

# Hope Community Council

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

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

**Also Present** Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer  
1x Member of the Public

### 322. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs C Cunnah (Chairman), Mrs E Oldham and Mrs J Tilston.

### 323. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

### 324. Police Report

The police had provided a written report which included:

2x ASB reports and 4x Dangerous dog reports.

### 325. Visitor – Ian Williams, FCC Streetscene

**RESOLVED:** Mr Williams was unable to attend the meeting.

### 326. Chairman’s Announcements

The Vice Chair wished to acknowledge the positive comments received from Mr I Papworth, FCC Standards Committee who attended and observed the March council meeting.

He had brought a copy of the villages Queen’s Coronation 1953 Booklet for members to view.

### 327. Minutes of Council

**RESOLVED:** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1st March 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 328. 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 – 1st March 2023
- ii. Leisure and Environment – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- iii. Finance – 1st March 2023

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

**Min 210** – the Clerk reported that the kiosk had been removed, however, information had come to light that the kiosk was being sold on Ebay. Immediate action was taken to have the sale removed from Ebay and FCC were contacted.

**RESOLVED:** an Extraordinary meeting has been called for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April to discuss this further and to consider options for the kiosk.

**Min 294** - Speed Checks – the police have been and while present there was no speeding. They will continue to keep this up and arrange further speed checks in due course.

**Min 299** – unfortunately due to the low confirmed attendance of organisations with it being a weekend event, the Outreach Event has had to be postponed and will be considered again at a later date.

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

- i. A resident has contacted the council regarding concerns of dangerous dogs. This has already been reported to the local PCSO's who have advised that a Community Protection Notice (warning) has been issued to person/s.

**RESOLVED:** this information will be passed onto the resident for their information.

- ii. An email has been received from Hope Dragons YFC regarding the closure of the Castell Alun Sports Centre. The council had also written to the Headmaster of Castell Alun to gain an understanding on their thoughts on the closure and to ask if there anything that the school can do/offer to accommodate existing users.

They advised they have worked with Aura in the short term to ensure the local sporting teams can complete their seasons. However, the longer term running of the facility is more problematic. If Aura an organisation with experience of the leisure industry operated at a significant financial loss, he doesn't see how a school would take on this responsibility. However, this decision would ultimately be made by the schools Governing Body.

A possible solution would be to establish a community charity based organisation with a constitution, business plan etc. He is happy to be involved in further talks after the exam season. Teaching and learning is their core and cannot let that be impacted by an alternative business.

It is understood that FCC and Aura are still in talks and it is also believed that there is a local resident who is making enquires.

Cllr Parsonage considers that a full size football pitch should be installed on the Willow playing fields.

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

- iii. An email has been received regarding the removal of the telephone kiosk.

**RESOLVED:** the Clerk will provide a response to the questions asked.

### 331. County Councillor Report

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

- i. **General enquiries** – regarding missed brown bin collection, parking and traffic issues, general Streetscene issues, anti-social behaviour and issues with biting dogs.

**Aura and Hope Sports Centre** - A local resident is currently liaising with both Aura and FCC with regard to the future use of the Sports Centre. They are also aware of other top level discussions which are on-going.

**Car Park Charges** - They understand that the roll out of car park charges across the County could be relatively slow. There are a number of unanswered queries regarding the position of Caergwrle Car Park. If a significant number of people are eligible to receive car park permits then the actual imposition of car park charges may not be financially viable.

- ii. **20 MPH issues** – <https://www.gov.wales/20mph-speed-limits>. Going by the number of emails and calls received regarding speeding, they imagine that many residents would actually welcome the speed limit of 20 mph. Apparently Welsh Government are permitting exceptions but it is quite apparent that an extremely good case, based on the guidance, has to be put forward. If any members of Hope Community Council have such a case, for any road in our area, they would welcome information about this and we would forward it to FCC.

**RESOLVED:** it was considered that the A550 (Hawarden Road, Hope) and A541 (Mold Road, Caergwrle) truck roads should remain as 30mph and will be shared with the County Councillors. A request will also be submitted for a survey to be undertaken to show the levels of pollution for vehicles travelling at 20mph in high gear as opposed to a vehicle travelling at 30mph in a low gear.

