

# Hope Community Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

**Also Present:** Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

**By Video:** Mrs Olsen & 4x Members of the Public

#### 44. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Cunnah.

#### 45. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

#### 46. Police Report

There were no reports from the Police.

#### 47. Chairman's Announcements

The Chair did not have any announcements.

#### 48. Minutes of Council

**RESOLVED:** the Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 49. 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023
- ii. Leisure and Environment – 3<sup>rd</sup> May
- iii. Finance – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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

**Min 5** - There is a vacancy for a School Governor at Ysgol Estyn and is an agenda item for consideration.

**Min 17/334** – 2 x emails email regarding the flags for the Kings Coronation being flown upside down and that this is mark of disrespect.

**Min 19** – Response from Cty Cllr Healey to the 2x council questions:

**Parking** - I find the question problematical as it assumes that car parking charges will inevitably come in at Caergwrlle. At the moment I am raising a number of issues with officers which highlight the difficulties in implementing this policy -

Last time there was discussion of permits being issued to residents on one side of the road only in Bryn Yorkin because of the likelihood of people parking there rather than in the car park. This was divisive and set one side of the road against the other. There will be issues about the possible issue of permits to shop owners and shop workers. Then there is the issue of the car park surface and the need for EV charging. (The council has provided no EV charging points outside of town centres.) Last time this was discussed, in 2015, the council eventually decided that it was not financially viable to implement car park charges where there were fewer than 50 spaces. I am hoping that they will come to the same conclusion again. If I were to ask a question about outsourcing it would imply that I accepted that car park charges were inevitable. I do not.

However, outsourcing has not been used with regard to the management of any other car parks in the county as far as I am aware. I think it would be extremely controversial and would have to have cabinet approval. There has been no such discussion. Increasingly local authorities are finding that outsourcing of

services is not working as envisaged and services are being taken back in-house. In Wrexham the companies running car parks are being described as Dick Turpin. People are finding that if they delay in paying a fine it is handed over to a debt collecting service and the fine increases dramatically. I am sure Flintshire's cabinet will resist such a move.

**Brown Bins** - On the issue of the brown bin running for an extra week. I understand that people are annoyed that a refund cannot be processed without additional expense to the council. I'm afraid budget considerations dominate everything. We balanced last year's budget in spite of a gap which rose to £37M. We are now looking at the emerging budget gap for this year. Under the circumstances I have to be honest and say that running the brown bin service for an extra week is not going to be a viable consideration.

#### 51. **To receive any Public Questions/Correspondence.**

The Clerk reported that 2x emails had been received in relation to the telephone kiosk. Cllr Healey with information and a suggestion for a mini museum and from the resident who had previously expressed an interest in accommodating the kiosk if the council were to dispose.

A resident who was present at the meeting stated that she had submitted a Freedom of Information Request to the council which she had not received a response. The Clerk advised that she would look into this and requested that the email be resent.

#### 52. **County Councillor Report**

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

**FCC Annual General Meeting** - They were delighted to see the former Chair of HCC, Cllr Christine Cunnah, amongst the guests for FCC's AGM which saw Cllr Gladys Healey become Chair of Flintshire.

The Civic Service for the Chair of Flintshire will be held at Hope Church on 23rd July at 1pm with refreshments being served in the Church Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

**General enquiries from residents** - they have dealt with enquiries from residents regarding Streetscene issues, Housing issues, Anti-Social Behaviour Issues, Traffic issues and complaints about the Wrexham-Bidston Train (and Replacement Bus) Service. They are currently liaising with FCC offers regarding Empty Homes in the area and road markings.

**Hwb Caergwrle** - The Hwb Caergwrle (Charity No 1197424) has repositioned itself following the failure to receive Levelling Up Funding to help purchase the closed Presbyterian Church and Schoolroom for community purposes. The Team have now adopted an approach known as Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) and are working to make greater use of existing facilities within our community. Hwb Caergwrle has teamed up with Caergwrle Boys and Girls Brigade and with North East Wales Adult Community Learning to promote community engagement activities. It is hoped that various taster experiences will show what sort of activities may run successfully as Adult Community Learning sessions on a regular basis. Ultimately it is hoped that this will help to enhance local employability and help to address the skills shortage. Ideally this initiative will act as a catalyst for local people and other providers to come forward in order to help to breathe new life into our community.

