### <u>Minutes of the Ordinary (Multi Location) Meeting</u> <u>held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023</u>

Present:Councillors Mr D Roberts (Chair), Mrs T Bowgett (Vice Chair), Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams,<br/>Mr M Taylor, Mrs J Arnold, Mr A Parsonage, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mr J Mead,<br/>Mrs E Oldham and Mrs J Tilston.

By Video: Cllr C Cunnah

Also Present: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and Mrs Olsen (via video)

#### 79. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Jones.

#### 80. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

#### 81. Police Report

Richard Bryan PCSO 4451 provided a report which included the statistics for April. He advised that reported incidents for May and June showed a high demand from one particular location. Also, there was an incident of vehicle catalytic converter theft in Hope in early June. Unfortunately, there were also several instances of this in the Mold area around the same time that may be linked.

#### 82. Chairman's Announcements

The Chair did not have any announcements.

#### 83. Minutes of Council

**RESOLVED:** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 84. 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- ii. Leisure and Environment 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- iii. Finance 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### 85. To Review any Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Min 53** – members were provided with an updated copy of the Model Standing Orders as there were some numbering anomalies reported by OVW.

#### 86. To receive any Public Questions/Correspondence.

i. A request from a resident for the installation of a noticeboard in Abermorddu at the location in which the kiosk was removed. Should this request not be accepted, a further request for a public consultation for the residents of Abermorddu to determine alternatives.

The clerk reported that she has checked with the Planning Officer who advised the original application would not be valid and a new application would need to be submitted. Also, the noticeboard could not be substituted for the former telephone kiosk, an application would be required to be submitted.

It was considered that if a noticeboard were to be installed, it should be in a central location. Cllr Cunnah proposed for this to be included for further discussion on the September agenda.

**RESOLVED:** a noticeboard for Abermorddu will be included for discussion on the September agenda. During this time, members are to liaise with residents for a suggested location.

ii. An email from a resident regarding the councils Multi Location (Hybrid) Meeting Procedure and in particular that the two attendance options (in person or virtually) are approached differently. They

have requested for the council to review and revise their procedure for public attendance as they feel that the disparity causes unfairness.

Cllr Sheibani commented that on reviewing the legislation, whilst it does not state that publishing the virtual link is a requirement, it does infer that attendance to both options should be made as easier as possible.

The Clerk reported that she has liaised with a number of fellow Clerks to ascertain their approach to publishing the Zoom link and out of the 16 responses, 14 councils follow the same procedures as Hope Council. A number of other councils do state that the meeting link needs to be obtained a day or days in advance of the meeting, whilst Hope Council leaves this request until 5pm on the day of the meeting. It was also reported that one of the main reasons for not publishing the link was to maintain as much security as possible e.g inappropriate actions/behaviour which has occurred on other professional virtual meetings.

It was asked whether any other requests had been made to review the procedure? Which the Clerk advised there had not. It was then suggested to remain with the current procedure for security reasons and the that procedure could be reviewed at a late date.

**RESOLVED:** due to the security reasons the Procedure will not be reviewed at this time.

#### 87. County Councillor Report

Cty Cllrs David and Gladys Healey provided a report which included information on:

**Invitation & Supported Charities** - The Civic Service for Cllr Gladys Healey as the Chair of Flintshire will be help at Hope Church on 23rd July at 1pm with refreshments being served in the Church Hall afterwards. Her nominated charities for support during her year of office are Lymphoma Research Trust and North East Wales Mind. She is determined to use her year in office to try to make a difference and she is asking for support. Please contact <u>chairman.assistant@flintshire.gov.uk</u> if you are able to organise a fundraising event to support these two charities. If anyone is able to support these charities she would also like to know in order to be able to thank those involved.

**General enquiries from residents** - regarding Streetscene issues, Planning Enforcement issues, traffic issues, social care, flooding and housing issues. There were renewed issues locally as a result of the Fathers' Day flash flood. Continuing extensive work to chase up issues associated with empty homes (both private and council-owned) in the area.

