

Hope Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Present: Councillors Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman), Mrs J Hilton, Mr B Hughes, Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams, Mr A Parry, Mrs C Sheibani, Dr R Parsonage, Mr A Parsonage, Mr D Healey and Mr D Roberts

Absent:

In attendance: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
Mr Mark Middleton & Mr Ian Williams – FCC Streetscene Services
Mr Alistair Hemphill – Flintshire Countryside Services
1 x Visitor (arrived 6.55pm)

122. To Receive the Signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr David Roberts signed the Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Roberts to the Council.

RESOLVED: Cllr David Roberts signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk.

123. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Waterhouse and Mr H Manning.

The Clerk also reported that she was in receipt of Cllr Alison Dunlop's resignation received on 5th September. The vacancy will be reported to FCC Elections and advertised for 14 days during which ten electors would have the opportunity to call for an election (a copy of that notice being forwarded to the local Returning Officer). In the event of an election not being requested the Council must then fill the vacancy by co-option. This requires a further notice inviting expressions of interest in being co-opted (certain qualifications apply).

RESOLVED: that the above be noted and appropriate action taken. The Co-option Vacancy will be included on the October Agenda.

124. Declarations Of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

125. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

126. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had a number of positive announcements; the accolade of receiving the Bee Friendly status and certificate and wished to express appreciation to the Action Group. The defibrillator has now been purchased and installed at the White Lion, Hope and she expressed thanks to Cllr Lynn Davies for her fund raising efforts and also Alison Dunlop who had initiated the idea. The planning application for Blue Bell fields has now been withdrawn. The village carnival had been a great success with thanks to the Carnival Committee for their hard work and efforts. Reports have been received that Park in The Past has had a successful summer, as did the summer playscheme programme. The community library had also been very busy over the summer holidays. The old HSBC bank Caergwrlle is now occupied and looking tidy and finally she welcomed the news of two new businesses opening in the village (pizza shop and flower shop).

This weekend Hope Church is holding a special event for the youth of the village.

It has been noted that the Red Lion, Hope is still looking very unkept with reports of ASB and drug use in the area. She also reported that there may be a possibility of the social club closing.

127. Minutes of Council

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4th July 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

128. Visitors to Meeting

i. Mark Middleton, & Ian Williams - FCC Streetscene.

Cllr Parry expressed concerns regarding overgrown hedges and trees which are overhanging and encroaching pavements. MM advised the majority of trees/hedges are privately owned rather than FCC owned. The usual process would be that IW would informally visit the owner of the property giving them 2 weeks to undertake the work and cut back the tree/hedge, if this is not completed, a more formal letter would then be issued giving a further two weeks to undertake the work and if not completed FCC would then complete the work and send a bill to the owner. Obviously, consideration would have to be taken in the bird nesting season, however, if the required work was urgent due to safety reasons a full bird nesting assessment would be carried out before any work commenced.

Cllr Hilton asked what was the acceptable tolerance for encroaching hedges onto pavements and roads? She had reported a number of issues to Streetscene. MM replied that there is a certain amount of tolerance and he would look into this further.

Cllr A Parsonage advised of over hanging hedges at Bridge End (opp Rhyddyn Hill) and Cllr Davies advised of the pathway opposite Llwyn Egwyls where the hedges need addressing as they encroaching onto the public footpath.

Cllr Cunnah asked if it is still the councils policy to only cut the hedges once per year and why were they not cut lower? MM advised he had brought a copy of FCC's Policy for members to review (copies to be circulated by the Clerk) and that the new policy was brought in and adopted by FCC members.

Cllr Healey referred to recent communication with MM regarding an overhanging dead tree at the Packhorse Bridge and concerns that if this fell into the river it could cause a blockage. MM confirmed he has spoken to the relevant people within FCC and this will be addressed.

*6.45pm Cllr Sheibani arrived.