#### 53. **Model Standing Orders**

Members were provided with a copy of the OVW updated 2023 Model Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED:** the council approved and adopted.

#### 54. **School Governor – Ysgol Estyn**

Due to the expiring term of Cllr David Healey, Ysgol Estyn have a vacancy for School Governor.

Cllr Tilston expressed an interest in the position as long as there was no issues with her already being on Abermorddu CP.

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

#### 55. **Annual Report**

The Clerk presented the draft 2022/23 Annual Report for the council consideration.

**RESOLVED:** the report was received and approved. This will be published and shared on the council website, facebook and noticeboards. A copy will also be shared with Hope Parish Church magazine and Friends of Hope Library.

## 56. 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).

- S106 funds for the Willows has been received by FCC.
- Cadw have installed the interpretation boards at the Castle.
- Hope Station lighting has been repaired by TFW. Cllr Arnold did advise that there are still 2 lights not working.
- There is a light by the bridge and also a light on the corner of the Ash Path off Hawarden Road. which are being obstructed by overgrown trees.

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

## 57. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- OVW & Planning Aid Wales Training Courses and events
- Flintshire County Council – Feedback on Visits to Town & Community Councils
- Smart Device Information Leaflet
- A Grant Thank you email and photograph from Abermorddu PTA
- 20mph Communications and Engagement Toolkit
  - **RESOLVED:** this will be shared with all members and shared on the council website, facebook.
- Mayor of Mold fundraising Concert – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6pm, Bethesda Chapel.
- FCC Consultation on the implementing of a Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Flintshire.
  - **RESOLVED:** this will be included on the July agenda.
- Invitation from The Chair of Flintshire County Council, Cllr Glady Healey to her Civic Service – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 1pm.

## 58. Future Agenda Items

- There were no future agenda items requested.

The meeting of the Council began at 6.30pm and ended at 6.47pm

Chairman: ..... 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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## Minutes of the Finance Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Present:** Councillors Mrs T Bowgett (Chair of Committee), Mr D Roberts, Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams, Mr M Taylor, Mrs J Arnold, Mr A Parsonage, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mr J Mead, Mrs E Oldham, Mr N Jones and Mrs J Tilston.

**Also Present:** Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

**By Video:** Mrs Olsen & 4x Members of the Public

### 59. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Cunnah.

### 60. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

### 61. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3rd May, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no matters arising.

### 63. Payments

To authorise accounts for payment up to and including 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

<b>Payable to</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
HSBC	Monthly Bank Fee	£5.40
One Voice Wales	Training - Christine Cunnah	£35.00
Microshade Business Consultants	Annual IT Services, Emails & DPO Services	£1,725.19
Flintshire County Council	Street Light - Maintenance Repairs (sarn lane)	£237.00
Staffing Cost	May-23	£1,927.93
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£81.18
Mrs S Hughes	Tesco Mobile - Monthly data package	£10.00
Groundforce Landscape Ltd	Queensway Maintenance 2 of 7	£213.60
Flintshire County Council	Street Light - Maintenance Repairs	£711.00
Flintshire County Council	Annual Rent for Queensway Play Area	£59.33
HSBC	Monthly Bank Fee - may	£5.00

**RESOLVED:** 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.

The meeting of the Committee began at 6.47pm and ended 6.51pm

Chairman: ..... 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# Hope Community Council

## Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Present:** Councillors Mrs L Davies (Chair of Committee), Mr D Roberts, Mrs T Bowgett, Mrs M Williams, Mr M Taylor, Mrs J Arnold, Mr A Parsonage, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mr J Mead, Mrs E Oldham, Mr N Jones and Mrs J Tilston.

**Also Present:** Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

**By Video:** Mrs Olsen & 4x Members of the Public

### 64. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Cunnah.

### 65. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

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### 66. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3rd May, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

**Min 352** – Cllr Williams has been pursuing the lights from Sarn Lane to Fagl Lane with TfW. After numerous discussions, she has liaised with Pete Smith, Customer Estates Manager who has confirmed that work will be done in the coming weeks. If they are not done by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we are to contact him again.