### 332. External Audit of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The External Audit has now been received back and a copy was provided to all members. There were no issues or recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 was received and approved. In accordance with The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and

Right to Inspect the Annual Return has been published on the website and noticeboards for a period of 14 days.

### 333. Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

- i. Supporting Statement (Appendix A1) was received and reviewed with no questions or issues raised.
- ii. a) The Clerk provided the Council with copies of the year end summary, budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation (Appendix A2-A4). The documents had been reviewed prior to the meeting and no issues were raised.  
b) 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.
- iii. The date for the Internal Audit is yet to be confirmed but is anticipated to be w/c 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### RESOLVED:

- i. The Supporting Statement was approved by the Council.
- ii. a) The year end budget/accounts were approved by the Council and signed by Cllr Parsonage.  
b) The requirement to undertake regular checks of standing data with suppliers will be completed by Cllr J Mead electronically.
- iii. The report was received and noted. The Clerk will ensure all documents are prepared and submitted.

### 334. Kings Coronation

- i. The council received and reviewed all grant applications received for the Kings Coronation.
- ii. The council was asked to consider whether they will purchase and fly flags to commemorate the Kings Coronation?

It was considered that the budget would be better utilised on the community events. Cllrs Parsonage and Jones will make enquires for bunting.

#### RESOLVED:

- i. The following Kings Coronation Grants were approved and will be manually included on the April payment schedule.

Ysgol Estyn Home School Association	£400
1 <sup>st</sup> Caergwrle Girls Brigade	£250
Hope Preschool	£100
1 <sup>st</sup> Hope Scouts	£100
Pontblyddyn Cricket Club	£150

- ii. Cllrs Parsonage and Jones will make enquires for bunting.

### 335. Councillor Identification Badges

Previously, councillors have been provided with photo ID badges which have now expired. There are still 9 in credit with Total ID, and the minimum order for additional one is 15 at a cost of £93.75+vat.

There were some members who expressed a desire to have these and would use them when attending meetings etc, whilst others considered they would not be used.

**RESOLVED:** as there are 9x credits remaining, any members who wish to have an updated ID badge will contact the clerk. At this time Cllrs Williams, Davies and Roberts have requested one.

### 336. Defibrillator

- i. Following recent enquires regarding the inspection of the defibrillator, a resident Mr J Davies has volunteered to undertake monthly inspection, but at a minimum every 3 months, and provide a report to the council. This will then be updated on The Circuit (defib website).

Cllr Bowgett and the Clerk will make arrangements to meet with Mr Davies and act as back up inspectors should it be needed.

- ii. Replacement battery and pads are due to be replaced every 5 years. Following the recent inspection, the battery expires March 2027 and the pads September 2023. Currently these are free of charge through Wales Ambulance service. Standard pads (top and bottom pads) are currently free of charge (but if this changes they are £30), but there is an option to purchase the more advance pads at £130.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. The council thanked Mr Davies for his volunteer role and a meeting will be co-ordinated with Cllr Bowgett and the Clerk.
- ii. Should pads be required to be purchased the council approved the standards pads.

**337. Flags & Flag Poles (cenotaph)**

- i. The council were asked to consider purchasing St David's Day Flags.
- ii. To report that the poles require cleaning and replacement ropes.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. The council will make enquires about costs of flags and the resident who raised the question will be asked if they would consider responsibility for the flags e.g storing and putting up and taking down.
- ii. Cllrs Parsonage and Jones will undertake the required maintenance and also a full inspection of the poles.

**338. 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.

**339. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- OVW & Planning Aid Wales Training Courses and events.
- OVW Membership Letter
- Feedback from FCC Standards Committee on Visits to T&CC.
- Open Space Society Letter
- Network Rail Safety Letter (copy of what has been sent to resident of LLwyn Alyn) – this was due to a report of someone running on the tracks.
- Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – Local Authority Appeal Letter
- Acknowledgment card from King Charles regarding the letter and Book of Condolence.
- An email from Virgin Money regarding a Volunteer Day, which has been passed to FCS.
- An email from Mercer regarding the LGPS to confirm they will be certifying the contributions as per the valuation report (e.g. a future service rate plus a deficit contributions).
- An email from WBRUA regarding the ongoing issues of Tfw on the Wrexham to Bidston line. Members commented that clarification on the times are required and how to pay for the tickets. Quite often it has been witnessed that there has been no conductor to take fares.