Both MM and IW advised they had visited Caergwrlle High Street to review the issue of the sloping pavement which the Council had raised. IW advised that the pavement surface had certainly deteriorated and will look at getting this repaired. They will also be looking at the historic drainage channel. MM advised they will revisit the site to ascertain the exact measurement of the slope. Cllr Healey informed MM and IW of previous communication with Jessica Pritchard, FCC Transportation, where it had been agreed that pavement repairs and improvements on the High Street would be undertaken as part of the Community Transport initiative. This has now been put on hold due to FCC's Bus Review, however, they could enquire if there may still be an available budget.

Cllr Parry also advised that there are a significant amount of large vehicles who park on the pavement outside of the takeaway which will obviously be damaging the pavement and asked if bollards could be installed. MM advised that in other Town/Community Councils he has installed bollards but this was at the costs of the Town/Community Council.

Cllr Hilton informed MM & IW that again FCC Contractors were grass cutting at the cemetery at 3pm on a school day, with their vans being parked on the pavement forcing school children to have to walk on the road. MM acknowledged that there are two concerns; 1 – grass cutting in the area at 3pm when the school day finishes and 2 – parking on the pavement, both of which he will address.

The Chairman thanked both MM and IW for attending the meeting and the information they provided.

*6.55pm MM and IW left the meeting and 1 x visitor arrived.

ii. Alistair Hemphill, Flintshire Countryside Services

AH gave members a brief report of his role and responsibilities. He informed members of an iBeacon initiative he is currently working on and that he is able to purchase one through Cadwyn Clwyd for approx. £700. This would give locals and visitors access to current and historical information via an app on their smartphone. He provided the council with an information sheet for their consideration.

AH explained the event he is co-ordinating to mark 100 years since Armistice. He is putting together an event on

Waun y Llyn for 11th November 2018 (starting approx. 6.30pm). The plan is to light a beacon which is being specially made (approx. 1.5m x 1m) and have a band, school choirs, male voice choir, speakers and maybe a marquee with refreshments involving the local communities round Hope Mountain. There will be a number of beacons around Flintshire which will all be light at the same time.

He has sourced a company to make the beacon for free of charge and the materials will cost in the region of £750, which he has asked Hope, Llanfynydd and Treuddyn Community Councils to contribute. The Chairman confirmed that the Council has previously agreed to support this event.

Cllr Healey informed AH that the Spar are still interested in offering volunteers to assist with a project at the castle and assumed that work to the entrance will now be put on hold due to Cadw taking guardianship. AH agreed that although the initial plans for the volunteers is now on hold, he advised that there is repair work needed to the steps at the back end of the castle. DH and AH agreed to engage with each other and liaise with the Spar to organise a volunteer day.

The Chairman thanked AH for his presentation and the information he had provided.

*7.10pm AH left the meeting.

- iii. PCSO Peter Jones – was unable to attend the meeting and provided the council with a full incident report.

Cllr Parry expressed his concerns with the number of cold callers in the area. He is aware of a number of residents who have experienced this and have reported it to the police. He feels that the police should be more proactive on this matter and is unhappy at the comment in the police report relating to this matter of '*not to be overly concerned*'. He feels that this should be raised with the Police Inspector and action should be taken before someone actually gets hurt. The Chair proposed to contact PCSO P Jones in the first instance, which, if needed will be followed up with a letter to the Inspector.

*Cllr R Parsonage arrived 7.20pm

Cllr Sheibani informed members that through her work she has access to a number of CCTV camera free of charge, however, it would be the responsibility of the council to have them installed. CC asked whether these units could be linked to the cctv laptop for the police to review? These details are unclear.

RESOLVED:

- i. MM & IW to review and address the matters raised above.
- ii. The Council are in support of the event co-ordinated by Flintshire Countryside Services to mark the 100 years armistice on Waun y Llyn.
The information of an iBeacon will be included on the October agenda for further consideration.
Cllr Healey will liaise with AH and the Spar with regard to co-ordinating a volunteers days at Caergwrle Castle.
- iii. The Chair will contact PCSO Jones regarding the concerns of cold callers and the action being taken by the police. A subsequent letter will be sent to the Inspector should it be needed.