**Min 353i** – further correspondence was received from the resident regarding speed limits on Gresford Road. The Chair undertook investigating this further and liaised with the Transport Strategy Manager of Flintshire County Council Highways who has provided the following:

*The B5373 Gresford Road within Flintshire is subject to a derestricted (60mph) speed limit in the rural section and 40mph speed limit where it is more built-up around Caer Estyn. Speed limits are set by the local authority but following strict criteria issued by the Welsh Government to ensure consistency across the country. Setting an appropriate speed limit mainly depends on how much development there is on a section of road.*

*An assessment has been carried out using current Welsh Government guidance and this has concluded that the existing speed limit is correct. However, we are aware that the Welsh Government is planning to update the guidance in 2024 and so we will be in a position to reassess the road after the new guidance has been released.*

*The gullies along the B5373 have been inspected and, whilst the majority are offline and away from the vehicle wheel tracks, three have been identified on the bend heading from Hope to Llay that require attention. We will now schedule this work to ensure these gullies are set correctly within the carriageway.*

*As for the road being monitored for safety, this takes place across the entire highway network so that clusters of collisions can be identified and addressed if they meet our intervention levels.*

**Min 35 - 20mph signs.** The 20mph speed limit 'temporary' signage, has been erected as part of a 'Temporary Traffic Regulation Order' and is in relation to the recent Safer Routes in the Community Scheme. The Order is in place, until the National Roll out of 20mph in Wales commences on the 17th September 2023, which will see 30mph speed limits in street lit areas, automatically default to 20mph.

**Cycle Path – Gap in the hedge.** FCC will rectify this when they commence works on the remaining section of path at the Penyffordd end. Works anticipated to be the beginning of June.

## 68. Planning Applications

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

### RESOLVED:

- a) [FUL/000419/23](#). Replacement dwelling. St Kilda, Fagl Lane, Hope. **Objections due to proposed property being too close to neighbouring property, positioning and closeness of velux windows encroaching on neighbours privacy and positioning of double garage detrimental to highway safety. (Full response can be view on the FCC Planning Portal).**
  - b) [FUL/000484/23](#). Installation of bucket mounted solar panels to be installed on an agricultural field adjoining the property. Yew Tree Cottage, Stryt Isa, Hope. **Supported on the condition it complies with all requirements.**
  - c) Planning Appeal Notification for Planning Ref: [063335](#). Appeal Reference Number: CAS-02376-P1W3W4. Part demolition of existing dwelling and residential development comprising of 7 detached dwellings and associated roads and drainage works. Foxfield ,Fagl Lane ,Hope.
  - d) [FUL/000500/23](#). Demolition of existing out building and construction of new single storey rear extension, including widening of existing parking area. 50 Derby Road, Caergwrle. **Supported on the condition that it complies with any conservation requirements.**
- ii. Applications received which have been determined by Flintshire County Council.
- a) [RET/000275/23](#). Application for the retrospective use of an existing cabin for purposes ancillary to the main use of the Equestrian Centre. Maelor Equestrian Centre, Gresford Road, Hope. **Approved**
  - b) [FUL/000173/23](#). Construction of single-storey flat roof rear extension to provide fully accessible WC with access lobby. Castle Cottage, Hawarden Road, Caergwrle. **Approved**

## 69. Highway Matters

i. Cllr Davies and Roberts reported that complaints had been received regarding parking on Stryt Isa during football matches. Cars park on the grass verges and along the street, restricting access for emergency services, despite the school grounds being opened for parking.

On speaking with the football club, they advised that this is the away team. Cllr Davies has also spoken with Ian Williams, FCC Streetscene who will look into costs for concrete posts and will also speak with the football club to see if they could maybe have someone to direct parking on match days.

- ii. The No Entry sign on Kiln Lane doesn't face towards the direction of Llay and needs correcting to ensure road users are aware of the one way system.
- iii. A resident has questioned the footpath across Castell Alun since the installation of the new fencing. Cllr Davies advised she has liaised with FCC Access Officer for Rights of Way who is looking into this.

