

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Hope Community Council held at
the Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope on
Wednesday 7 October 2015.**

Present:

Councillor Mrs SL Davies, (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, P Evans, B Hughes, A Parry, EA Parsonage, C Shone, IR Sumpter and Mrs A Williams.

Also present Mr AF Rushton, Clerk and Financial Officer.

110. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs J Lucy, PR Pemberton, P Smith and Mrs MD Williams. The Clerk reported that Councillor Smith's father-in-law had recently passed away. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Councillor and Mrs Smith

111. Chairman's Announcements.

There were no Chairman's announcements.

112. Visitors to Meeting.

(i) PCSO Emma Owen attended the meeting in place of PCSO Andrea Ellis to update Councillors on recent police activity in the area. She undertook to report certain matters raised to her colleague.

(ii) The Chairman introduced Mr Graham Hughes Headmaster Castell Alun High School who had requested to attend the meeting to update Councillors on what was happening within the school campus including the library given the current pressures on County Council finances.

Mr Hughes advised that the school had been in negotiation with the County Council with a view to taking a lead in running the library and was hopeful that this service could be used by the community for approximately 9 hours per week mornings only. If the community wished to become involved with extending those hours through voluntary or other means the school would be willing to absorb the running costs such as heating, lighting, cleaning etc. This was a facility which was clearly beneficial to the school and the wider community. It offered work experience opportunities for the senior students and access to County library book stocks would continue to be available.

Councillors expressed unanimous support in principle for seeking to continue to operate the library on some form of voluntary basis and agreed that the practicalities of this be discussed further at the next Council meeting. The Clerk was also asked to investigate any insurance issues involved.

Councillors also raised the issue of traffic congestion around the school site during the busy morning and afternoon periods. Mr Hughes agreed that the situation was potentially dangerous and would welcome any suggestions for improvement. The bottom line was that there was inadequate parking provision within the school site which resulted in an overflow of vehicles onto local highways.

The Clerk advised that he had raised this issue with Streetscene one of whose senior officers had been asked to carry out a study for further discussion. The Clerk would chase this up.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hughes for his attendance and he in turn extended an invitation Councillors to visit the school if they so wished.

113. Minutes of Council.

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 September 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed, by the Chairman.

114. Matters Arising.

(i) Park In the Past Site Visit – The Clerk reminded Councillors of this site visit to take place on Monday 12 October 2015.

(ii) Community Boundary Review – The Clerk reported having received the Boundary Review proposals from the Boundary Commission for Wales setting out the proposed change to the Hope Community Council boundary. This involved the transfer of ten properties in the vicinity of Highfields, Springfield Farm and Paddock Farm, Wrexham Road to Penyffordd Community Council on the grounds that these properties have more affinity with the village of Penyffordd. The Community Council had been previously consulted on this proposal and offered no objection. Further representations on the proposal now submitted could be made by no later than 10 November 2015.

Resolved:

that the above proposal be noted and that no representation be made.

115. Minutes of Committees.

Resolved:

that the minutes of the following standing committees be approved and adopted and confirmed as a correct record:

- (i) Planning and Highways – 2 September 2015.
- (ii) Leisure and Environment – 2 September 2015.
- (iii) Finance – 2 September 2015.

116. Police and Crime Commissioner – Community Awards.

The Clerk reported receipt of an email from the Police and Crime Commissioner seeking nominations for a ‘People’s Award’ to recognise the work and achievements of members of the community who have made a significant contribution towards community safety and crime prevention. An online form was available for completion and return to the Commissioner at Police HQ Glan-y-Don Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW.

117. Toilet Twinning Town Accreditation.

The Clerk reported an email from the Reverend Adam Pawley explaining the concept of ‘toilet twinning’ whereby local communities in the UK can raise £60 to build a toilet in the

developing world. In return the local community receives a framed photograph of the loo together with GPS coordinates so that it can be viewed on Google maps. The Churches harvest project is raising funds for this as is Ysgol Estyn. If a certain number of local businesses and the local community council sign up then the village can be awarded 'toilet twinning town accreditation'. The Clerk advised that under S137 powers grants could only be made for the benefit of the local community and that contributing towards a project abroad would not qualify.

