

Hope Community Council

Minutes of the Ordinary (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Present: Councillors Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman), Mr D Roberts (Vice Chairman) Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams, Mr M Taylor, Mr J Mead, Mr B Hughes, Mr A Parsonage, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs E Oldham, Mrs J Tilston and Mr N Jones

By Video:

Also Present Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

252. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Arnold and T Bowgett.

253. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

254. Visitor – Ian Williams, FCC Streetscene

Mr Williams had submitted his apologies and requested to attend the March council meeting.

He has advised that Streetscene will be tidying up the village planters and planting more sustainable plants. They will also be replacing old enforcement signs at the Willows playing fields.

RESOLVED: Mr Williams will be invited to the March council meeting.

255. Police Report

- i. PCSO Holden and Davies were unable to attend but did provide a written report.
Cllr Williams reported that PCSO Holden had been shortlisted for a bravery award.
- ii. Members were provided with a copy of the 12 month Crime Statistics (Dec21 – Nov22) taken from the [Police.UK](https://www.police.uk) website.

256. Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements.

257. Minutes of Council

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4th January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

258. 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 January 2023
- ii. Leisure and Environment – 4th January 2023
- iii. Finance – 4th January 2023

259. To Review any Matters Arising from the Minutes

Min 216 – PCSO Davies has undertaken a speed check on Hawarden Road, Abermorddu and the council are waiting the results.

Min 222/179 – Cllr Williams and the Clerk will be meeting with PS 2397 Kerry Nash Neighbourhood Policing Team Flintshire South.

260. To receive any Public Questions/Correspondence.

- i. An email had been received regarding the request for a salt bin on Kiln Lane, however, further communication has been received to advised that FCC have this in hand.

- ii. Two emails were received regarding the removal of the telephone kiosk.
 - a. A request to have the kiosk relocated at a residential property and they would cover the removal costs. The Clerk responded to inform the resident that FCC have advised against relocating due to the uncertainty of the structure.
 - b. An email challenging the council's decision to remove the kiosk. The resident is making enquires with Cadw and is requesting for the community council to reverse its decision to dispose until Cadw have reached a position on awarding a potential preservation Listing order.

The Chair reported that in accordance with Standing Orders a resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least 6 councillors to be given to the Proper Officer or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.

RESOLVED: the above will be communicated to the resident and no further action will be taken at this time. FCC were instructed to dispose of the kiosk in December 2022.

- iii. An email from a resident requesting to raise an issue with FCC Streetscene (as Mr Williams was due to attend) regarding the lack of response from FCC Streetscene in relation to an outstanding brown bin collection. The bin has been left out since the Tuesday prior to the final collection on the 10/12/22. As Mr Williams had submitted his apologies to the Clerk, she informed the resident that this would be reported to full council and that she would raise directly with Mr Williams.

RESOLVED: this will be raised with Ian Williams, FCC Streetscene.

261. County Councillor Report

Cty Cllrs David and Gladys Healey haven't been able to submit a report, but did provide a copy of the Heartbeat and a leaflet produced by the Alyn Villages Age-Friendly and Dementia Group.

He also reported that there is no further news on the FCC Budget apart from that the gap is now around £13.5M. The LDP has now been passed by Council and although they sat this item out because of their previously declared personal and prejudicial interest they did have a Dispensation from the Standards Committee which allows him to oppose the Bluebell Field development.

Cllr Oldham advised that she had communicated with Cllr D Healey regarding the 2x council houses on Hawarden Road. At present these require a full refurbishment which is restricted due to the financial restraints of FCC.

262. Council Vision Statement

The Chairman read two possible Vision Statements for consideration.

RESOLVED: the following was approved by council - *To maintain and enhance the facilities, environment and historical heritage of our villages for the benefit and wellbeing of all residents. By being proactive in addressing needs and engaging with the community and other agencies the council will ensure a safe, pleasant and engaging place to live.*

263. Statement of Gambling Policy

Flintshire County Council is reviewing its current [Statement of Gambling Policy](#), which must be reviewed every three years.

