

Hope Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 2nd November 2016.

Present: Councillor Mrs SL Davies (Chairman) and Councillors, Mrs M Williams, Mr C Shone, Mr B Hughes, Mr I Sumpter, Mr A Parsonage, Mrs L Griffiths, Mr P Evans, Mr P Smith, Mr A Parry, Ms A Williams and Mrs S Waterhouse

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
Mr Graham Hughes – Head Teacher of Castell Alun
Ms Eleanor Sheehan – ACCH Community Group
1 x Member of the Press
2 x Members of the Public

196. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Cunnah and Mr Pemberton.

197. Declarations Of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

198. Public Questions

There were no public questions received.

199. Chairman's Announcements

- i. The Chairman welcomed all visitors to the meeting.
- ii. An official opening of the commemorative bench for the late Councillor Stella Jones will be held at Crossways Play Area, Friday 18th November 2016 at 10.00am. FCC Chairman Cllr Peter Curtis and Cabinet Member Kevin Jones will be attending and making a tribute to Cllr S Jones.
- iii. Remembrance Day Parade will commence at 10.00am from the War Memorial with the parade to leave at 10.30am.

200. Minutes of Council

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5th October 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed, by the Chairman.

201. Visitors to Meeting

- i. Mr Graham Hughes, Head Teacher of Castell Alun thanked the Council for the invitation and as in the past offered all members of the Council to visit and view the school whether as a group or individually. GH is very proud of the school and the pupils and has achieved the best ever results last year. He is very aware that the school does have an impact on the village such as numbers coming in and out of the village weekdays.

GH expressed his appreciation to all involved in the Community Library for the support, time and volunteers. Cllr S Waterhouse returned the thanks to Castell Alun for their involvement. The next FoHCL Committee Meeting will take place on 22nd November at 5pm.

With regard to the leisure centre side of the school GH informed the Council that they have been in discussions with FCC. There are 3 models available for leisure centres and he at this stage believes option 3 will be applicable to Castell Alun.

1. A Community lead facility - Community Asset Transfer
2. To remain with FCC
3. Create a separate body outside of FCC to run the leisure centre (this eliminates the requirement for business rates, vat etc and would allow the body to claim grants)

The Hope Hwb is now out to tender to prospective developers. The option is for the developer to build the Hwb and receive the land for 2 new builds as payment.

He is pushing to have the 'temporary' mobile accommodation replaced for accommodation more fit for purpose and recognises that the temporary accommodation has in fact been in place for many years.

He acknowledged that there has over recent months been an increase in anti social behaviour, there are 1360 pupils and unfortunately it is a very small minority involved.

Cllr Parry asked if there was a timeline on the leisure centre and when would the Community Council be told as this was the first time we were aware of discussions? GH replied by saying that a Board will be set up after Christmas and by spring/summer 2017 it will be near completion. It is his understanding it will certainly be within the next 12 months.

Cllr M Williams questioned the information GH provided on the Sports & Social Pavilion (Hope Hwb) and what would be happening to the £250,000 which has been allocated to the build? GH advised the cost of the build would be in excess of the £250,000, possible double that figure.

Cllr A Williams asked if the leisure centre will be purely grant funded? GH responded by saying that FCC will continue to financially support as well as grant funded, but by running as a Board outside of FCC this should be more cost effective.

Cllr Parsonage raised concern that obviously the school uses the leisure centre for a number of weeks a year for examinations, with this being the case what will be the viability for use for the public? GH said that this would be taken into account and a requirement during the set up stages.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hughes.

** Mr Hughes left the meeting at 6.55pm

RESOLVED: the Council will seek clarification regarding the financial situation of the Sport & Social Pavilion (Hope Hwb).

202. Matters Arising

Min 169:

- i) Community Council Noticeboard. Contact has been made with the driver of the car that was involved with damage to the board. The driver is liaising with her insurance and will contact the council in due course.
- ii) Invitation to meetings. Mr Andrew Farrow is unable to attend the December meeting but has suggested attending in January.
- iii) Due to the above it was suggested to invite the County Councillors to the December meeting.

RESOLVED:

- i) The above be received and noted.
- ii) The Clerk will liaise with Mr Farrow for the January meeting and request Mr Andy Roberts to accompany.
- iii) An invitation will be made to both County Councillors to attend the December Meeting.

Min 204: Correspondence has been received from BDO LLP advising they are currently unable to issue the invoice for the 2016 Audit as they are liaising with the Wales Audit Office and other audit supplier to ensure the same approach to billing is taking place throughout Wales.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

203. 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 – 5th October 2016.
- (ii) Leisure and Environment – 5th October 2016.
- (iii) Finance – 5th October 2016.