Resolved:
that no action be taken in this matter.

118. Commemorative Bench Play Area Crossways Abermorddu (Late Councillor Stella Jones).

It was agreed that this item be discussed on the Environment and Leisure agenda. (see minute no. 131).

119. Streetscene Responses to Public.

In the absence of Councillor Mrs MD Williams it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

120. Future Agenda Items.

(i) County Library Hope – To discuss the practicalities of operating this facility on a voluntary basis.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee
held at the Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope on
Wednesday 7 October 2015.

Present:

Councillor C Shone, (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, Mrs SL Davies, P Evans, B Hughes, A Parry, EA Parsonage and IR Sumpter.

Also present Mr AF Rushton, Clerk and Financial Officer.

121. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs J Lucy, PR Pemberton, P Smith, Mrs A Williams and Mrs MD Williams.

122. Minutes.

Resolved:

that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 2 September 2015.

123. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

124. Planning Applications.

(a) The Committee considered planning applications received as follows:

(i) Application ADW/054099 – Change of use and erection of shed for use for dog grooming, treatment and boarding purposes at Cae Mefys Hawarden Road Caergwrle.

(ii) Application LEJ/054191 – Erection of 1 dwelling on land adjacent to Prospect House Stryt Isa Hope.

(iii) Application JZF/054218 – Erection of double garage at Ty Newydd Hawarden Road Caergwrle.

(iv) Application LEJ/054229 – Erection of detached garage store at Estyn Lodge Lower Mountain Road Hope.

Resolved:

that the above applications be supported with the observation that with regard to application LEJ/054191 careful consideration be given to access requirements.

(b) Applications which had been determined by Flintshire County Council were reported as follows:

(i) Alterations and Extensions to dwelling at 22 Windsor Avenue Caergwrle – refused.

(ii) Construction of 500mm raised external seating area at the Bridge Inn Hawarden Road Hope – approved.

125. Local Development Plan.

The Committee considered the settlement survey prepared by the County Planning Officer a copy of which was enclosed with the agenda. Councillors were invited to review the information contained in the survey making comments as necessary. Councillors commented that the document could have been better researched.

Resolved:

that the following list of comments be submitted to the County Council:

(a) Leisure and recreation facilities – add

- Castle hill public open space
- Waen y Llyn (Hope Mountain) country park
- Rhyddyn Hill public open space
- Youth Club Caergwrle
- Boys' Brigade Castle Street

(b) Play facilities – add

- Queensway play area

(c) Doctors surgery – add

- Hawarden Road Hope

(d) Places of worship – add

- Methodist Chapel Caergwrle
- Presbyterian Chapel Caergwrle

(e) Public house/club/restaurant – add

- Bridge Inn Hope
- Social club Caergwrle

(f) Employment opportunities – add

- small industrial units Derby Park Hawarden Road between Hope and Penyffordd

* There is no library in Caergwrle – the only library is on the Castell Alun campus in Hope

126. Highways Matters.

(i) Parking issues Fagl Lane Hope – The Clerk reported that as requested he had contacted the County Council expressing this Council's concerns with a view to having further discussions

on this matter. The County had responded by stating that the Area Streetscene Manager (Mark Middleton) had been asked to carry out a study of the area and make some recommendations for consideration. This matter had been discussed earlier with Mr Graham Hughes and would be pursued with the County.

(ii) Proposed 40mph speed limit (A550 Hope to Penyffordd)(De-restricted amendment Order – The Clerk reported that the Order relating to this speed limit review had now been publicised and would continue through the legal process.

Resolved:

that the above be noted.

(iii) Preparations for the coming winter – The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Flintshire County Council once again setting out the arrangements for winter gritting. The Community Council was also being asked if any organisations required a snow clearing kit and if so the address to which it should be delivered.