**RESOLVED:** the reports were received and noted. The council will report the Kiln Lane No Access sign to FCC.

The meeting of the Committee began at 6.51pm and ended at 7.15pm

Chairman: ..... 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# Hope Community Council

## Minutes of the Leisure & Environment Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Present:** Councillors Mrs M Williams (Chair of Committee), Mr D Roberts, Mrs T Bowgett, Mrs L Davies, Mr M Taylor, Mrs J Arnold, Mr A Parsonage, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Sheibani, Mr J Mead, Mrs E Oldham, Mr N Jones and Mrs J Tilston.

**Also Present:** Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

**By Video:** Mrs Olsen & 4x Members of the Public

### 70. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Cunnah.

### 71. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

### 72. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3rd May, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

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

**Min 43** - The flags have been ordered and will be delivered to Ms Heather Cunnah.

### 74. Play Areas

- i. Richard Roberts had obtained quotes for play area fencing at the Willows, however, Cllr Williams reported that due to the issues with the land at the Willows, a site meeting would be required with Rachel Davies – Contaminated Land Officer, Ian Williams – Streetscene and Richard Roberts before any decision could be made on installing fencing. Also, a definitive decision needs to be made on the size of the fencing as consideration would need to be made for any future equipment.
- ii. Cllrs Oldham, Bowgett and Arnold visited all play areas with the Clerk and Cllr Oldham commented that it would be interesting to establish the usage of all the play areas, how often they are used and reasons why there aren't used. It was also commented that the majority of all the play equipment are for the younger age range and more equipment is needed for the older children. Cllr Sheibani suggested maybe adult exercise equipment could be considered in the future.

It was suggested that the play areas could benefit from picnic benches. Cllr Parsonage stated that Castell Alun made a number of benches as a school project for Park in the Past.

**RESOLVED:** the reports were received and noted. A site meeting to discuss the fencing at the Willows will be arranged.

### 75. Hanging Basket/Planter Competition

**RESOLVED:** the competition will be launched as soon as possible with a closing date of 19th July 2023. Judging will be undertaken by Cllrs Roberts and Hughes w/c 24th July 2023.

### 76. Mill Gardens Improvements

Cllrs Williams and Parsonage attended a site meeting with Ian Williams, FCC Streetscene to discuss the options for improvements to the Mill Gardens.

- Ian Williams advised fencing/railings required due to health and safety and will obtain costings
- Once fencing installed could then look at improvements to the walkway
- As much as possible, FCC would provide the labour and HCC would cover the cost of the materials
- FCC will provide 2x new bins
- FCC will provide a new bench if the community council would also cover the cost for a further bench

**RESOLVED:** the council will wait for Ian Williams to provide costings before proceeding.

## 77. Caergwrle Castle

Cadw have installed the interpretation boards and positive comments have already been received.

The bracken is started to recede after the spraying undertaken last year and a further spray will be completed this year.

A Castle Working Group meeting has been co-ordinated for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 10am.

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

## 78. Telephone Kiosk

Following the removal and the subsequent complaints and requests, the council considered the proposal submitted by Mrs C Olsen (resident) and what action will be taken regarding the disposal.

The Chair thanked Mrs Olsen for taking the time to put together such a detailed document. When the council gave Mrs Olsen time to put this proposal together it was hoped it would be for the residents of Abermorddu to site it and maintain it.

The resolution already passed by this Council still stands which was to dispose of the kiosk, without recouping any financial cost, but this proposal now needs to be considered.

The points of this Proposal are:

- Reinstatement of the Kiosk in Abermorddu.
- Renovation of the Kiosk, the amount in excess of £4000.+ This to be funded by Grants to be applied for.
- Residents plus HCC to be involved in maintenance and governance of the Kiosk.
- This Kiosk to be used as a Noticeboard for Abermorddu.

If the Kiosk is returned to Abermorddu and sited back to where it was, it would need refurbishing at a cost to this Council or grants. The upkeep and responsibility would be handed back to HCC.

The cost to this Council adds up to quite a sum of money so far. The cost of removal and also the cost of the Clerks additional time in dealing with this.

