approved for the works to be undertaken at Sarn Lane at a cost of £870.68+vat and agreed that the works at the Willows would be considered at a later date.

80. Skate Ramp – Willows Playing Field

Richard Roberts – FCC has attended the site to inspect the skate ramps and advised that although there appears to be cracks to the concrete, he is satisfied that this does not impact the use or safety of the ramp. He will however be requesting that Bencrete attend site to review and inspect the ramps.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

81. Playing Fields

In response to the public questions raised in min 52, the Chair advised that when improvements were undertaken for Crossways and the Willows consultations were held with residents and school children. Porch Lane is very underutilised and the park on the High Street, Caergwrlle is managed by FCC. As the community has three villages it is felt that one large play area would not be beneficial to all. The Community Council has and will continue to upgrade the smaller play areas as and when funds allow.

Public question 52ii – Cllr Healey agreed that the play area in Abermorddu is quite sparse and asked whether this was phase 1 of the improvements and asked if there was more work to be done. He was aware that the Community Council had funded £10,000 but only received £5,000 match funding from FCC. The Chair responded by advising at the time of the improvements residents were advised this would be phase 1 and Sarn Lane would then receive the following year funding. When phase 2 will be implemented a review would be required as to the needs of the community.

Cllr Cunnah also advised that as Abermorddu School is actually a community school, residents and children have access to the play facilities and outdoor gym equipment on site.

Cllr Harston advised that the framework of the equipment on the High Street is looking untidy and in a poor state and asked whether a request could be made to FCC to have this painted.

RESOLVED: the member of the public was satisfied with the response to her question (min 52i), the Clerk will respond to the email question raised (min 52ii)

82. Caergwrlle Castle

The Chair reported that a meeting was held on 6th June with MW, CC, BH, SH, Mike Taylor and Alistair Hemphill - Countryside Services to discuss the Annual Management Plan for the castle. The meeting had proved to be very productive with positive suggestions for the promotion of the castle as well and annual management. Mike Taylor and Alistair Hemphill are going to draw up a proposed plan for the current year together with a 3 or 5 year plan. AH will attend the July meeting to present to the Council.

A site meeting has also been requested by Will Davies CADW for Thursday 8th June to gather additional information in support of the Council's recent application. Cllr Healey reiterated his concern, the monument is of national importance and the Council needs to do everything possible to assist and encourage CADW. The monument is a significant financial liability for the community.

RESOLVED: Cllr Healy, the clerk and Mike Taylor – Countryside Service will meet Will Davies on 8th June. An invitation will be made to MT and AH to attend and present their proposals at the July meeting.

Chairman: 5th July 2017

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 7th June 2017

Present: Mr B Hughes (Chairman), Mrs C Cunnah, Mrs M Williams, Mrs SL Davies, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mrs A Dunlop, Ms K Harston, Mr D Healey & Dr R Parsonage

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Edwards, C Shone and A Parsonage.

84. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

85. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 17th May 2017.

86. Matters Arising

Min 48 - Notification has been received from HMRC that the Council's VAT Claim for 1/4/16 – 31/3/2017 has been selected for verification by their Compliance Office in Earling and there will be a delay in the payment. The process if everything is straightforward will take approx. 5-6 weeks.

RESOLVED: the above received and noted.

87. Payments

Accounts for Payment up to and including 7th June 2017.

Method	Payable to	Details	Amount
Chq	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection/Maintenance and Supply April 17	£556.84
Phonebank	Zurich Municipal	2017 Insurance	£463.42
Phonebank	Treefellers	Caergwre Castle Tree Works	£4,152.00
Phonebank	Greenfingers	Queensway Play Area Maintenance	£54.00
Phonebank	Staffing Cost	May Staffing Costs	£786.40
Phonebank	Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£33.77
Phonebank	Greenfingers	Queensway Play Area Maintenance	£54.00
		Total	£6,100.43

RESOLVED: that the above payments up to and including 7th June be approved.

The meetings began at 6.30pm and ended at 8.20pm.

Chairman:5th July 2017