**RESOLVED:** the council will write to WBRUA in support of their statement and raise the about questions.

**340. Future Agenda Items**

- No future agenda items were requested.

The meeting of the Council began at 6.30pm and ended at 7.45pm

Chairman: ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

# Hope Community Council

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

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

**Also Present:** Mrs S Hughes Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer  
1x Member of the Public

### 341. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Cunnah, E Oldham and J Tilston.

### 342. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

### 343. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1st March 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

**Min 308** – following the March meeting a copy of the OVW Membership letter was shared with all members via emails and a copy included with this agenda pack. The Clerk advised that she is in support of OVW and receives a significant amount of invaluable information e.g changes in legislation, advice, guidance - LG Elections Act Wales, Training Plans, S6 Report, Annual Reports.

**\*\*7.45pm** Member of the Public arrived.

### 345. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Members reviewed the [IRPW 2023/24](#) Annual Report in conjunction with the [IRPW 2022/23](#) Annual Report and considered which of the Panel's determinations to adopt for 2023/24.

As the council is in Group 4 (Electorate 1,000 to 4,999), the following is applicable for consideration:

<b>Group 4</b>	<b>Electorate 1,000 to 4,999</b>
Det (4) Extra Costs Payment	Mandatory for all members
Det (43) Cost of Care or Personal Assistance	Mandatory for all members
Det (45) Senior Role	Optional up to 3 members
Det (46/47) Travel and Subsistence	Optional
Det (48) Financial Loss	Optional
Det (49) Attendance Allowance	Optional
Det (50) Mayor or Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £1,500
Det (51) Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair	Optional - Up to a maximum of £500

It was questioned whether the consumable payment (within Det 4) would be paid via payroll and therefore incur tax & ni? The Clerk advised that since the IRPW introduce payments to members, this has always been a grey area and various councils operate differently. Currently payments are made via payroll.

The Clerk did raise that the council needs to make an inclusion to the Attendance Allowance Scheme with regard to reimbursement for any over payments.

**RESOLVED:** for 2023/24 the council will adopt Determination 4 of the 2023/24 IRPW Report and Determination 43, 45-51 of the 2022/23 IRPW Report.

The council approved that future IRPW payments are no longer be paid via payroll and that it will be the responsibility of all members to declare such payments to HMRC.

The Attendance Allowance Scheme will be updated accordingly and presented at the May council meeting.

- With regard to Det 45 – Senior Role Payment, this will be applicable to the Chair of the Committees (Planning & Highways, Leisure & Environment and Finance)
- With regard to Det 49 – Attendance Allowance, the sum was approved at £20 for each qualifying

event. Please refer to the separate Attendance Allowance Scheme.

- Payments will be made to members at the end of the financial year February or March.
- Payments will be as one lump sum, including the Extra Cost Payment for consumables.
- As payments will be made at the end of the financial year it should reduce the requirement to recover any payments made to a member who leaves their role during the financial year.
- Should a member leave part way through a year, a pro rata payment will be made.
- Payments will be paid directly to the members via bacs or cheque and it will be the individual's responsibility to declare any such payments to HMRC.