A public consultation is taking place which will seek the views of representatives of local residents, businesses, existing licence holders and their representatives on the new policy. Following the consultation, a report will be completed and the Policy considered for approval by Members of Flintshire County Council. Comments to be submitted by 20th February.

RESOLVED: the consultation was received and noted. No comments were made.

*6.53pm the Clerk left the room

264. Clerks Review – Appraisal (closed session)

The Clerks Appraisal/Performance Review was held on 24th January with the Chairman and Cllr Oldham. The Chair provided members with a brief verbal report on the successful appraisal and the coming years objectives.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted. In accordance with the contract of employment and successful appraisal, the clerk will be awarded 1SCP with effect from 1st April 2023. The council also approved the Clerk to have a company mobile phone.

*7.01pm the Clerk returned

265. 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).

Members asked the clerk to minimise the report where possible.

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

266. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- OVW & Planning Aid Wales Training Courses and events.
- FCC – Feedback from visits to Town and Community Councils Jan 2023.
- OVW – Nominations for The Kings garden parties.
- Potato Day – Daniel Owen Centre, Mold. Saturday 11th Feb 9am – 1pm

267. Future Agenda Items

- Cllr D Roberts reported that he wishes to resign as Abermorddu CP School Governor. This will be reported to the Clerk of Governors and included on the March agenda.

The meeting of the Council began at 6.30pm and ended at 7.12pm

Chairman: 1st March 2023.

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Minutes of the Finance Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Present: Councillors Mr D Roberts (Chairman of Committee), Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman), Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams, Mr M Taylor, Mr J Mead, Mr B Hughes, Mr A Parsonage, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs E Oldham, Mrs J Tilston and Mr N Jones

Also Present Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

268. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Arnold and T Bowgett.

269. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

270. Minutes

RESOLVED: the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 4th January 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

271. To review any Matters Arising from the Minutes

Min 236/199 – Cllr Roberts has confirmed he has liaised with the Bowling Club and they have provided a copy of the minutes which states the name of the bank account holders.

RESOLVED: approved and accepted, the council instructed the clerk to make the grant payment.

272. Payments

To authorise accounts for payment up to and including 1st February 2023.

Payable to	Details	Amount
HSBC	Monthly Bank Fee	£5.00
Open Spaces Society	Annual Subscription	£45.00
Mega Electrical	Installation Xmas Lights - Fagl Road NEW	£2,010.00
Planning Aid Wales	Training - T.Bowgett, C.Cunnah, J.Arnold	£35.00
Mega Electrical	5 x Xmas Lights - Fagl Road NEW	£1,683.60
Mega Electrical	Installation Xmas Lights - Abermorddu	£1,659.60
Mega Electrical	Installation Xmas Lights - Hope	£1,513.20
Mega Electrical	Installation Xmas Lights - Caergwrle	£1,561.20
Flintshire County Council	Street Light - Supply (April-Sept 2022)	£2,147.98
Flintshire County Council	Street Light - Maintenance Repairs	£711.00
Flintshire County Council	Street Light Commuted Sum x 13	£11,700.00
Staffing Cost	Jan-23	£1,491.76
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£43.43
HMRC	PAYE & National Insurance - Members Allowances	£822.86
Christine Cunnah	Members Allowances	£1,464.00
Myra Williams	Members Allowances	£870.00
Lynn Davies	Members Allowances	£696.00
Jenny Arnold	Members Allowances	£208.00
Matthew Taylor	Members Allowances	£280.00
Tracey Bowgett	Members Allowances	£208.00
Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopier Rental & prints	£49.68

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 7.12pm and ended 7.15pm

Chairman: 1st March 2023

Hope Community Council

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Present: Councillors Mrs L Davies (Chairman of Committee), Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman), Mr D Roberts (Vice Chairman), Mrs M Williams, Mr M Taylor, Mr J Mead, Mr B Hughes, Mr A Parsonage, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs E Oldham, Mrs J Tilston and Mr N Jones

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Min 168 – Network Rail have contacted the council to advise they are still chasing the request for additional lighting and CCTV by Hope Station.

Min 243 ia – members were provided with a copy of the final response to planning FULL000769/22.