**CADW's Interpretation Panels at Caergwrle Castle -** massively impressed by the new interpretation panels which CADW has placed at the Castle which reflect the accurate historical and archaeological perspective and skilfully done.

**Hwb Caergwrle -** Hwb Caergwrle held a successful Engagement Event at the BB Hall on 20th June. It was attended by 30-40 people with a lot of interest being shown in activities which can be provided by Adult Learning or members of the local community. Addition to the Engagement Event Hwb Caergwrle will be supporting a programme of speakers on the First Friday of the month at Hope Community Library at 7pm between October2023 and April 2024.

Cllr Cunnah wished to acknowledge the work of the Library and the Magnificent Seven Speakers (Oct 2023 to April 2024) and the feedback regarding the Cadw Interpretation panels.

#### 88. School Governor - Ysgol Estyn

Cllr Tilston was nominated for this position, however, unfortunately, the maximum post a governor can hold is two and as Cllr Tilston is already on two governing bodies she is not able to take on the role with Ysgol Estyn.

**RESOLVED:** the council will submit a nomination for Cllr Oldham.

# 89. Consultation on the Implementing of a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order in Flintshire

Members considered the <u>consultation</u> and figures of enforcement fines over the last 5 years were provided by Cty Cllr Ibbotson:

2022/23 - 2 2021/22 - 0 2020/21 - 1 2019/20 - 42 2018/19 - 6

**RESOLVED:** the council will respond to say, in principle the council supports the work of FCC but they need to install more enforcement signs and make people aware of enforcement. This is something the council

have requested FCC to do some time ago for the Willows, however, this is still yet to be actioned. A request will also be submitted for part pitch markings on the Willows (one goal post) which would exclude dogs from entering the playing area.

#### 90. Delegated Powers

The Council was requested to authorise the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of Planning and Highways, Leisure and Environment and Finance Committees together with the Clerk to deal with any urgent matters during the summer recess subject to those matters being reported back to Council at the September meeting

**RESOLVED**: the above be approved with any matters arising being reported at the September meeting.

#### 91. Clerks Report

The Clerk circulated the updated Issue Log detailing outstanding issues and details of progress. This report is for information only and should any items require further discussion they will need to be included on a future agenda (if not already on the current agenda).

**RESOLVED:** the report was received and noted and will be updated accordingly.

#### 92. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- OVW & Planning Aid Wales Training Courses and events
- Local Area Energy Planning Workshop Our energy baseline and future energy priorities (emailed 15.6.23)
- Open space AGM emailed 12.6
- Local Toilet Strategy for Flintshire County Council (closing date 26th June) emailed 12.6
- Ways to contact NW Police
- Get Ready for 20mph
- Invitation Get ready for 20mph 3rd July
- FLVC AGM Invitation
- Welsh Government Toolkit Get Ready for 20
- S4C request to film at Caergwrle Castle for their production of Am Dro. (The Clerk has emailed Cadw and advised that HCC would give permission on condition it was approved by Cadw and FCS. Cadw now managing the request and all appropriate documentation)

#### 93. Future Agenda Items

• There were no future agenda items requested other than the Abermorddu Noticeboard (min 86(i))

The meeting of the Council began at 6.30pm and ended at 6.56pm

Chairman: ...... 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Hope Community Council - Summary Accounts		
2023/24 Financial Year		

#### Income

	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Precept	40,933.34	122,800.00	-81,866.66
Bank Interest	459.19	400.00	59.19
Refunds/Other (inc Match Funding)	0.00	0.00	0.00
CADW - Castle Maintenance Grant	4,450.00	4,450.00	0.00
VAT Refund	5,151.24	5,151.24	0.00
Total	50,993.77	132,801.24	-81,807.47