204. Flintshire County Council, Our Flintshire, Our Future Public Engagement Event

Flintshire Council and its partners retain their ambitions for a forward thinking and prosperous county and region supported by high quality public services.

The forecast “gap” for 2017/18 between income and expenditure was reported as £14.4M in July 2016. The Council has developed a set of budget plans across its services which would give a total saving of around £6M. This is on top of the significant efficiency savings the Council has made over a number of years whilst protecting local services and jobs.

Work is ongoing around options to make further savings in corporate costs and in national negotiations around the Welsh Government budget which will be announced in late October.

A number of area public consultation events will be held across the County during November.

The Area 7 meeting will cover the Town & Community Council areas of Broughton & Bretton, Higher Kinnerton, Hope, Saltney and will be held at Broughton CP School, Broughton on Tuesday 15 November 2016. The event will start at 6.30pm and will finish at 8.30pm.

RESOLVED: Cllr Peter Smith will attend and the Clerk will establish whether Cllrs Cunnah and Pemberton would like to attend. The Chairman and Cllr Parry expressed an interest in attending.

205. The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies In Wales Initial Proposals

The Commission’s Initial Proposals Report was published on 13th September details of which was circulated for all Councillors to review. A local public hearing will be located at the Catrin Finch Centre, Glyndwr University on Wednesday 9th November 10.00am – 8.00pm and Thursday 10th November 9.00am – 5.00pm. Representations about the Initial Proposals should be made within 12 weeks of the publication. The representation period will end on 5th December 2016. The full report can be viewed on www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk or by viewing at the Public Library, Wepre Drive, Connah’s Quay.

RESOLVED: the above was reviewed and no issues or concerns raised.

206. Hope Medical Centre

The Chairman reported of resident complaints regarding security lighting being left on until 10pm, children playing on the car park and parking at Heulwen Close in the mornings.

The Chair has spoken with the Practice Manager who advised lights are left on so that the Cleaners can return safely to their cars, however, he can arrange for it to be switched off earlier around 9pm. He had thought residents would have appreciated the lighting. With regard to parking issues he was aware that whilst he was on holiday the gates were being unlocked later than usual but will try to ensure this does not happen again.

He also advised of recent changes:

Dr Dees has now retired and Dr Bruce Pennington will be joining on 8th November.

Dr Jill Parry-James will be replacing Dr Helen Jones.

There will also be 2 additional Practice Nurses.

Audiologist will be available every Tuesday morning (appointments)

Bookable Physiotherapy Appointments

No Smoking Clinic

More ‘on the day’ appointments available for GP and Nurses.

Cllr Parry said that it is very difficult to get an appointment and it only seems to be getting worse.

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

207. Community Council Website

The clerk reported that on 17th October the Council website, along with a number of other Council websites were hacked by a group calling themselves ‘Moroccan Islamic Union’. Bagillt Web Designs were made away of this

immediately and undertook the necessary work.

Bagillt Web Designs have updated the website with a new look which is also mobile friendly and has requested if there is a preferred date to launch the new site (no costs involved).

RESOLVED: the Council do not have a preferred date.

208. Community Youth Club

As requested by FCC the locations of a possible youth club were discussed, however, concerns were raised over ASB.

Cllr Smith suggested that this should be reviewed on a monthly basis and requested it to be included on the monthly agenda.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will suggest the Bryn Yorkin Community Facility to FCC Youth Team as a possible location and include on the monthly agendas.

209. HSBC – Business Telephone Banking

Due to the imminent closure of two local branches the Council approved and authorised the Clerk to register for Business Telephone Banking. This facility will allow the Clerk as appropriate to make payments via the telephone rather than cheque.

All payments whether by cheque or telephone transfer will be in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.

RESOLVED: the above was approved and the application form authorised by two of the Council signatories. Any future payments presented to the Council for approval will not only be authorised by the Chairman of Council and Chairman of Finance but for any telephone transfer payments will be countersigned by two bank signatories.

210. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and noted.

- Proposed dates for the County Forum Meetings for 2017 along with provisional venue bookings:
Tuesday 28th February 2017, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Mold Town Council, Council Offices, Town Hall, Earl Road, Mold, Flintshire.
Wednesday 28th June 2017, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Argoed Community Council, Mynydd Isa Community Centre, Mercia Drive, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire
Thursday 12th October 2017, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Buckley Town Council Offices, Mold Road, Buckley, Flintshire.
- WBCT seeking financial support of £973.00 for transport services for residents who have limited access to transport within the community.
Financial support of £1000 was issued to WBCT earlier this year with a proviso stated by the Council, however, this resulted in WBCT unable to accept the grant with the proviso and the £1000 was returned.
RESOLVED: as the Council hold the same proviso and due to the above it was resolved no financial support will be offered for 2017/18.
- Flintshire County Council LDP, Strategic Options – Growth and Spatial Options. A 6 week consultation exercise will run from 28th October – 9th December. Documentation has been circulated to all members to review.
RESOLVED: this will be included on the December Agenda.
- PCSO Ellis provided the Council with a report of recent incidents.