129. Matters Arising

Min 97 – Cllr Cunnah reported that she had met with Cllr Parry and are currently drafting the letter to FCC with regard to adverse possession.

Min 97 – Cllr Davies reported that Park in Past has bought 'throw lines' with the council's donation for water safety. There has been a general improvement in behaviour at the site. Claire Morter from Flintshire Sorted visited the site through the holidays and no issues were reported.

Min 100 (iii) Cllr Healey commented that the explanation in the minutes were not clear. He explained that the one way system for Pigeon House Lane was not his personal suggestion but was as a result of a petition he had received from residents.

130. 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 – 4th July 2018.

(ii) Leisure and Environment – 4th July 2018.

(iii) Finance – 4th July 2018.

131. Delegated Powers – Summer Recess

There was no urgent matters that arose during the summer recess.

RESOLVED: received and noted.

132. External Audit of Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2018

The Clerk reported that the external audit has been undertaken and returned with no issues, concerns or attached report. The Annual Return together with the Notice of Conclusion will now be displayed for a period of 14 days.

The Chairman expressed her appreciation to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: the Council accepted the report from the Clerk and the Annual Return. The Notice of Conclusion will be displayed for a period of 14 days and the full Annual Return will be placed on the Council website.

133. Community Engagement

Cllr Hilton advised that as part of community engagement she would like to start conversations with the public to find out what their priorities for the village are and proposed either an afternoon, evening or day session for the public to meet with Councillors. Information received may assist the council in setting plans for the future.

Cllr Parsonage advised that the Council in the past did hold an ‘Open Meeting’ every year.

Cllr Sheibani suggested having a ‘suggestion box’ as well as meeting with Councillors.

Cllr Parry feels the Elected Members should also attend to assist in answer questions that may be FCC related rather than community council. Cllr Healey agreed and advised he would be making every effort to attend such event.

Cllr Healey reported that there will be a Dementia Friendly Community Conservation event at Hope Church on 17th September.

Cllr R Parsonage suggested inviting representatives from local clubs and groups.

Cllr Hilton would like to focus residents on what the community council are responsible for and open talks with them where improvements could be made. She proposed that the event should be a weekend date which may be more accessible for people. She proposed the date of Saturday 3rd November, 11.00am – 6.00pm. Herself and Cllr Sheibani agreed to attend the full event and it was hoped that other members would also be attend throughout the day.

The Clerk will check availability for venues and liaise with Cllr Hilton. The event will then be advertised as widely as possible.

RESOLVED: the Council will hold a Community Engagement Event on Saturday 3rd November, 11.00am – 6.00pm. A venue will be confirmed once availability has been secured and the event will then be advertised as widely as possible.

134. Best Kept Hanging Basket Competition

Cllr Hughes reported that the competition was judged on 23/24 July. He walked and viewed the 6 entrants with Pixie Lillies and left all applications with her. The final judging decision was to be made by Pixie Lillies and were due to be delivered back to a Councillor in preparation for the September meeting, however, unfortunately no member had received the results.

As this was the first year of reinstating the competition he was pleased with the applications received and hopes that there will be more apply next year.

RESOLVED: the results will be obtained from Pixie Lillies in preparation for the results to be announced at the October meeting.

135. Training

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

- i. Penyffordd Council has confirmed they would be interested in participating in a bespoke Code of Conduct Training Course, the Clerk is still awaiting to hear from Llanfynydd Council. The Chair asked which members would be interested in attending; Cllrs Cunnah, Hughes, Parry and Roberts expressed an interest. The Clerk advised the Council that the bespoke course would only be financially viable if they had enough attendees otherwise it could be more cost effective to individually attend an OVW course. The Chair agreed and suggested we wait to hear from Llanfynydd.
- ii. Upcoming OVW training course were circulated to members.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Council will ascertain the number of interested councillors wishing to attend a Code of Conduct Training Course at which point a decision will be made to either hold a bespoke course or make enquiries with OVW.

