Minutes of the Meeting held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 6th March 2019.

Present: Councillors Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman), Mrs J Hilton, Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams, Mr A Parry, Dr R

Parsonage, Mr D Roberts, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mr H Manning and Mrs C

Olsen

Absent:

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

PCSO Peter Jones

310. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr D Healey and Mr A Parsonage.

311. Declarations Of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

312. Public Questions

There were no public questions received.

313. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements.

314. Minutes of Council

Cllr Parry wished it to be noted that he felt that the minutes did not reflect accurately the details of his meeting with Network Rail and Streetscene. He had actually highlighted the safety issues regarding blocked drains and fallen debris from the overhanging trees, slipping risk to pedestrians and the trees snagging overhead cables, Network Rail and Streetscene agreed to rectify these issues after the bird nesting season. Streetscene however did notice the rusting road sign and agreed to renew.

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6th February 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

315. Visitors to Meeting

PCSO Jones provided members with a report and discussed any issues that had arisen. The Chairman requested that the following statement in the report be included in the minutes for information purpose 'There has been a spate of thefts/ people trying to gain entry into properties in the Wrexham/ Flintshire areas. Please report any suspicious activity to Police using 999 if the individuals are still present and continuing to act suspiciously (urgent) and the 101 service if the matter is not urgent' PCSO Jones advised that there have been dedicated Officer assigned to this. Also OWL Neighbourhood Watch will be holding a meeting at Heulwen Close Community Centre on Thursday 7th March.

Cllr Davies advised that she had received complaints regarding parking and speeding risks on Llwyn Eglwys at school pick up times. PCSO Jones advised that he had visited the area this week and had not witnessed any issues.

Cllr Parry raised the issue of motorist discarding litter from their vehicles and whilst he appreciates this is not a major priority for the police it is still an offence. PCSO Jones advised that he would have to witness the act taking place and give an opportunity for them to pick up the litter before any charges could be made. He does however, acknowledge the issue and agrees that it is totally unacceptable.

** 6.37pm – Cllr R Parsonage arrived.

Cllr Roberts informed PCSO Jones of youths congregating at Castell Alun High School in the evenings and climbing fences. Cllr Waterhouse also stated that youths are climbing over the astro turf fencing since it has been closed. PCSO Jones advised he does visit the site regularly and will continue to do so.

**6.40pm – PCSO Jones left the meeting.

316. Matters Arising

Min 160 – Cllr Davies reported that through various fundraising and support from the Spar and the Masons the target to purchase a defibrillator for Caergwrle has almost be achieved and the funds being held in the council's bank account. The cost to purchase a locked, heated cabinet and defibrillator will total approx £1490. It will require a qualified electrician for installation, which will be at the Masonic Hall Caergwrle, but enquiries will be made to ascertain if a local electrician may be able to volunteer his/her services for free. Cllr Davies asked the Council for approval to contribute up to £100, should it be required, in order to meet the total cost for the defibrillator to be purchased and installed.

The Chairman wished to express her thanks to Cllr Davies for co-ordinating the fundraising and for everyone else who have made a contribution.

RESOLVED: the Council fully supported the purchase of a defibrillator and agreed to make a contribution of up to £100 if required, in order to purchase the defibrillator, cabinet and installation.

Min 282/247 - The Clerk reported that she had gone back and checked her notes and recording regarding Cllr Healey's query of *point 'C - Potential to improve the footpath to Castell Alun'*, the recording states that Lee Shone had said 'we have identified some potential to improve some footpaths around Castell Alun High School. He didn't make reference to which footpaths or what the improvements would be.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted.

317. 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 6th February 2019.
- (ii) Leisure and Environment 6th February 2019.
- (iii) Finance 6th February 2019.

318. FCC - Consultation on Proposed Options to Amend the Discretionary Transport Policy - Post 16 and Benefits Entitlement

This is a consultation document on proposed options to amend the Council's School and College Transport Policy. (www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooltransport). The document focusses on two areas of potential policy change - post 16 transport provision and the "benefits" entitlement criteria. The document provides the Council's rationale for consultation and provides options for stakeholders to consider.

Responses received within the consultation period will form part of a report to the Council's Cabinet. As the Council's decision making body, Cabinet will carefully consider the report before making a decision on whether to implement a policy change in the areas identified.

The consultation commenced on 18 February 2019 and will close on 5 April 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Council have received and noted the consultation and that members will provide individual responses.