211. Future Agenda Items

- No future items requested

Chairman: 7th December 2016

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 2nd November 2016.

Present: Councillor Mr C Shone (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs SL Davies, Mrs M Williams, Mr B Hughes, Mr I Sumpter, Mr A Parsonage, Mrs L Griffiths, Mr P Evans, Mr P Smith, Ms A Williams and Mrs S Waterhouse

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
Ms Eleanor Sheehan – ACCH Community Group
1 x Member of the Press
2 x Members of the Public

212. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, Mr PR Pemberton & Mr Parry.

213. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

214. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 5th October 2016.

215. Matters Arising

Min 133 (vii) Clarification has been sought from FCC Planning due to conflicting comments made by the Council regarding planning refs 055381 and 055839. Change of use of land to allow erection of extension to dwelling to form double garage. Estyn Lodge, Lower Mountain Lane, Penyffordd.

RESOLVED: the Council withdraw the objection and support planning application 055839.

Min 165 Cllrs Sumpter and P Smith attended the LDP Workshop in October and reported that the event was very informative, worthwhile and fascinating. Generally FCC are trying to get Community Councils involved and Cllr Sumpter reiterated how important it is for the Community Council to be involved.

Cllr Davies advised she had spoken with Andy Roberts from FCC Planning and he had informed her of a Community Development Plan which can be designed with the community and Community Council.

Min 175 (ii) Correspondence received and noted from County Cllr Tim Newhouse regarding the objection made for planning application 055829. He states Vittoria Healthcare owns the High Street Caergwrle pharmacy and it is Vittoria Healthcare making the application for the new pharmacy. Vittoria's decision to apply for this particular site is purely economic. If other land available was cheaper than the price of the Willow land, then Vittoria would be applying to build the pharmacy there instead.

Min 176 (ii) Cllr Parry acknowledge receipt of a letter from Cty Cllr D Healey regarding Caergwrle Speedwatch Group, he stated that it was not him personally that felt inadequate but the Community Council. The Clerk advised that following the letter sent to the Police, PCSO Ellis contacted the Clerk to advise that they have no involvement with Speedwatch but will be willing to arrange a further assessment.

RESOLVED:

- i. To request the police to compile a further assessment of Hawarden Road, Abermorddu.
- ii. To request Cty Cllr Healey to provide the Community Council of regular Speedwatch updates.

216. Planning Applications

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

- (i) Ref : 056010. Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling. Min Awel, Hawarden Road, Hope. **Supported**
- (ii) Ref: 056071. Erection of first floor extension. 3 Almond Way, Hope. **Supported**

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

- (i) Ref: Ref: 055837: Variation of condition no.4 attached to planning permission ref: 052185 to read No surface water other than that falling on the garage roof shall be allowed to connect either directly or non-directly to the public sewerage unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Land off Celyn Drive, Caergwrle, Wrexham, LL12 9LW. **Approved**
- (ii) Ref: 055414: Erection of 2No. dwellings. Land at Rhyddyn Farm, Bridge End, Caergwrle, Wrexham, LL12 9AY. **Approved after payment of Commuted Sum**
- (iii) Ref: 055677: Removal of derelict storage building and construction of new office building. Sandy Brook Farm Grange Farm, Sandy Lane, Higher Kinnerton, Chester, CH4 9BS. **Approved**

217. ACCH Community Group

Ms E Sheehan introduced herself and gave a brief insight into what work the ACCH Community Group will be undertaking. They have concerns over the LDP and inappropriate or over development within the community.

ES reported that under the UDP it was stated the village would have 0% development – this is not the case as there has been development. The LDP states 5-10% development. The ACCH group wished to raise and argue the proposed 5-10% as development has already been made. They also have concerns they wish to raise regarding the development of executive house rather than housing which is needed by the village such as affordable housing, pensioners' accommodation etc

ACCH wish to communicate as much information as possible with the villages and work closely with the Community Council.

The Chairman thanked Ms Sheehan.

218. Highway Matters

- i. FCC – Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places. Civil Enforcement and Consolidation (amendment no4) Order 201; Cymau Lane and Wyndham Drive.
RESOLVED: the Council object to this proposal and have concerns regarding parking options for school drop off and pick ups.

** Cllrs Parsonage and A Williams left the meeting at 8.20pm

Chairman: 7th December 2016

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 2nd November 2016.