277. Planning Applications

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

RESOLVED:

- a) Notification of Appeal. [Ref: 061842](#). Change of use of land for 2 traveller pitches to include 2 no. amenity block/dayrooms (part retrospective. Brier Lodge, Rhyddyn Hill, Caergwrle). **An addition to the councils original objection will be submitted to include phosphates.**
- b) [Ref: 000794](#). Proposed alterations & extension. Keepers Cottage, Tir Y Fron Lane, Pontybodkin. **Supported**

ii. There we no applications received which have been determined by Flintshire County Council.

278. Flintshire County Council – Local Development Plan (LDP)

The Chair reported that the Flintshire LDP was adopted by the Council on 24th January 2023 and covers the period 2015 to 2030. All planning applications will still be considered on a case by case basis.

RESOLVED: FCC will be requested to provide the council with a hard copy of the Local Development Plan.

279. FCC – Citizen Planning Portal

The Clerk reported that she had attended a training session with FCC on the new portal and gave an overview of the session. She encouraged members and residents to sign up to the FCC '[My Account](#)' as this will offer a number of additional services.

FCC have also offered to extend the training sessions to Councillors.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted. Cllr Cunnah expressed an interest in the training session.

280. Highway Matters

- A resident had shared correspondence of continued communication with FCC regarding improvements to the one-way system on Kiln Lane.

- Overgrown trees on the Wrexham Road layby where the new cycle paths routes. Cllr Cunnah advised that Cty Cllr G Healey has stated that this is included in the plan of works but not yet completed.
- There is a loose manhole cover near the new pedestrian crossing which FCC are aware of. It is a BT cover and has been reported.
- Pigeon House Land and Stryt Isa have become cut throughs during peak times when the pedestrian lights are being used (8.30am – 9.00am and 4.30pm – 5.00pm) and issues of speeding.
RESOLVED: this will be reported to the PCSO's.
- Large pot hole at Bridge End.
RESOLVED: this will be reported to FCC Streetscene.

The meeting of the Committee began at 7.15pm and ended at 7.38pm

Chairman: 1st March 2023

Hope Community Council

Minutes of the Leisure & Environment Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Present: Councillors Mrs M Williams (Chairman of Committee), Mrs C Cunah (Chairman), Mr D Roberts (Vice Chairman) Mrs L Davies, Mr M Taylor, Mr J Mead, Mr B Hughes, Mr A Parsonage, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs E Oldham, Mrs J Tilston and Mr N Jones

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282. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

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283. Minutes

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284. To review any Matters Arising from the Minutes

Min 248/209/173/130 – Ian Williams has advised regarding Mill Garden improvements that due to the financial restraints of FCC they would not be able to offer match funding, but are willing to work with the Community Council to assist with the improvements.

RESOLVED: a site meeting will be co-ordinated with Mr I Williams, Cllrs Williams and Parsonage mid to late March.

Min 248/209/175 – Stuart Body will be holding another tree cutting morning on 8th February. Cllrs Parsonage and Arnold have confirmed they will be assisting again.

285. Play Areas

The Chair report that due to the demolition work at the Porch Lane garages (at present the only work seems to be the removal of the garage doors), the play area has been closed off.

286. Caergwrle Castle

- i. Members were provided with a copy of the meeting notes of the meeting held with the Castle Working Group and Flintshire Countryside Services on 26th January. The Chair reported that it had been a very constructive and positive meeting.

FSC are looking at options to update the noticeboards/signage and have also provided the original quotes for the replacement steps approx. £11,500 (quotes dated late 2021 and prices would now have increased). At present the steps are structurally safe but do look tired. Cadw were approached for a grant, but no response was received. Due to the cost, Cadw will be pursued for financial support.

- ii. The Chair reported that Cllr Arnold attending a meeting of the Flintshire Historical Society where one of the lectures was by Jo Lane who is the Project Officer for the Bailey Hill Project in Mold. It was very informative and they have offered to liaise with the council for support.

The meeting of the Committee began at 7.38pm and ended at 7.50pm

Chairman: 1st March 2023