319. Community Engagement

Cllr Hilton advised that her report is not yet completed and requested this to be carried forward to the April meeting.

RESOLVED: this will be included on the April agenda.

320. Training

Information on any training course were provided to members and should anyone be interested in training they should contact the Clerk.

Information on the OVW Local Government Finance training will be passed to Cllr Hilton.

RESOLVED: members to contact the clerk should they wish to attend any training events.

321. Correspondence

- North Wales Police Charity Concert will be held at Bangor Cathedral in aid of RASACC (Rape and sexual abuse support centre) on Friday 8th March 2019 7.30pm. Ticket £15 adult and £10 child.
- Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 1 July 2019. Correspondence has been received asking whether the council would be able to offer any financial support.
 - **RESOLVED:** the council will write to advise that all grants and financial assistance requests are consider in October/November.
- Wales Air Ambulance Charity Correspondence has been received asking whether the council would be able to offer any financial support.
 - **RESOLVED:** the council will write to advise that all grants and financial assistance requests are consider in October/November.
- Quote from Bagillt Web Design for 2019/20.
 - **RESOLVED**: the Council approved to continue with the services of Bagillt Web Design.
- One Voice Wales Wrexham/Flint Area Committee Meeting, will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre, Second Avenue, Gwersyllt.
- Clwyd Pension Scheme proposed contribution bandings for 2019/20. The Clerk advised that that there will be no charges that affect the current banding.
- Cllr Healey had provided the Clerk with communicate received from a resident which was read to the council with regard to Crossways play area receiving new play equipment and that an investment should be made at the Willows play area. Cllr Healey has replied advising that for as long as a match funding scheme exists the Community Council will continue to work round the villages. The Council are aware of the issue at the Willows and will be looking at what investments can be made from the S106 funding from the building development.

RESOLVED: this report was received and noted.

There were no future agenda items requested.

322. Future Agenda Items

Chairman:	3 rd April 2019

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 6th March 2019.

Present: Councillors Mrs L Davies (Committee Chair), Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman of the Council), Mrs J Hilton,

Mrs M Williams, Mr A Parry, Dr R Parsonage, Mr D Roberts, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs S

Waterhouse, Mr H Manning and Mrs C Olsen

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

323. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr D Healey and Mr A Parsonage.

324. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Hilton declared an interest relating to agenda item 5(i).

RESOLVED: Cllr Hilton completed a Declaration of Interest Form which was passed to the Clerk, this will be updated on the Declarations of Interest Register.

325. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 6th February 2019.

326. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

327. Planning Applications

- (a) The Committee considered planning applications received as follows:
 - i. Ref: 059374. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey sun room. 2 Tudor Court, Hope. *Supported*.
 - ii. Ref: 059498. Conversion of existing our-building to holiday accommodation. Tyddyn, Porch Lane, Caergwrle. *Supported*.
 - iii. Ref: 059477. Refurbishment and alterations to public house including new external cladding and decoration, new entrance ramp and landing, new pergola to rear beer garden, new painting and adjustment to parking areas, new boundary treatments to external seating areas, new childrens play equipment and new external doors. Red Lion, Hawarden Road, Hope. A welcomed application which was fully supported by the Council. Cllr Davies did express uncertainty of the name on the documents as it appears to have an image of a white lions heads and there already is a White Lion public house in the village.

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

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

328. Driveways/Parking Issues

Cllr Olsen reported concerns regarding obviously no planning approval, health & safety risks and aesthetics of a number of properties on Wrexham Road, Abermorddu which have placed unsuitable wooden planks on the road to access driveways.

RESOLVED: the Council will write to FCC Streetscene, Highways and Planning and request that this is investigated and addressed.

329. Parking - Heulwen Close and the Willows Car Park

Cllr Olsen referred to comments from Cllr Healey in the February meeting where he had mentioned that FCC will be installing driveways in Heulwen Close and his suggestion that the Willow should be re-surfaced. She suggested whether consideration could be given to putting in a pathway from the Willow car park along the edge of the Indian restaurant, gaining access to the side of the Community Centre.

Cllr Cunnah totally disagrees with the installation of dropped kerbs and driveways and the financial costs that will be incurred. If the parking facilities at the Willows car park were improved, it probably would be utilised more.