136. Correspondence

- Police Report – August
- Updated contact details for streetscene and our new Area Co-ordinator Ian Williams (details attached).
- Following reviews undertaken by the Independent Review Panel on Community and Town Councils in Wales they have now issued a report on – Outline Findings and Recommendations. A copy of which has been circulated to members.
- OVW Will be holding their Conference / Exhibition & Annual General Meeting Saturday 29th September 2018 in Buith Wells at a cost of £95 should anyone wish to attend.
- Mold's WW1 Commemorative Concert will be held on Sunday 11th November 2018 7.00pm at the Anthony Hopkins Theatre, Theatr Clwyd, Mold.
The concert will be a reflection of the music and dance enjoyed throughout the decades following the end of the First World War from the 1920's through to modern day with performances from RAF Cadet band, Flint Male Voice Choir, The Cavernites Beatle Tribute band, The Good Night Sweethearts, tribute to Frank Sinatra/Rat Pack, Elsber Dance, Angie Parker and winners from Mold's Time2Shine. Tickets are now on sale at £20.00pp
- The certificate has been received showing that Hope Community Council are Bee Friendly .
- The next Flintshire County Forum will be held on Tuesday 23rd October, 6pm – 8pm, County Hall. (The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales will be making a presentation).
- The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales have written to inform the Council that they will be undertaking a review of the electoral arrangements for the County of Flintshire with a view to considering and formulating proposals for the future. A presentation will be held on 23rd October at FCC during the County Forum
- Flintshire County Forum meeting dates for 2019:

Date:	Thursday 14th February 2019	Time:	6.30pm – 8.30pm
Date:	Tuesday 25th June 2019	Time:	6.30pm – 8.30pm
Date:	Monday 7th October 2019	Time:	6.30pm – 8.30pm
- An email from Ruth Cartwright, FCC Transportation advising they have received notification that Arriva intend to make changes to their 3, 4, 4S, X4 and 12 bus services on the 2nd September 2018.
4/ 4S / X4 - Chester – Broughton – Hawarden - Buckley – Mold - There are timetable amendments.
12 and 13 - Chester / Broughton / Buckley / Connahs Quay / Mold - This is a revised service linking the existing 3 (renamed 13) and 12 service.
Further information can be found on the Arriva webpage: <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/wales/updates/exciting-changes-to-services-in-chester/>
- 50+ Action Group - September Newsletter.
- FLVC – Issue 2 2018 Newsletter.

137. Future Agenda Items

- Christmas Lighting.
- Cllr Parry requested traffic management & speeding.
- Ibeacon.

Chairman: 3rd October 2018

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Present: Councillors Mrs L Davies (Committee Chairman), Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman), Mrs J Hilton, Mr B Hughes, Mrs M Williams, Mr A Parry, Mrs C Sheibani, Dr R Parsonage, Mr A Parsonage, Mr D Healey and Mr D Roberts

Absent:

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

138. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Waterhouse and Mr H Manning.

139. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

140. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 4th July 2018.

141. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

142. Planning Applications

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

- i. Ref: 058791. Fell two cypress, one scots pine and prune yew and sycamore within Caergwrlle Conservation Area. Bryn Castell, Bryn Yorlin Lane, Caergwrlle. **Support**
- ii. Ref: 058705 Proposed side and two storey rear extension and replacement of existing roof. 43 Rhyddyn Hill, Caergwrlle. **Support**
- iii. Ref: 058627. Extension & conversion of single dwelling to 4no. flats. Riverside, Bridge End, Caergwrlle. **Although the Council wish to see this property developed it was a unanimous objection to the number of dwellings proposed to this property with concerns of parking, access and risk of flood plane.**

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

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

- i. Ref: 058485. Renewal of planning permission ref: 053800 to allow siting of classroom unit. Castell Alun High School, Fagl Lane, Hope. **Approved**
- ii. Ref: 058486. Renewal of planning permission ref: 053743 to allow siting of 1 no. classroom unit. Castell Alun High School, Fagl Lane, Hope **Approved**

RESOLVED: the above be received and noted.