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
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1 x Member of the Press
2 x Members of the Public

219. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, Mr PR Pemberton, Mr A Parry, Mr A Parsonage and Ms A Williams.

220. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

221. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 5th October 2016.

222. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

223. Telephone Kiosk - Abermorddu

Attempts were made to obtain three quotes for external painting and glass repairs however only one was received and presented to Council.

The Council discussed the revised quote, however, it was felt it was unjustified. The Council would certainly consider repairs and painting at a lower cost. It was suggested as an option to dispose of the telephone box by way of gifting.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will make further enquiries regarding disposing of the telephone box.

224. Christmas Lighting

The Clerk has received notification from Mega Electrical that the existing festoon lighting will be imminently tested and repaired and that he is aware that a lot of bulbs will need replacing.

Due to the condition of the lighting and costs over recent years, the Clerk prepared details and costings for the council to consider purchasing bracket lighting.

Purchase bracket light x 6	£750–£1100	£900–£1320
Install/remove 6 x bracket lights	£450	£540
Total	£1200-£1550	£1440-£1860

The Clerk suggested considering reviewing the Christmas Lighting budget 2017/18 to enable the Council to purchase bracket lighting for Hope and Caergwrle over the next few years.

RESOLVED: to dispose of the existing festoon lighting and to purchase 6 x bracket lights to be installed in Abermorddu. The Christmas Lighting budget will be reviewed for 2017/18.

225. Playing Fields

The Willows Playing Field – top soil has been laid at the Willow.

RESOLVED: report noted.

226. Caergwrle Castle

- (i) Correspondence received from County Councillor D Healey was reviewed and will be taken into consideration. The Chairman stated that whilst she was appreciative of the involvement of members of the community, decisions on the future management of the area was clearly the ultimate responsibility of the Community Council as land lowers.
- (ii) Maintenance of Caergwrle Castle was put out to tender. The tenders received were reviewed and considered by the members of working group and it was proposed to offer the contract to Treefellers Ltd.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Clerk will respond to Cty Cllr Healey.
- (ii) The Community Council will offer the Caergwrle Castle Maintenance and Tree Management contract to Treefellers Ltd at a cost of £4,152.

227. Caergwrle & Hope Rail Stations

Cllr Smith and Waterhouse advised that work has commenced at Hope Station; painted shelters & removing broken Perspex and reinstalling, however, one has already been graffitied. The welsh translation for Hope is incorrect which has been acknowledge and will be rectified.

Although Hope Station has an Adopter unfortunately Caergwrle does not.

Cllr Smith advised as an Adopter it is where local people help by keeping an eye on the unstaffed railway station. There is no financial commitment and a station can be adopted by an individual or as part of a group.

In return for your support, adopters receive an annual travel vouchers to the value of £75 for an individual or £200 for a group. These can be used on any part of the UK rail network.

RESOLVED: An Adopter for Caergwrle Rail Station to be included on the December Agenda.

Chairman: 7th December 2016

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 2nd November 2016

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
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228. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman of Finance Mrs C Cunnah and Councillors Mr PR Pemberton, Mr A Parry, Mr A Parsonage and Ms A Williams.

229. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

230. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 5th October 2016.

231. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

232. Annual Grant Applications

The Committee considered applications for financial assistance from local groups including the Chairman's grant to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

RESOLVED: Financial assistance grants be approved as follows:

Castell Alun Bowling Club	£300
Hope Pre-school Playgroup	£300
Hope and Caergwrle Pensioners	£300
1 st Hope Cub Pack	£300
1 st Hope Scout Troop	£300
1 st Hope Beaver Colony	£300
Castell Alun Colts FC	£300
Caergwrle and District Community Action Group	£300
{Hope Parish Church}	£150
{Friends of Hope Parish Church}	£150
Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal	£250
Total	£2950

233. Payments

Payable to	Details	Amount
Greenfingers	Queensway Play Area Maintenance	£54.00
Scottish Power	Electricity Charges 31.08.2016 - 30.09.2016	£516.73

Flintshire County Council	2016 Summer Playscheme	£900.00
FoHCL	Library - Grant	£2,000.00
Staff Costs	October Wages, Expenses, Pension & HMRC	£768.11
	Total	£4,238.84

The Clerk informed the Council that due to the unchangeable date of the Scottish Power invoices, the invoices are being received shortly after a meeting and therefore waiting 3-4 weeks for payment. This is causing regular reminder letters being received and suggested a direct debit payment method.

RESOLVED: that the above payments up to and including 2nd November be approved.

The Council approved for Scottish Power payments to be transferred onto a variable direct debit scheme (and in accordance with Financial Regulations 6.7).

The meetings began at 6.30pm and ended at 9.00pm.

Chairman:7th December 2016