Cllr Hilton made reference to the fact the Heulwen Close 'Community Centre' was not initially intended as a community centre but in fact a facility for the use of the elderly residents.

Cllr Parry proposed that Officers of FCC should be invited to a meeting to address these questions and concerns. Cllr Cunnah proposed that initially the issues and concerns should be raised with County Councillor G Healey.

RESOLVED: the Council will write to Cty Cllr G Healey to express disagreement of the financial costs that FCC will incur installing dropped kerbs and driveways for residents of Heulwen Close. As this work will restrict parking for users of the community centre they will also request that FCC address much needed improvements to the Willows car park.

330. Bridge End

Cllr Olsen advised that the damage to the bridge has still not been repaired and has serious concern given the movement in the section of the bridge. Cllr Davies reported that she had spoken with Ian Williams, Streetscene who has confirmed that he is currently liaising with contractors to undertake the work together with another bridge locally that also requires repairs.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted.

331. Fly Tipping – Off Fagl Lane/Pigeon House Lane

Cllr Davies reported on a recent issue of fly tipping which involved a large quantity of rotten chicken carcasses thrown over the fence at the old skip compound. There were also boxes thrown over which had evidence of address details. She made the report to FCC on the Friday and an operative did attend site, however, the area was not cleared until the Monday as due to the natural of the clean up additional equipment was required. FCC are currently making investigations.

She also informed members that she has spoken with Steve Jones, Chief Officer who has advised he is looking to make improvements to stop parking at the compound and further fly tipping.

Cllr R Parsonage suggested the need for CCTV.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted and Cllr Davies will continue to pursue this incident and the potential improvement plans from FCC.

332. Highway Matters

There were no	further	highway	matters	to report	t.

Chairman:	3 rd April 2019
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Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 6th March 2019.

Present: Councillors Mrs M Williams (Committee Chairman), Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman of the Council), Mrs J

Hilton, Mrs L Davies, Mr A Parry, Dr R Parsonage, Mr D Roberts, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs S

Waterhouse, Mr H Manning and Mrs C Olsen

Absent:

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

333. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr D Healey and Mr A Parsonage.

334. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

335. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman of the Council be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 6^{th} February 2019.

336. Matters Arising

Min 231 – the Chairman asked whether any reports had been received from Cllr Parsonage with regard to the refurbishment works to the Millennium Map. The Clerk advised that she had no further information and Cllr Parsonage was not in attendance to report.

Min 303 i) a letter has been sent to Lord Elis Thomas. ii) The Clerk reported that she has contacted FCC regarding payment for the bench and they have asked her to produce all invoices so they can sort reimbursement. Once she has been given the refurbishments costs from Cllr Alan Parsonage these will be submitted to FCC.

RESOLVED: the above was received and noted.

337. Playing Fields

The Chairman had no information to report.

The Clerk advised that there had been an issue where Greenfingers contractors could not gain initially access to Queensway play area due to not knowing the combination lock. This raised a question that the Council was not aware that the original key padlock had been removed and a combination lock installed.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will contact Greenfingers to ascertain if they had installed the lock and to request confirmation of the combination code.

338. Crossways Play Area Improvements

Richard Roberts has been asked to supply additional designs and costs which had commissioned and is awaiting back. He has also said the Council need any assistance as and when we are ready to go to consultation with the community to contact him again.

With regard to using the local supplier Play and Leisure from Buckley, RR advised the following: At present the supply, installation and safer surfacing of play equipment is through the espo framework 115 this is nationally recognised framework. Play and leisure are currently not on that framework.

Cllr Hilton queried the comments made by RR as she was aware that Play and Leisure had recently undertaken play area improvements at Gladstone Playing Fields, Hawarden. Cllr Cunnah stated that those works could have been under different regulations and that the community council needs to follow the advice from FCC. She suggested requesting the procurement list from FCC so that the council know who can be used.

The Chairman proposed that in order to proceed as quickly as possible with these improvements that the council should make the decision on the equipment and it should not go to consultation. Objections were made as the Council had already resolved and communicated that a consultation will take place. Cllr Williams is concerned that unnecessary delays could prevent the improvements being completed before summer.

Cllr Cunnah proposed that a decision should be made by May to allow for the work to be completed by summer. Cllr Olsen suggested that the consultation could take place during the Easter school holidays with the result then being reported at the May meeting for a decision.