143. Speeding and Highway Issues

The Clerk advised that she has chased Lee Shone (FCC Transportation) for the updated speed and police report on a number of occasions, to date this has not been received. However, he has answered the following questions asked by the Council:

- Q1. How the 85%ile is worked out?
 A1. *The 85th Percentile Speed is the speed that 85 percent of vehicles do not exceed. Another way of looking at this is that only 15 percent of vehicles go faster than this speed, and 85 percent go at or below this speed. ... So the 85th Percentile Speed is a reasonable basis for the speed limit.*
- Q2. How do you define is speeding? Eg there is obviously speeding occurring within the villages, but as an average is taken it doesn't really show the severity of the issue.
 A2. *The 85%ile is used as a weighting in our Safety Scheme and Traffic Regulation Order Assessments, with the surveys forwarded to Gosafe for their consideration of enforcement.*

He advised he would review the existing speed surveys undertaken within the village, and raise the issue of excessive speed (within the 15% of vehicles not within the 85%ile) to NWP/Gosafe for consideration of enforcement.

RESOLVED: the above report was received and noted and the Council will await the report from Lee Shone.

144. Draft Transport, Traffic and Travel Strategy

Following the council reviewing the draft strategy in July, there were a couple of questions or clarification requested from Cty Cllrs Gladys and David Healey. The Clerk had provided members with the report including the questions and the Cty Cllrs responses.

Traffic

- Some form of traffic calming, possibly involving the extension of one of the pavements, would be appropriate for the Bridge at Bridgend. (The Council had originally expressed they did not support this point)

Cty Cllrs DH/GH - would like to explore this issue more fully with HCC. Whilst there may not have been any physical injuries there has been repeated damage to the Grade II Bridge with it taking a long time for repair to take place the first time. We believe that there should be an assessment made for options for traffic calming at this point as, without a bypass, this point is going to continue to take a high volume of traffic. The Bridge is of pivotal strategic significance in the whole strategy because it would involve some form of traffic calming, or warning before the Bridge on either side. This would mean that both the Hope side and the Caergwrle side of the Bridge would benefit from some measures to reduce speed along Hawarden Road.

Whilst initially the Council did not support this point, following the Cty Cllrs response above, the majority of members agreed for an assessment on the above, for the impact of traffic speed, NOT for traffic flow.

- The project could include an assessment of the effectiveness of traffic light junction at Hawarden Road/ Wrexham Road/ Cymau Lane (Llanfynydd Ward). (The Council had sought further clarification on this point)

Cty Cllrs DH/GH - have liaised with the County Councillor for Llanfynydd Ward. Apparently the issue is to do with the frequency with which the lights change. At peak times, such as those associated with drop off and pick up times at Abermorddu CP, there is a considerable back-up of cars in Cymau lane. The lights change too quickly with few cars getting through. There is also a problem of cars going through on red. Whilst this may be considered to be a Llanfynydd problem cars going through red lights impinge on the safety of residents in Caergwrle ward. There needs to be an investigation into the best frequency for light changes and possible cameras to stop cars going through on red.

The Council appreciated the clarification on this and are now in support of this point.

Cllr Healey explained that an application will be submitted to request funds to undertake any of the points raised in the draft strategy from the Road Safety Grant via Welsh Government.

RESOLVED: the Draft Transport, Traffic and Travel Strategy will be updated with the agreed amendments and will continue to be a work in progress where additional matters of concern will be included.

145. Pavements – Caergwrle High Street

As reported under minute 128. Both MM and IW advised they had visited Caergwrle High Street to review the issue of the sloping pavement which the Council had raised. IW advised that the pavement surface had certainly deteriorated and will look at getting this repaired. They will also be looking at the historic drainage channel. MM advised they will revisit the site to ascertain the exact measurement of the slope. Cllr Healey informed MM and IW of previous

communication with Jessica Pritchard , FCC Transportation, where it had been agreed that pavement repairs and improvements on the High Street would be undertaken as part of the Community Transport initiative. This has now been put on hold due to FCC's Bus Review, however, they could enquire if there may still be an available budget.

RESOLVED: Mark Middleton and Ian Williams – FCC Streetscene will review the slope and condition of the pavement and report to the council.

