

# Hope Community Council

## Minutes of the Virtual (Zoom) Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

**Present by Video:** Councillors Mrs C Olsen (Chairman), Mr H Manning, Mrs L Davies, Mrs M Williams, Mr B Hughes, Mrs C Cunnah, Mrs C Sheibani, Mrs J Hilton, Mrs S Waterhouse, Mr A Parry and Mr I Swain. Youth Representative Mr M Taylor.

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

### 255. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Roberts, R Parsonage and A Parsonage.

### 256. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Ian Swain had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which had been witnessed by the Clerk.

### 257. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

### 258. Chairman's Announcements

The Chair wished to welcome Cllr Swain as a member of the council and was sure that he would be an important part of the council in making a difference for our community.

### 259. Minutes of Council and Standing Committees

**RESOLVED:** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 and extraordinary Planning & Highways on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be approved as a correct record. In accordance with guidance from the Internal Auditor, it is acceptable for the minutes to be formally signed by way of an electronic signature from the Chairman.

### 260. Matters Arising

**Min 171(ii - g)** - A response from FCC was received and shared following the complaint submitted by the council due to FCC stating in the Decision Report that Hope Community Council had been re-consulted. Ref: 062952. Proposed Extension to form Parent Accommodation, addition of fence running adjacent to public footpath on land to South East of Yew Tree House. Yew Tree House, Stryt Isa, Hope.

**Min 248** – Cllr Parry advised that he has not yet received a response from FCC regarding their Footpath Strategy.

**Min 254** - FCC Planning have confirmed that the Noticeboard Planning Application Ref: 063994 has been withdrawn.

### 261. Public Questions/Correspondence

A question had been received in advance of the meeting and was shared with all members with regard to the condition of footpaths for wheelchair and mobility scooters. The Clerk reported that she had enquired with J.Wellstead, FCC whether any improvements were planned in the Safer Routes/Active Travel Scheme, to which she advised there would be improvements on the A550.

**RESOLVED:** the concerns have been noted and the council will endeavour to support as appropriate.

### 262. Meeting Date Change for May 2022

**RESOLVED:** Due to the elections being held on 5th May, the council meeting and AGM will be postponed until Wednesday 11th May.

### 263. Cenotaph Flag Application

The council received a Flag Application for the cenotaph, however, with this being a new process the group was unable to provide the 4 weeks notice as requested and as it was time sensitive a delegated decision

was taken by the four Chairs who approved the changing of flags. A copy of the application was shared with all members for information.

**RESOLVED:** the report was received and noted and the council supported the delegated decision to approve the application.

#### 264. FCCBeKindOnline Campaign

Correspondence had been received from FCC regarding the [#FCCBeKindOnline Campaign](#) which the council considered whether they wished to promotion the campaign.

**RESOLVED:** the council will promote the FCCBeKindOnline Campaign.

#### 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).

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

#### 266. Training

Details of upcoming OVW training courses was shared with all members.

**RESOLVED:** members to contact the Clerk with any training requirements.

#### 267. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- OVW & Planning Aid Wales Training Courses and events.
- Transport for Wales – Community Defibs.
- Police Report.
- Consultation on the draft Assessment of Well-being in Flintshire. Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
**RESOLVED:** this will be shared with all members to respond to individually and if members consider a full council response should be submitted an Extraordinary meeting will be arranged.
- Update on the Local Government Pay Claim 2021/22 which has been agreed at 1.75% to be backdated, however, the Clerk is waiting for the NALC Pay Scales and this will be included on the April agenda.

#### 268. Future Agenda Items

- No future agenda items requested.

### Finance

#### 269. Payments

To authorise accounts for payment up to and including 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

Payable To	Details	Amount
HSBC	Monthly Bank Fee	£5.99
One Voice Wales	Annual Membership	£677.00
Flintshire County Council	12x street light columns upgraded	£16,800.00
Janet Hilton	Members Allowance	£120.00
HMRC	Members Allowance	£30.00
Staffing Cost	Feb-22	£1,348.26
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£80.67

**RESOLVED:** The above payments be approved. In usual times the payment schedule would be formally signed by the Chairman of Finance and/or the Chairman of the Council & countersigned by two bank signatories, however, in accordance with guidance from the Internal Auditor as the Accounts for Payments are approved at the meeting & itemised within the minutes this will be accepted.

## Planning and Highways

### 270. Planning Applications

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

**RESOLVED:**

- a) [Ref: 064044](#). Remodeling of existing flat roof and proposed new single storey rear extension. Rose Cottage, Fagl Lane, Hope. **Supported.**
- b) [Ref: 064074](#). Erection of one detached dwelling. 39-41 High Street, Caergwrle. A letter was also received from the Planning Agent which was shared with all members. **Supported.**
- c) [Ref: 064072](#). Proposed erection of a two storey rear extension. 2 Goodwin Villas, Stryt Isa, Hope. **Approved**
- d) [Ref: 064077](#). Erection of three new dwellings and associated access and landscaping. Laurel Grove, Hawarden Road, Caergwrle. **Objection due to over development.**
- e) [Ref: 063820](#). Erection of building and change of use of existing stable building for use as breeding kennels. Rhewl Cottage, Pentre Lane, Caergwrle. **AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. As the previous comments and concerns have been taken into consideration and the application amended, the council now support this application.**
- f) [Ref: 064133](#). Fell Spruce tree. Clevedon, 11 Hope Street, Caergwrle. **The council will be in support of the Tree Officers Report/decision.**

- ii. The following applications received which have been determined by Flintshire County Council.

- a) [Ref: 063737](#). Proposed Alterations & Extension. Keepers Cottage, Tir Y Fron Lane, Pontybodkin, Mold. **Approved**

### 271. Highway Matters

- i. Cllr Parry reported an incident of speeding and a 'hit and run' which involved a parked car on Hawarden Road Abermorddu (image shared). This highlights the speeding concerns along this road and the need for VAS signs as soon as possible. It was stated that FCC have confirmed that a VAS will be installed as part of the Safer Routes Scheme.
- ii. Cllr Waterhouse raised concern of possible encroachment of a newly installed fence along the Ash Path (Hawarden Road, Hope).

**RESOLVED:** The reports were received and noted and the concern of the fencing on the Ash Path will be raised with FCC Streetscene and Rights of Way.

## Leisure and Environment

### 272. Play Areas

Cllr Williams reported that she had not visited the play areas within the last month, however, reports have been made to FCC of an incident/damage to the slide on the Willows play area which has been resolved and also of a broken Willow tree.

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

### 273. Caergwrle Castle

- i. The information received from Cadw was shared with the solicitor and a meeting requested. No response received which has been followed up.
- ii. Details of the current and future works at the castle from FCS was shared with all members.

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

The meeting of the Council began at 6.30pm and ended at 7.25pm

Chairman: ..... 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022