### 346. Payments

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

<b>Payable to</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
HSBC	Monthly Bank Fee (Jan-Feb)	£5.40
Flintshire County Council	Willows Play Area Improvements - match funding	£13,000.00
Flintshire County Council	Street Light - VAT on Street Lighting (backdated 4yrs)	£6,659.92
Flintshire County Council	Street Light - Maintenance Repairs (sarn lane)	£474.00
Staffing Cost	Mar-23	£1,491.76
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Postage, Equipment, Travel etc	£43.87
Mrs S Hughes	Reimbursement - Mobile Phone & equipment	£10.00
Avow	Payroll Charges Jan - March 2023 (& yr end)	£62.85
Audit Wales	2021/22 External Audit	£200.00
HSBC	Monthly Bank Fee (Feb-March)	£5.00
Flintshire County Council	Street Light - VAT on Street Lighting (backdated)	£118.50
Ysgol Estyn Home School Association	Kings Coronation Event Grant	£400
1 <sup>st</sup> Caergwrle Girls Brigade	Kings Coronation Event Grant	£250
Hope Preschool	Kings Coronation Event Grant	£100
1 <sup>st</sup> Hope Scouts	Kings Coronation Event Grant	£100
Pontblyddyn Cricket Club	Kings Coronation Event Grant	£150

**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.

\*\*8.00pm Member of the public left the meeting.

The meeting of the Committee began at 7.45pm and ended 8.00pm

Chairman: ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

# Hope Community Council

## Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee (Multi Location) Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

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

### 347. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Cunnah, E Oldham and J Tilston.

### 348. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

### 349. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1st March 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no matters arising.

### 351. Planning Applications

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

**RESOLVED:**

- a) [FUL/000205/23](#). Erection of a two & a half storey side extension with dormer window to the front elevation, roof lights and in-roof solar panels to rear. Bryn Ffynnon Farm, Bryn Yorkin Lane, Caergwrle. **Supported**
- 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. **Supported**
- c) [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. **Supported**

ii. Applications received which have been determined by Flintshire County Council.

- a) [FUL/000683/22](#). Front and rear extension, loft conversion and garage extended. Sunnyside, Kiln Lane, Hope. **Approved**

### 352. CCTV and Lighting at Hope Station

- i. Ownership and responsibility for the lights that run the pathway from Sarn Lane to Fagl Lane are with Transport for Wales. They will now be arranging a site meeting with FCC as they need to access the electricity box and will review all lights.
- ii. The council has previously agreed in principle and budgeted for a CCTV to be installed in this location and members considered various suitable options and whether it was required at this time.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. This will be monitored to ensure the work is undertaken.
- ii. At this time no additional CCTV will be installed, but it will be kept under review.

### 353. Highway Matters

- i. Speeding on Gresford Road - An email was received last month regarding the speed limits on Gresford Road and deaths of animals (road from Llay is a 40mph, to a 50mph, back down to 40mph, up to 60mph and then back down again to 40mph). It is the 60mph part of the road where they have concerns and wishes to propose this part of the road, once changed to 40mph at Caer Estyn junction, is kept at 40mph.

Whilst it was appreciated that this road does have varying speed limits, the speed limits are set by Welsh Government and therefore the Community Council does not have any jurisdiction. Unfortunately, even if it was reduced to 40mph, it was considered that this would still have fatal consequences for animals if stuck by a vehicle.

ii. Nothing further to report.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. As the limits are set by Welsh Government and therefore the Community Council does not have any jurisdiction, no further action will be taken at this time.

The meeting of the Committee began at 8.00pm and ended at 8.20pm

Chairman: ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023



# Hope Community Council

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

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

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

### 354. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Cunnah, E Oldham and J Tilston.

### 355. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

### 356. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1st March 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

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

There were no matters arising.

### 358. Play Areas

- i. Willows Play Area - During a site visit with the Cllr Williams and Richard Roberts, it was identified that the surfacing under the current roundabout required replacing. A cost has been provided by RR at £4222 and he has confirmed that this could be match funded.

The Clerk reported that the council has a total budget of £25,000 for improvements to the Willows (£10k from 2021/22 and £13k 2022/23 and £2k playscheme unused). The improvements excluding the above has been invoiced at £13k. We are still awaiting quote for the fencing.

Cllr Jones reported that Green Spaces Wales have been to the Willows assessing all trees and a report will be submitted to FCC.