146. Highway Matters

No further highway matters to report.

Chairman: 3rd October 2018

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Present: Councillors Mrs M Williams (Committee Chair), Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman of the Council), Mrs J Hilton, Mrs L Davies, Mr B Hughes, Mr A Parry, Mrs C Sheibani, Dr R Parsonage, Mr A Parsonage, Mr D Healey and Mr D Roberts

Absent:

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

147. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Waterhouse and Mr H Manning.

148. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

149. Minutes

RESOLVED: the Chairman of the Council be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 4th July 2018.

150. Matters Arising

Cllr A Parsonage reported that the seating area located near the Halfway Inn, Caergwrle has now been tidied up.

The Chairman wished to express appreciation to FCC for collecting and disposing of the rubbish after the village carnival.

151. Playing Fields

The Chairman had no issues to report.

She advised that Queensway Play Area was now looking respectful and tidy again.

Cllr Parsonage questioned where the large basket swing had gone from the Willows Play Area?

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted. The Clerk will make enquires with Richard Roberts regarding the removal of the basket swing from the Willows.

152. Public Conveniences

Cllr Hilton reported that FCC will be consulting about public conveniences in the area and asked members to be mindful of this in preparation for the consultation.

Members expressed it was with sadness when the community public conveniences were closed and with the anticipation of increased tourism with Caergwrle Castle it would be beneficial to have these facilities.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will make general enquiries with fellow clerks as to the running costs of public conveniences.

153. Allotments

Cllr Hughes reported that no further requests or interest has been received for allotments and suggested this matter goes on hold until further interest is made.

Cllr Hilton advised she is aware via Park in the Past of residents who have expressed interest in allotments.

Cllrs Hughes and Williams advised that the allotments were handed back to FCC a number of years ago and previous enquires were made for the community council to take back responsibility, however, the cost of this was too expensive and therefore not pursued any further.

It was proposed to seek advice from FCC; could the community council take back responsibility for the allotment land (back of Queensway), if there was enough demand? What would need to be done to the land to make it suitable for allotments?

RESOLVED: the Council will request clarification from FCC on; 1) could the community council take back responsibility for the allotment land (back of Queensway), if there was enough demand? 2) What would need to be done to the land to make it suitable for allotments? 3) What would be the costs implications of being responsible for the allotment land?

154. Flintshire County Council Match Funding – Improvements to Children’s Play Areas 2018/19

Correspondence has been received from FCC with regard to match funding for children’s play areas for 2018/19. FCC have asked if the council wishes to apply for match funding and if so what level (maximum £10,000). FCC advised the play survey has identified the following ranking:

Red - High Street, Caergwrle
Low Amber – Porch Estate
Medium Amber – Crossways and The Willows.

There were lengthy discussions on how and where the match funding could and should be spent. The Clerk reminded members that there is £15,000 held in reserve from the 2017/18 Match Funding solely for the purpose of improvements to Crossways Play Area.

Members asked the Clerk whether the total match funding for 2018/19 could be split between two play areas? The Clerk was unable to advise but will seek clarification on this.

It was proposed that the Council submits a request for £10,000 match funding. If it could be split, 50% could be spent on the High Street and 50% towards the amount held in reserves for Crossways. Should the Council not be able to split the Match Funding the whole amount will be spent on the High Street and the Council will endeavour to find £5k from the budget to add to the reserves for Crossways.

Members were also reminded that there is a sum of s.106 money from Tudor Court, Fagl Lane, due for the Willow Play Area. The Chairman advised that she was previously informed that this would not be a substantial amount, although could not confirm the actual amount. She was also aware that until FCC complete the adoption the Community Council would not receive the commuted sum.

RESOLVED: the Clerk will write to FCC to submit a request for £10,000 Match Funding. Confirmation will be requested whether the match funding could be split between the High Street and Crossways play areas. Should the Council not be able to split the match funding, the full amount will be invested at the High Street play area, Caergwrle and the council will then endeavour to invest a further £5k into improvements at Crossways play area.