#### Expenditure

	Actual	Agreed Spend	Balance
Leisure & Environment	529.02	39,950.00	39,420.98
Planning & Highways	9,220.42	63,000.00	53,779.58
Finance & General Admin	10,992.83	45,099.00	34,106.17
Reserves			
Reserved - Caergwrle Castle (grant)	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Reserved - Caergwrle Castle	13.90	18,757.00	18,743.10
Reserved - Willow or Porch Lane Match Funding (2021)	13,000.00	25,000.00	12,000.00
Reserved - Street Lighting	0.00	42,074.15	42,074.15
Total	33,756.17	238,880.15	205,123.98

Irrent Summary	
Bank Balance as at 31 March 2023	146,030.16
Total Expenditure	33,756.17
Total Income	50,993.77
Balance as at 30 June 2023	163,267.76
VAT Costs for 2023/24 Financial Year	7,638.03

	Committee/Budget Heading	Budget 2023-24	Actual to Date	Of which is VAT	<u>Available</u>	
	Leisure and Environment Committee					
1.1	Summer play scheme/Youth	£2,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,200.00	
l.2	Environ imp/plygrnd	£16,000.00	£529.02	£71.20	£15,470.98	
L.3	Caergwrle Castle	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,000.00	Annual Management fee due July
L.4	Community Competitions/Engagement	£750.00	£0.00	£0.00	£750.00	
1.5	Village Improvements	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00	Discussions being held with FCC re Mill Garden project
	L & E Reserves					
L.6						
7	Caergwrle Castle (grant)	£5,000.00	£0.00		£5,000.00	
1.8	Caergwrle Castle	£18,757.00			£18,743.10	
L.9	Willow or Porch Lane Match Funding (21/22)	£25,000.00				Awaiting details on fencing
	Total	£88,707.00	£13,542.92	£73.52	£75,164.08	
	Planning and Highways Committee					
2.1	Bus shelters	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	
.2	Street lighting – supply	£15,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,500.00	
						FCC confirmed columns will be
2.3	Street lighting – maint (inspections & repairs)	£30,300.00				upgraded before yr end
.4	Christmas lights	£12,500.00			£12,500.00	
2.5	CCTV Cameras	£4,500.00	£1,020.00	£170.00	£3,480.00	Additional camera currently on hol
2.6	Road & Highway Improvements	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	P & H Reserves					
.7	P&H Misc/Reserved - Street Light Upgrade	£42,074.15	£0.00	£0.00	£42,074.15	FCC confirmed columns will be upgraded before yr end
	Total	£105,074.15	£9,220.42	£7,185.42	£95,853.73	
	Finance Committee					
3.1	Salaries and N.I. (& payroll fees)	£15,130.00	£4,116.92	£0.00	£11,013.08	
3.2	Pension/gratuity	£2,962.00			£1,832.26	
3.3	Expenses - Clerk Travel (Gen Admin)	£200.00			£171.41	
8.4	Bank Fees (NEW)	£60.00			£44.60	
3.5	Audit fees (Gen Admin)	£825.00	£494.00	£49.00	£331.00	Only received 2021/22 External Audit fee in April 23
3.6	Chain / honours board (Gen Admin)	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	
3.7	Stationery & equipment (Gen Admin)	£450.00	£206.33	£34.40	£243.67	
3.8	Computer, Maint, Hosting, Emails & GDPR(Gen Admin)	£2,000.00	£1,725.19	£287.53	£274.81	
3.9	Postage (NEW)	£200.00	£41.75	£0.00	£158.25	
3.11	Insurance (Gen Admin)	£1,427.00	£1,666.34	£0.00	-£239.34	Increase due to index linking
8.12	Subscriptions (Gen Admin)	£790.00	£70.00	£0.00	£720.00	
3.13	Photocopier (Gen Admin)	£250.00	£48.94	£8.16	£201.06	
3.14	Election expenses	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	
3.15	Office costs (Gen Admin)	£1,585.00	£414.63	£0.00	£1,170.37	
3.16	Grants	£4,000.00			£4,000.00	
3.17	Chairman's allowance/Cllr Exp	£9,920.00			£9,920.00	
.18	Council website (Gen Admin)	£200.00			£200.00	
3.19	Training	£2,250.00			£2,215.00	
8.21	Noticeboard/Millenium Maps	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
.22	Defib	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	
3.23	Village Celebration (Kings Coronation)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	
.24	Working Balance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
	Total	£45,099.00	£10,992.83	£379.09	£34,106.17	
	Summary					
	Leisure and environment	£88,707.00	£13,542.92	£73.52	£75,164.08	
	Planning and Highways	£105,074.15	£9,220.42	£7,185.42	£95,853.73	
	Finance	£45,099.00			£34,106.17	
	Total	£238,880.15	£33,756.17	£7,638.03	£205,123.98	