- ii. As mentioned under Min 330, Cllr Parsonage considers that the Willows could afford to accommodate a full size football pitch and would like to investigate this further. Cllr Williams advised that an initial meeting would be required with FCC Streetscene and Rachel Davies, FCC Contaminated Land Officer.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i. The council approved the additional resurfacing works which will be match funded by FCC.
- ii. The council approved for Cllrs Parsonage and Williams to investigate further the options for a full sized football pitch on the Willows playing fields.

### 359. Caergwrle Castle

The Interpretation Boards are in the process of being produced and it is anticipated they will be installed later this month. Date to be confirmed.

**RESOLVED:** the report was received and noted. A Castle working Group meeting will be co-ordinated.

### 360. Old Mill Garden Improvements

Cllrs Williams and Parsonage were due to meet with Ian Williams, but unfortunately, Mr Williams was unable to attend. Cllr Williams reported that the wall does require lifting to prevent flooding of the pathway; possibly installation of railings; Natural Resources Wales needs informing that the salmon ladder needs clearing and their noticeboard needs attention.

The Clerk added that Ian Williams has advised that he attended site with his Manager to review the area and will be happy to discuss further when he returns to work.

**RESOLVED:** the council will write to Natural Resources Wales to inform that of the salmon ladder which needs clearing and that their noticeboard needs attention.

The meeting of the Committee began at 8.20pm and ended at 8.36pm

Chairman: ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**  
**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**Assets**

	<b>Cost</b>
<b>(a) During the year the following assets were purchased:</b>	
5 x Bracket Christmas Lights	£1683.60
1 x CCTV camera (replacement)	£2302.80
Ipad for CCTV (50% shared with Penyffordd Council)	£442.00
Council Mobile Phone	£74.99
<b>(b) During the year assets were disposed of:</b>	
1 x CCTV camera (Caergwrle)	£2180.50
1 x CCTV Laptop	£521.67
<b>(c) At 31 March 2023 the following assets were held:</b>	
Community assets	
Land off High Street, Caergwrle (play area)- Queensway play area	£49,004.41
Skate Ramp at Willows Play Area	£71,027.26
Site of Caergwrle Castle	-
Planted area at junction of Hawarden Road/Gresford Road Hope	
Other Fixed Assets	
Street furniture	
- public benches x 11	£5946.01
- bus shelters x 1	£2222.97
- notice boards x 2	£954.81
- Millennium maps x 3	£3260.02
- streetlights x 128(*)	£70400.00
- 45 x Bracket Xmas lights	£12683.97
- 4 x CCTV cameras (inc Ipad)	£9789.57
- 1 x Defibrillator, Cabinet & 3x Signs	£2110.11
- Red Telephone Kiosk	£2185.45
Office equipment (laptop)	£501.79
Chain of Office	£3939.58
Honours board	£637.60
	<b>£234,663.55</b>

The basis of valuation of these assets is replacement value, excluding (\*) which is based on audit valuation only.

**Borrowings**

At the close of business on 31 March 2023 there were no outstanding loans

**Leases**

At 31 March 2023 there was the following lease in operation:

- Photocopier lease with Canda Copying Ltd - £160 pa

## Tenancies

During the year the following tenancies were held:

*Council as tenant*

<i>Tenant</i>	<i>Property</i>	<i>Rent pa</i>	<i>Repairing/non Repairing</i>
Hope CC	Land at Queensway Hope	£59.33 plus inflation	Repairing.

## Debt Outstanding

At the year end there was a total debt of £9601.24:

- £5151.24 - VAT Refund and is less than 3 months old.
- £4450.00 Cadw contributions for Management Costs of Caergwrle Castle and is less than 3 months old

## S137 Payments

S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Community Councils to spend up to the product of £8.82 per head of electorate (approx. 3307) for the benefit of the people of the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. The limit for this Council in the year ended 31 March 2023 was approx. £9167.74 and the payments are set out as follows:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Nature of Payment</b>	<b>£</b>
Mrs S Hughes	Gift Vouchers - Queens Jubilee Competition	£120.00
Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath	£50.00
1st Hope Brownies	Grant	£400.00
1st Hope Rainbows	Grant	£400.00
1st Hope Scout Cubs	Grant	£400.00
1st Hope Scouts	Grant	£400.00
Caergwrle Social Club	Grant	£500.00
Castell Alun Friends Assoc	Grant	£200.00
Hope Pre-school playgroup	Grant	£200.00
Samaritans	Grant	£50.00
Nightingale House Wrexham	Grant	£200.00
		<b>£2920.00</b>

## Agency Work

During the year the Council undertook no agency work.