Cllrs Olsen, Healey, Hilton, Parsonage, Sheibani and Williams (Crossway Play Area Working Group) will co-ordinate and hold a consultation at Crossways Play Area during the Easter school holidays and provide a report at the May Council Meeting.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Clerk will pursue RR for the additional designs and quotes and provide them to the Working Group as soon as possible.
- ii. A copy of FCC play area procurement list will be requested.
- iii. Clarification will be sought from FCC as to whether they commissioned Play & Leisure to undertake the works at Gladstone Playing Fields, Hawarden.
- iv. To contact FCC to ascertain the estimated time required from ordering to completion for the improvements.
- v. Cllrs Olsen, Healey, Hilton, Parsonage, Sheibani and Williams (Crossway Play Area Working Group) will coordinate and hold a consultation at Crossways Play Area during the Easter school holidays and provide a report at the May Council Meeting for the councils approval.

339. Village Improvements

Items i – iii were discussed as one item.

Cllr Olsen reported on two possible initiatives to improve the village -i) Whether the council could instigate a planting programme - either the council organising and/or getting the community involved in planting verges ready for next Spring; ii) The Proud Village Project - whether the Council could run it as a project for the next 12-18 months. Community Councillors would cover certain parts of our villages and do a walk around and then towards the end of the project they do so again and suggest residences showing pride in our community. The Council would then all consider the nominations and decide who has won in each village. Cllr Waterhouse felt that individual properties should not be judged and that focus should be made to key areas within the community such as public spaces, car parks and planters. The Clerk did highlight the although the community noticeboards are very well used, they are in extremely poor condition.

Lengthy discussions were had with regard to improvements for the villages, however, the majority were FCC issues rather than improvements that the Community Council could address.

Cllr Sheibani suggested a Community Litter Pick. The Clerk would make enquires with regard to insurance and health and safety implications of the community council co-ordinating this event. Cllr Waterhouse advised that this has been done previously through the support of Keep Wales Tidy and suggested the Clerk to contact them.

Cllr Cunnah informed the Council that she was aware of other local Community Council who employed an Operative as a Litter Picker and that this could be an option to explore further. Cllr Waterhouse suggested that the council could consider looking at appointing a Contractor to undertake the work as opposed to employing a member of staff.

RESOLVED:

- i. Obtain quotes for replacement noticeboards.
- ii. To contact Keep Wales Tidy for information on Community Litter Picks.
- iii. To check insurance and health & safety implications for the Council if they were to organise a Community Litter Pick.
- iv. Cllr Waterhouse will establish how many planters are currently in the villages, the locations and conditions

- which will be reported to the Clerk.
- v. The Clerk will contact local groups such as Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Boys Brigade to see if they would like to adopt a planter. This would involve painting the boxes, planting and maintaining.
- vi. To contact Keep Wales Tidy to request any information on local contractors who undertake routine litter picks and also to calculate the possible financial implications if the council were to employ their own Litter Picker.

340. Flintshire County Council – Provision of Toilets Strategy

A copy of the draft strategy together with a copy of the questionnaire was provided to all members to review. The closing date for any feedback is 26th April 2019. http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/DraftToiletStrategy

Members received and reviewed the consultation and will provide individual responses.

RESOLVED: that the Council have received and noted the consultation and that members will provide individual responses.

341. Caergwrle Castle

i. Cadw have provided a draft agreement etc which as soon as it was received was circulated to Cllrs Cunnah, Healey, Hilton and Olsen. A meeting will be arranged to review this in detail and also with Countryside Service regarding the management of the site. Copies of the documents were provided to all members for their information.

Cllr Hilton suggested that as the Cadw's requirements for the council management of the site is quite strict, that as well as reviewing this with Countryside Services, it should also go to tender. The Chairman advised that the Council are currently in a contract with Countryside Services and requested the Clerk to check the agreement. Cllr Cunnah, Hilton, Olsen and Healey will arrange a meeting to review the draft agreement further and a subsequent meeting will be held with Cadw.

ii. AH has advised that there has been some cutting of holly branches behind the houses on Castle Street.

RESOLVED: The Castle Working Group (Cllrs Cunnah, Olsen, Healey and Hilton) will arrange a meeting to review the draft agreement in more detail and will then arrange a subsequent meeting with Cadw.

The Clerk will report on the length of the current agreement with Countryside Services at the April meeting.