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<u>40-16-01 31082426</u> Charitable - Hope C C	GBP 10,888.52	>
40-16-01 51084054 Bmm Account - Hope Cc	GBP 152,379.24	>

## Minutes of the Finance Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

- Present:Councillors Mrs T Bowgett (Chair of Committee), Mr D Roberts, Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams,<br/>Mr M Taylor, Mrs J Arnold, Mr A Parsonage, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mr J Mead,<br/>Mrs E Oldham and Mrs J Tilston.
- By Video: Cllr C Cunnah

Also Present: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and Mrs Olsen (via video)

#### 94. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Jones.

#### 95. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

#### 96. Minutes

**RESOLVED**: the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 97. To review any Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

#### 98. Quarterly Budget Review

. The Clerk provided the Council with copies of the quarterly year summary, budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation (Appendix A). The documents had been reviewed prior to the meeting and no issues were raised.

Cllr Cunnah did question that the S106 money for the Willows did not seem to appear on the accounts, Cllr Williams advised that this would not be paid to the community council but has been paid to FCC/Aura who will now be responsible, it is expected that this money will be utilised on the play area fencing.

ii. In order to meet the requirements of the financial regulations and internet banking, it is necessary for a programme of regular checks of standing data with suppliers to be followed.

#### **RESOLVED**:

- i. The quarterly budget/accounts were approved by the Council.
- ii. The requirement to undertake regular checks of standing data with suppliers will be completed by Cllr Oldham electronically.

#### 99. Payments

i. To authorise accounts for payment up to and including 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Payable to	Details	Amount
Lynn Davies	Reimbursement for Kings Coronation Bunting & Flags	£41.44
Staffing Cost	Jun-23	£1,566.89
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£41.45
Mrs S Hughes	Tesco Mobile - Monthly data package	£10.00
AVOW	Payroll Charges April - June 2023 (inc P11d)	£72.85
Flintshire County Council	Caergwrle Castle Management 2022/23	£8,361.00
Groundforce Landscape Ltd	Queensway Maintenance 3 of 7	£213.60
Flintshire County Council	Streetlighting Repairs	£237.00
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HSBC	Monthly Bank Fee	£5.00

ii. To authorise delegated powers for payments during the summer recess.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i. The above payments be approved. In accordance with the Financial Regulations, the schedule for payments was signed by the Chairman of Finance and/or the Chairman of the Council and countersigned by two bank signatories.
- ii. The council authorised delegated powers for payments to be made during the summer recess. The Clerk will obtain the required two bank signatories in accordance with the bank mandate for payments, these will then be reported in the September Meeting.

The meeting of the Committee began at 6.56pm and ended 7.02pm

Chairman: ...... 6th September 2023

## Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2023

- Present:Councillors Mrs L Davies (Chair of Committee), Mr D Roberts, Mrs T Bowgett, Mrs M Williams,<br/>Mr M Taylor, Mrs J Arnold, Mr A Parsonage, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mr J Mead,<br/>Mrs E Oldham and Mrs J Tilston.
- By Video: Cllr C Cunnah

Also Present: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and Mrs Olsen (via video)

#### 100. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Jones.

#### 101. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Parsonage declared an interest in relation to agenda 5i (min 104 i(d)) and provided a completed Declaration of Interest form.