## Advertising and Publicity

No costs were incurred during the year.

## Pensions

Clwyd Pension Fund - Employees were offered the Local Government Pension Scheme 2016/17.

Updated: 23.03.2023

Hope Community Council - Summary Accounts			
2022/23 Financial Year			
<b>Income</b>			
	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Precept	113,155.00	113,155.00	0.00
Bank Interest	554.49	13.00	541.49
Refunds/Other (inc Match Funding)	35.00	10,000.00	-9,965.00
CADW - Castle Maintenance Grant	0.00	4,450.00	-4,450.00
VAT Refund	6,892.16	6,892.16	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,636.65</b>	<b>134,510.16</b>	<b>-13,873.51</b>

**Expenditure**

	Actual	Agreed Spend	Balance
Leisure & Environment	8,117.68	23,450.00	15,332.32
Planning & Highways	17,537.93	46,580.00	29,042.07
Finance & General Admin	35,761.35	41,705.00	5,943.65
<b>Reserves</b>			
Reserved - 20/21 playscheme to be spent on youth	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Reserved - Caergwrlle Castle (grant)	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Reserved - Caergwrlle Castle	4,176.00	22,933.00	18,757.00
Reserved - Willow or Porch Lane Match Funding (2021)	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Reserved - Street Lighting	11,700.00	25,804.65	14,104.65
Reserved - VE Celebration/Community Celebration	120.00	750.00	630.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,412.96</b>	<b>178,222.65</b>	<b>100,809.69</b>

**Current Summary**

Bank Balance as at 31 March 2022	102,806.47
Total Expenditure	77,412.96
Total Income	120,636.65
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>146,030.16</b>
<b>VAT Costs for 2022/23 Financial Year</b>	<b>5,151.24</b>

**Year End Summary**

Balance c/f as at 31 March 2022	102,806.47
Receipts (Income) for 2022/23	120,636.65
Total Receipts	223,443.12
Total Expenditure	77,412.96
<b>Gross Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>146,030.16</b>
Reserved - Caergwrlle Castle (grant)	5,000.00
Reserved - Caergwrlle Castle	18,757.00
Reserved - Street Lighting	42,074.00
Reserved - Willow or Porch Lane Match Funding (2021)	25,000.00
Reserved - 20/21 playscheme to be spent on youth	0.00
Reserved - VE Celebration/Community Celebration	0.00
<b>Net Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>55,199.160</b>