Resolved:

that the above letter be noted and that a snow clearing kit be delivered to Councillor P Evans to enable the local scouts to participate in snow clearance as required. The Clerk also undertook to check on the insurance position with regard to participants.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee
held at the Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope on
Wednesday 7 October 2015.

Present:

Councillor Mrs SL Davies, (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs C Cunnah, P Evans, B Hughes, A Parry, EA Parsonage, C Shone and IR Sumpter
Also present Mr AF Rushton, Clerk and Financial Officer.

127. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs J Lucy, PR Pemberton, P Smith, Mrs A Williams and Mrs MD Williams.

128. Minutes.

Resolved:

that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 2 September 2015.

129. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

130. Willow Playingfield.

The Clerk reported that the County Council was meeting on site with the successful contractor the following day to programme the works for the skatepark. It was hoped that installation would take place during November subject to weather conditions.

Councillor Parsonage asked if when construction works were about to begin a meeting could be held to discuss where any spoil removed could be relocated within the Willow area.

Councillors were also concerned that the dog exercise area did not appear to be working as it was located some distance from the car park. The Clerk was asked to obtain a price for moving the existing fencing to a more suitable location.

Finally Councillors were informed that there had recently been a potentially dangerous horse riding incident on the Willow area and asked that the County Council be informed and requested to consider putting a suitable sign up prohibiting such activity.

Resolved:

that the Clerk contact the County Council as appropriate.

131. Play Area Crossways Abermorddu.

The Clerk reported that to provide a bench in commemoration of the late Councillor Stella Jones similar to that recently located at the Cenotaph would cost £458.87 excluding fitting. A recent telephone conversation with Mr Peter Guest of the Abermorddu residents group had

confirmed that they would be able to contribute at least £150 towards this. The Council had previously allocated £350 towards this and approval was now requested to proceed with the provision of this bench.

Confirmation had also been received from Flintshire County Council that the sum of £5000 had been allocated for match funding improvements to the Crossways play area. The Community Council set aside the sum of £5000 in 2014/15 together with a further sum of £5000 in the current financial year which would mean that combined with the County's £5000 this year there would be a total of £15000 to be spent on the area.

Resolved:

(i) that approval be granted to the provision of the commemorative bench at Crossways play area at an estimated cost to the Council of £350 (already allocated) to be combined with a contribution from the Abermorddu residents group.

(ii) that approval be granted to the match funding offer from Flintshire County Council of £5000 and that the County be advised that this Council will contribute a total of £10000 to this scheme.

132. Caergwrle Castle.

The Clerk reported report on a meeting held on 16 September 2015 concerning the future of Caergwrle Castle. A note of the meeting was circulated to all Councillors and it was noted that the next meeting of this interest group would be held on 18 November 2015 at 7.00pm at Heulwen Close Community Centre Hope. It was also noted that the Chairman of the Council would be meeting Mr Will Davies of CADW in the afternoon before the next Council meeting and that he would also be attending the Council meeting to talk about how the hill may be managed.

There had been a consensus at the above meeting that the top of the hill should be clearer than it was currently but it was acknowledged that any tree management needed to be planned in conjunction with Natural Resources Wales and CADW.

Resolved:

that the above report be received and noted and that the next meeting of the above group be changed to Wednesday 11 November at 7.00pm

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held at the
Community Centre, Heulwen Close, Hope on Wednesday
7 October 2015**

Present:

Councillor Mrs SL Davies, (Chairman) and Councillors C Cunnah, P Evans, B Hughes, A Parry, EA Parsonage, C Shone and IR Sumpter.
Also present Mr AF Rushton, Clerk and Financial Officer.

133. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs L Griffiths, Mrs J Lucy, PR Pemberton, P Smith, Mrs A Williams and Mrs MD Williams.

134. Minutes.

Resolved:

that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 2 September 2015.

135. Payments.

Resolved:

that the payments up to and including 7 October 2015, as attached to these minutes and in the total sum of £1287.73 be approved.

136. Duration of Meetings.

The meetings began at 6.30pm and ended at 8.05pm.