#### 102. Minutes

**RESOLVED**: the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 103. To review any Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

#### 104. Planning Applications

i. The following planning applications received for the Committee to consider.

#### **RESOLVED:**

a) <u>FUL/000523/23</u>. Part demolition of existing dwelling and residential development comprising of 7no detached dwellings and associated roads and drainage works. Foxfield, Fagl Lane, Hope. Strongly object due to over development with a proposal that is out of character with the surrounding properties. It would impact on neighbouring properties including the cemetery where activities should be carried out at a respectful distance. Another environmental report needs to be undertaken as there are regular sightings of wildlife in and around the site. A highways survey would also be desirable as it is considered that the increased traffic incurred by the proposed build would incur a danger to vehicles and pedestrians using the highway and pavement. Schools and medical practices are reaching capacity.

Also the already overworked sewage system in our area is not considered suitable for the addition of any new properties and for this reason Hope Community Council feel that no new developments should be undertaken in our community until our Sewerage system is upgraded to deal with present and future requirements.

- b) Amendments to submitted application <u>FUL/000209/22</u>. Construction of a swimming pool with enclosure, pump house and patio for residential use in association with Hartsheath Hall. Hartsheath, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn, Mold. *Supported*
- c) Amendments to submitted application <u>LBC/00212/22</u>. Listed building application for the construction of a swimming pool with enclosure, pump house and patio for residential use in association with Hartsheath Hall. Hartsheath, Wrexham Road, Pontblyddyn. *Supported*
- \*7.09pm Cllr Parsonage left the meeting
- d) <u>FUL/000587/23</u>. Proposed single storey extension. Haulfryn, Fellows Lane, Caergwrle. *Supported*
- \*7.11pm Cllr Parsonage returned to the meeting

- e) <u>FUL/000595/23</u>. Construction of a raised patio area to the front of the bungalow, conversion of attic space to provide a second bedroom and demolition of existing orangery and the construction of a new one. 42, Rhyddyn Hill, Caergwrle. *Supported*
- ii. There were no applications received which have been determined by Flintshire County Council.

#### 105. Issues with Flintshire County Council Planning

To consider writing to FCC in respect of:

- i. The ongoing issues with accessing the Planning Portal the new portal is not reliable and has limited access due to system issues.
- ii. The deterioration of the information and quality on planning applications unclear descriptions, lack of measurements, poor site maps. The quality of applications seems to have deteriorated.
- iii. The lack of information with Amendments to planning applications to request that the amendments are made clear and are identified on the application as currently, it is similar to 'spot the difference'.

**RESOLVED:** the council will write to FCC Planning to raise all of the above issues, concerns and requests.

#### 106. Highway Matters

- i. The Chair to provide verbal reports on:
  - a) the sale of Riverside Cottage communication with the FCC Empty Homes Officer is ongoing as they continue to work with the owners. He seems confident that there will be a positive outcome.
  - b) the footpath across Castell Alun Stuart Jones, FCC Access Officer has confirmed that the public footpath remains open and signage has been cleared to be more visible.
- ii. There were no further issues to report.

**RESOLVED:** the reports were received and noted.

The meeting of the Committee began at 7.02pm and ended at 7.16pm

Chairman: ...... 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Minutes of the Leisure & Environment Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

- Present:Councillors Mrs M Williams (Chair of Committee), Mr D Roberts, Mrs T Bowgett, Mrs L Davies,<br/>Mr M Taylor, Mrs J Arnold, Mr A Parsonage, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mr J Mead,<br/>Mrs E Oldham and Mrs J Tilston.
- By Video: Cllr C Cunnah

Also Present: Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and Mrs Olsen (via video)

## 107. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Jones.

## 108. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

## 109. Minutes

**RESOLVED**: the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 110. To review any Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Min 75** – to date 3 applications has been received from residents who have not applied in previous years, which is good. Posters have gone on the website, facebook, noticeboards and local shops.