FCC have agreed to keep the Kiosk for 6 months at which time the original resolution would be put into action. With the proviso that disposal, be for the benefit of the Council.

We would need FCC Highways permission to site it, which will also involve having the kiosk structurally tested. FCC will not allow members of the public to adopt it on the highway. The members of the Council would have to take an active part in obtaining the necessary funding for this project.

The removal of the kiosk caused a great deal of concern by the residents. The Council received objections from 2 residents before removal and 2 residents after, until such time residents had not taken a great deal of notice of state of disrepair.

All members have been provided with a copy Mrs Olsen proposal for consideration. The Chair asked if any members of the public in attendance would like to speak? There was no response.

Cllr Mead asked is there has been any resolution to the illegal attempt to sell the kiosk? The Clerk advised this is a matter for FCC and the community council will not have any involvement and the outcome may not be shared. He then asked about the misinformation about the condition of the kiosk which resulted in the councils decision to scrap? The Clerk responded to say that the advice from FCC was when a structure is removed and hoisted out of the ground, the likelihood of the kiosk withstanding a removal and being structurally sound would be unlikely and no guarantees could be made. Since the removal although the kiosk remains in one piece, unless a structural test was undertaken, it is unknown to the integrity of the kiosk.

Cllr Sheibani asked whether FCC have said it cant be relocated back into the same location? Cllr Williams responded to say FCC would put it back, however, the council would have to take back ownership and cover costs of a structural inspection and renovation. FCC would not allow a member of the public to adopt the kiosk on the public highway. It could go on private land and be adopted by a member of the public.

The Chair asked if any member of the council would like to take Mrs Olsen's proposal forward and make a formal proposal to the council, or to leave the resolution as to is and to consider disposal options at the July meeting?



Cllr Parsonage stated that the council had taken the decision to dispose of the kiosk as it was a liability. He personally had undertaken repairs to the glass twice, visited on at least three occasions to fix the door which had been vandalised and youths urinating inside.

Cllr Oldham commented that it has been asked for residents of Abermorddu to show their support in wanting the kiosk and to come to the meeting, 1xMOP (KW) did interject to state that they were there to show their support, this was supported by Mrs Olsen who stated that there were three residents who had linked into this meeting (with an additional 2xMOP present with CO) and that there had been two emails reported under Public Correspondence.

Cllr Sheibani feels that more time is required to consider the outcome of the kiosk as there are now residents expressing an interest. The Chair advised that the kiosk has been discussed since September 2022 and it was a unanimous decision to dispose.

Cllr Parsonage made a proposal to allow the residents of Abermorddu one month to form a committee and find a suitable location for the kiosk for them to take ownership. The council could assist with grant applications if required.

Cllr Arnold questioned if the council were to re-site the kiosk back in the original location, could the council appoint a local resident to look after the kiosk? The Clerk advised that this would be possible, however, the council would still be wholly responsible for the kiosk. Mrs Olsen interjected to state that there are a number of residents who are already committed to looking after the kiosk e.g open/closing.

Cllr Davies seconded the proposal from Cllr Parsonage which was fully supported by council.

It was confirmed that in May 2023 FCC confirmed they would be willing to store the kiosk for 6 months.

Resident KW appreciated the proposal from the council but stated that 4 weeks would not allow enough time to explore options for funding and requested further time and Mrs Olsen stated that lottery funding takes 12 weeks.

Mrs Olsen asked whether the council would be willing to provide the proposal in writing to assist/support in the grant applications.

**RESOLVED:** Mrs Olsen together with residents of Abermorddu will be given time to form a committee and find a suitable location, which will need to be on private land and not on the public highway,

The council agreed that the kiosk will not be a council asset but will consider to gift it to the community (not to an individual). The council requested that there be a residents committee for the kiosk.

The council will provide either a copy of the minutes or letter to Mrs Olsen to assist with the grant applications.

The kiosk will be included on the July and September agenda's for the residents (committee) to provide the council with a progress update and October for the council to make a final decision.

The meeting of the Committee began at 7.15pm and ended at 8.07pm

Chairman: ..... 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023