Chairman:	 3 rd	April 2019

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 6th March 2019

Present: Councillors Mrs J Hilton (Committee Chairman), Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman of the Council), Mrs M

Williams, Mrs L Davies, Mr A Parry, Dr R Parsonage, Mr D Roberts, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs

S Waterhouse, Mr H Manning and Mrs C Olsen

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

342. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mr D Healey and Mr A Parsonage.

343. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

344. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman of the Council be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 6th February 2019.

345. Matters Arising

Min 308 - With all grants this year the Clerk sent a receipt slip and requested them to complete and return. She reported that she has received all bar one receipt which is outstanding from Hope Preschool Group. She also advised that they are yet to present the cheque for payment.

346. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2019/20

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report was circulated to members with the agenda to be reviewed and considered. In accordance with the report Hope Community Council falls under Group B (Income or Expenditure for 2018/19 of £30,000 - £199,999).

The rates specified, if adopted, cannot be amended although an individual may decline to receive part, or all, of the payments if they so wish. This must be done in writing and is an individual matter. A community or town council member wishing to decline payments must themselves write to their proper officer to do so.

All members are eligible to be paid the £150 as set out in Determination 40 from the start of the financial year (unless they are elected later in the financial year). Other amounts payable to members in recognition of specific responsibilities or as a civic head or deputy civic head as set out in Determinations 41,42, 47 and 48 are payable from the date when the member takes up the role during the financial year.

It is a matter for each council to decide: i) when the payment is actually made to the member; ii) how many payments the total amount payable is broken down into; and, iii) whether and how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves their role during the financial year.

Determination	
40	All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members
Mandated	of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses.
42	Community and town councils in Groups B or C can make an annual payment of up to £500
Optional	each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the
	£150 payment for costs and expenses.

Optional	travel costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as below: • 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year. • 25p per mile over 10,000 miles. • 5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business. • 24p per mile for private motor cycles. • 20p per mile for bicycles. Where a member who is on official business is driven by a third party (not a member or officer of that authority), the member can claim mileage at the prescribed rates plus any parking or toll fees provided the authority is satisfied that the member has incurred these costs.
44 Optional	If a community or town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims: • £28 per 24-hour period allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided. • £200 – London overnight. • £95 – elsewhere overnight. • £30 – staying with friends and/or family overnight.
45 Optional	Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties as follows: • Up to £54.00 for each period not exceeding 4 hours. • Up to £108.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.
46 Mandated	All Community and town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members in order for them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.
47 Optional	Community and town councils can pay a Civic Head payment to the mayor/chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the senior salary if these are claimed.
48 Optional	Community and town councils can provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the deputy mayor/deputy chair of the council up to a maximum amount of £500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.

Community and town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of

RESOLVED: that the Council will adopt for 2019/20 all of the above Determinations. With regard to Determination 42 – Senior Role Payment, this will be applicable to the Chairman of the Council and Committees (Planning, Leisure & Environment and Finance).

- o Payments will be made to members at the end of the financial year February or March.
- o Payments will be as one lump sum.
- o As payments will be made at the end of the financial year it should reduce the requirement to recover any payments made to a member who leaves their role during the financial year.
- o Should a member leave part way through a year, a pro rata payment will be made at that time.
- o Payments will be made via cheque or bacs where no tax deductions will be taken. It will be the sole responsibility of each member to report payments received to HMRC.

347. Payments

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To authorise accounts for payment up to and including 6th March 2019.

Payable To	Details	Amount
Flintshire County Council	Electricity & Maintenance Nov 2018	£1,434.84
Staffing Costs	Feb 2019 Staffing Costs	£805.26
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£20.38
Mega Electrical	Hope Xmas Lights	£5,610.00
Mega Electrical	Caergwrle Xmas Lights	£5,610.00

Mega Electrical	Abermorddu Xmas Lights	£1,320.00
One Voice Wales	Annual Membership Subscription	£603.00
Cllr C Cunnah	Members Allowance - Senior Role Payment	£500.00
Flintshire County Council	Electricity & Maintenance Dec18 & Jan 19	£1,614.18
	Total	£17,517.66

RESOLVED: That the above payments up to and including 6th March 2019 be approved and processed for payment. These were signed by the Chairman of Finance and/or the Chairman of the Council and countersigned by two bank signatories.

Chairman:	 	 3 rd Apri	1 2019

The meetings began at 6.30pm and ended at 8.35pm.