Confirmation will be requested from FCC to advise how much s.106 money will be due to the Community Council for the Willows Play Area? What is the current situation with regard to this being adopted? And when do FCC realistically think this money would be received by the Community Council?

155. Caergwrle Castle

The Clerk informed members that it has been reported in the patrol sheets that more of the recently planted trees have been pulled up.

Cadw have contacted the Clerk to request a copy of the lease that was held by Flintshire County Council for the Castle as it is believed this would be a good starting point for drafting the overall management agreement. And also confirmation whether there has been any Lottery Funding secured for any matter related to the castle as the Lottery logo has been identified on a castle leaflet.

The Clerk advised she is in receipt of the lease and will arrange for a copy to be sent to Cadw, but was unable to find any information relating to lottery funding. The Council advised that there has never been any lottery funding received for the castle. Cllr Healey advised that previously he was in receipt of lottery funding, some of which was used towards producing a historical leaflet (which included the castle).

RESOLVED: the above was received and noted. The Clerk will provide Cadw with a copy of the lease and advise that no lottery funding has been received for Caergwrle Castle.

Chairman: 3rd October 2018

Hope Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at Heulwen Community Centre, Hope on Wednesday 5th September 2018

Present: Councillors Mrs J Hilton (Committee Chair) Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman of the Council), Mr B Hughes, Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams, Mr A Parry, Mrs C Sheibani, Dr R Parsonage, Mr A Parsonage, Mr D Healey and Mr D Roberts

Absent:

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

156. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Waterhouse and Mr H Manning.

157. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

158. Minutes

RESOLVED: due to the Committee Chair being absent at the July meeting the Chairman of the Council be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 4th July 2018.

159. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

160. Defibrillators

The clerk reported that the defibrillator has now been installed at the White Lion, Hope. At the July meeting it was agreed that the cabinet would be unlocked, however, following concerns after the meeting and liaising with members via telephone and email it was agreed that the council should order a lockable cabinet for security purposes. Cllr L Davies has agreed to check the defibrillator routinely.

The defibrillator has been added to the asset register and insurance policy. Zurich have included this with no additional premium fees for this year.

Tomos Hughes from Achub Calon Y Dyffryn has agreed to provide the council and members of the public two free training sessions on how to use a defibrillator. Tuesday 18th September 2.00pm – 5.00pm and Wednesday 24th October 7.00pm – 9.00pm. These will be held at Heulwen Close Community Centre. This will be advertised by posters and social media.

The Clerk sought approval from the Council to make a donation of up to £50 to the charity Achub Calon Y Dyffryn which was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Davies informed members that there are a number of events due to be held to raise funds for a defibrillator in Caergwle; race night, Spar – trolley dash, Spar match funding.

RESOLVED: The defibrillator training will be advertised around the villages and on social media. The Council approved a donation of £50 to Achub Calon Y Dyffryn.

161. Payments

- i. The Clerk circulated details of all payments made during the summer recess.

Payable To	Details	Amount
Park In the Past	Quarry - Water Safety Equipment	£300.00
Pawle & Co Ltd	Defib Cabinet	£424.80
Zoll Medical UK Ltd	Defib (Hope)	£1,020.00
Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection/Maintenance/Supply May & June 2018	£1,185.23
Canda Copying	Photocopier Rental	£48.00
Staffing Cost	July 2018 Staffing Costs	£805.26
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£8.62
		£3791.91

ii. To authorise accounts for payment up to and including 5th September 2018.

Payable To	Details	Amount
Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Inspection/Maintenance and Supply July 2018	£556.84
Staffing Cost	August 2018 Staffing Costs	£805.26
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£19.93
Microshade	Annual IT Hosting	£381.60
TBA	1st Prize Best Kept Hanging Basket	£50.00
TBA	2nd Prize Best Kept Hanging Basket	£30.00
TBA	3rd Prize Best Kept Hanging Basket	£20.00
		£1863.63

RESOLVED: That the above payments up to and including 5th September 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.

The meetings began at 6.30pm and ended at 9.20pm.

Chairman:3rd October 2018