## 111. Play Areas

The Chair reported that the new equipment has been installed on the Willows, however, due to damage the slide had to be replaced.

She also spoke with Sarah Slater, FCC Biodiversity Officer regarding the wildflower beds. FCC were due to merge the existing beds into one long bed earlier this year, however, this has not been done and will be undertaken later in the year. They will also be putting up wildflower signage and QR codes so to identify what wildflowers have been planted.

The council are waiting for Richard Roberts, Aura to co-ordinate a site meeting with the council, FCC Streetscene and FCC Land Contamination Officer to discuss installation of the fencing. A request from a resident has been received for installation of additional benches outside of the fenced area.

Cllr Oldham mentioned that last month Cllr Parsonage had reported that previously Castell Alun High School students made benches for Park in the Past and asked whether FCC would consider this as an option?

**RESOLVED:** the reports were received and noted.

## 112. Caergwrle Castle

- i. To receive a copy of the Flintshire Countryside Services Annual Management Report 2022/23.
- ii. To receive the Notes of the Castle Working Group Meeting held on  $14^{th}$  June.
- iii. FCS have obtained a quote for the replacement of the wooden entrance noticeboard (and legs) which totalled £1350. It was asked should the council consider other material to extend the life of the board? It was then reported that the existing board was approx. 12years and had aged well. A request was made for steel feet for the wooden legs to be fitted into, to provide extra protection.

## **RESOLVED:**

i./ii. the reports were received and noted.

iii. The council approved the replacement entrance noticeboard and will request the addition of steel feet for the wooden legs.

#### 113. Mill Gardens Improvements

The Clerk provided a written report to advise she had spoken with Ian Williams to gain an understanding of their position with the planned improvements. He was due to have a site meeting with Ian Bushell Friday 23rd June to review the location and specifically the health and safety aspects, however, this did not take place and is now due to held w/c 10<sup>th</sup> July.

He is concerned that fencing/railings may be required and especially if the pathway was to be raised. It was questioned that if the council didn't proceed with increasing the pathway level, would fencing/railings still be required and he said that until he has had the meeting with Ian Bushell on Friday he is unable to comment as he needs advice.

He has committed to install 2 bins and 2 benches (1 bench at the cost of the community council, he has been asked to provide costs). He was also asked if he could report the outcome of the meeting as soon as possible.

The Chair spoke with Ian Williams regarding the planters around the villages and he advised that they have not been planted due to issues with them not being watered. They will be planting hardier shrubs in the autumn. Cllr Parsonage reported that he has recently planted the planters outside the Co-op.

**RESOLVED:** the report was received and noted. Village Planters will be included on the September agenda to consider how these could be improved and maintained.

#### 114. Telephone Kiosk

Following the proposal from Mrs Olsen (dated 26.06.23), which was provided to members with the agenda, Mrs Olsen has now subsequently withdrawn the proposal stating that the Residents Committee are willing and able to take on the responsibility for this project.

As requested last month, the Residents Committee provided the council with an update (as of 05.07.23):

- since the last meeting they have secured a location for the kiosk at Abermorddu Primary School. This has been confirmed in an email which has been provided to the council by the Headmaster, Ian Roberts, states: '*I can confirm in principle we are willing to accept the kiosk as a gift from Hope Community Council under the condition that it is refurbished and has a structural certificate. And on receipt, trust the school will take full responsibility and liability for the kiosk'.*
- The residents have formed a Residents Committee (4 members in number) and this is in the process of being formalised and evidence of the same will be provided at the September meeting.
- A final proposal will be submitted at the September Council meeting

**RESOLVED:** the report was received and noted.

The meeting of the Committee began at 7.16pm and ended at 7.40pm

Chairman: ...... 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023