<b>HOPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23</b>					
<b>Committee/Budget Heading</b>	<b>Budget 2022-23</b>	<b>Actual to Date</b>	<b>Available</b>		
<b>Leisure and Environment Committee</b>					
Summer play scheme/Youth	£2,200.00	£1,540.00	£660.00		Scheme was funded
Environ imp/plygrnd	£15,000.00	£1,189.68	£13,810.32		Inv due April 23
Caergwrlle Castle	£3,500.00	£5,088.00	-£1,588.00		Over due to storm damage repairs
Community Competitions/Engagement	£750.00	£300.00	£450.00		
Village Improvements	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00		
<b>L &amp; E Reserves</b>					
Unspent Playscheme Youth Provision (20/21)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00		Unspent & to be removed
Caergwrlle Castle (grant)	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00		Will be c/f
Caergwrlle Castle	£22,933.00	£4,176.00	£18,757.00		Will be c/f
Willow or Porch Lane Match Funding (21/22)	£10,000.00	£0.00	£10,000.00		Will be paid before yr end
<b>Total</b>	<b>£63,383.00</b>	<b>£12,293.68</b>	<b>£51,089.32</b>		
<b>Planning and Highways Committee</b>					
Bus shelters	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00		
Street lighting – supply	£3,580.00	£3,043.03	£536.97		
Street lighting – maint (inspections & repairs)	£30,300.00	£2,330.50	£27,969.50		Delayed due to FCC. Will be c/f
Christmas lights	£8,000.00	£8,427.60	-£427.60		Over due to VAT which will be claimed
CCTV Cameras	£1,000.00	£3,736.80	-£2,736.80		Over due to replacement camera
Road & Highway Improvements	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00		Not spent and will be removed
<b>P &amp; H Reserves</b>					
P&H Misc/Reserved - Street Light Upgrade	£25,804.65	£11,700.00	£14,104.65		Delayed due to FCC. Will be c/f
<b>Total</b>	<b>£72,384.65</b>	<b>£29,237.93</b>	<b>£43,146.72</b>		
<b>Finance Committee</b>					
Salaries and N.I. (& payroll fees)	£13,500.00	£14,797.00	-£1,297.00		
Pension/gratuity	£2,160.00	£2,232.06	-£72.06		
Expenses - Clerk Travel (Gen Admin)	£200.00	£211.98	-£11.98		
Bank Fees (NEW)	£80.00	£61.20	£18.80		
Audit fees (Gen Admin)	£790.00	£560.00	£230.00		Awaiting external audit
Chain / honours board (Gen Admin)	£100.00	£126.00	-£26.00		
Stationery & equipment (Gen Admin)	£450.00	£522.90	-£72.90		
Computer, Maint, Hosting, Emails & GDPR(Gen Admin)	£950.00	£1,768.66	-£818.66		over as only increase by £100 and not £1000
Postage (NEW)	£220.00	£170.74	£49.26		
Insurance (Gen Admin)	£1,350.00	£1,376.54	-£26.54		
Subscriptions (Gen Admin)	£780.00	£845.00	-£65.00		
Photocopier (Gen Admin)	£250.00	£193.68	£56.32		
Election expenses	£5,000.00	£406.58	£4,593.42		Election uncontested
Office costs (Gen Admin)	£1,475.00	£1,554.71	-£79.71		
Grants	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£0.00		
Chairman's allowance/Cllr Exp	£6,700.00	£6,687.80	£12.20		
Council website (Gen Admin)	£200.00	£84.00	£116.00		
Training	£2,250.00	£162.50	£2,087.50		
Noticeboard/Millennium Maps	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00		
Defib	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00		
Working Balance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
<b>Finance Reserves</b>					
Reserves for Village Celebration (VE Day)	£750.00	£120.00	£630.00		Will spent - Jubilee celebrations cancelled
<b>Total</b>	<b>£42,455.00</b>	<b>£35,881.35</b>	<b>£6,573.65</b>		
<b>Summary</b>					
Leisure and environment	£63,383.00	£12,293.68	£51,089.32		
Planning and Highways	£72,384.65	£29,237.93	£43,146.72		
Finance	£42,455.00	£35,881.35	£6,573.65		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£178,222.65</b>	<b>£77,412.96</b>	<b>£100,809.69</b>		
** All above figures include VAT which will be reclaimed					

Finance Committee - Yr End Budget Review as at 31 March 2023					
Current Acc Bal B/f					14,644.69
Date Cashed	Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount	Unpresented Chq/Payment
					£0.00
				<b>Total</b>	
Actual Balance Carried Forward				14,644.69	£0.00
					<b>£14,644.69 Bank Statement Balance</b>
					131,385.47
Deposit Acc Bal B/f			Details	Amount	
Date	Type				
				<b>Total</b>	
Balance Carried Forward				131,385.47	
<b>Total Balance of All Accounts</b>				<b>146,030.16</b>	<b>£131,385.47 Bank Statement Balance</b>
					<b>£146,030.16 Total Balance inc Unpaid Chqs</b>

Hope Community Council

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## Account overview

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Account	Balance
40-16-01 11084046 Bmm Account - Hope Cc	GBP 0.00 <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">➤</span>
40-16-01 31082426 Charitable - Hope C C	GBP 14,644.69 <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">➤</span>
40-16-01 51084054 Bmm Account - Hope Cc	GBP 131,385.47 <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">➤</span>