

HIGHER KINNERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE BLUE ROOM, KINNERTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY
13th OCTOBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 6.45 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr. G. Evans (Chairman), Cllr. Allport, Cllr. Dyson, Cllr. Upton, Cllr. Jessop, Cllr. A. Jones, Cllr. P. Jones (who arrived at 7.25 pm).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Eastwood and Jessica Pritchard (FCC) for street scene and community transport updates.

16.071 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / REASON GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Springett due to alternative commitments.

16.072 STREET SCENE UPDATE & UPDATE REGARDING COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

Mike Eastwood confirmed FCC could provide winter bedding plants if requested by HKCC and further confirmed FCC would have no objections to HKCC installing a shrub bed behind the railings on Bennetts Lane corner. FCC agreed to attend to the plant obstructing the pavement on Kirkett Avenue. It was agreed the bin which had been removed from outside the shop would not be replaced. FCC confirmed the bridge on Cuckoo Hill would be repaired week commencing 21/11/2016. FCC had ordered a sign to replace the damaged BKV sign. FCC advised repair work to lose patches of gravel on Bennetts Lane would be carried out imminently. Mike Eastwood left the meeting at 7.00 pm.

In relation to community transport, Cllr. Evans summarised previous discussions and proposals. Jessica Pritchard advised FCC now wished to progress a pilot scheme with HKCC to develop community based transport services with FCC providing and operating three mini buses with a team of dedicated FCC staff running a scheduled registered route which would allow the use of bus passes. It was resolved that a drop in event hosted by HKCC would be organised to assist with determining the routes and timetable. In the meantime, FCC agreed to clarify the extent to which any new routes could overlap with existing routes. Jessica Pritchard left the meeting at 7.20pm.

16.073 POLICE REPORT

There had one ASB incident in Cae Babylon during the preceding month. The Clerk agreed to report a parked car in the lay by on Lesters Lane which had not been moved for three days.

ACTIONS

Clerk	To report parked car in the lay by on Lesters Lane to the police.
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16.074 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No initial declarations of interest received.

16.075 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2016

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Upton and seconded by Cllr. Evans as a true record. All agreed.

16.076 UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Page 2 (16.066) – The Clerk agreed to chase FCC regarding installation of the VAS

Page 3 (16.068) – Cllr Jones had circulated link to page re Celebrate Wales grant

16.077 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Boundary Commission for Wales re constituency review which members duly noted.

16.078 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

- 1) RJH Print Services (October newsletter) - £180.00 - cheque number 001460 proposed by Cllr. Evans and seconded by Cllr. Allport. All agreed
- 2) Flintshire County Council (summer playscheme) - £1000.00 - cheque number 001461 proposed by Cllr. Evans and seconded by Cllr. Allport. All agreed.
- 3) D. Malley (payroll services) - £30.00 - cheque number 001462 proposed by Cllr. Evans and seconded by Cllr. Allport. All agreed.
- 4) E A Corner (expenses) - £54.52 - cheque number 001463 proposed by Cllr. Evans and seconded by Cllr. Allport. All agreed.

16.079- TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community

a) Bennett's Lane Improvements

Cllr. Upton circulated updated plans to be submitted with the planning application to replace fence panels on Bennetts Lane corner and agreed to email copies of the plans to the Clerk. The Clerk would then submit the planning application.

A quote in the sum of £638.00 plus VAT had been received from Dale Nursery for the construction and installation of a mixed shrub bed to be installed behind the notice board on Bennetts Lane corner with the price including shrubs, bulbs and maintenance. Following due consideration, members resolved to proceed with placing the order.

ACTIONS

Cllr. Upton	To email copies of Bennetts Lane corner plans to the Clerk.
Clerk	To place order with Dale Nursery for planter

b) Local Development Plan Meeting

Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Allport would be attending a meeting at FCC on 25.10.16. It was agreed the main issue to raise related to the failure of FCC to finalise the LDP within appropriate timescales rendering communities vulnerable to applications for speculative development. Members questioned the possibility of FCC acting negligently for failing to finalise the LDP. The Clerk agreed to chase Carl Sargeant AM and Mark Tami MP for a response to previous correspondence requesting their support with general opposition to applications for speculative development.

ACTIONS

Clerk	To chase Carl Sargeant AM and Mark Tami MP for a response to previous correspondence requesting their support with general opposition to applications for speculative development.
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c) Community Transport Discussion.

There was a general consensus that FCC's proposal outlined earlier in the meeting could be viable with proposed routes to reflect the survey analysis and to include access to hubs to facilitate access to other destinations. It was agreed Cllr. Evans, Cllr. Allport and Cllr. Dyson would produce a presentation for delivery at an drop in event to be held w/c 7th November in the village hall.

ACTIONS

Clerk	To book village hall for community transport drop in event
Cllr. Evans, Cllr. Allport & Cllr. Dyson	To produce a presentation for delivery at an drop in event

d) Christmas is Coming!

The Clerk had booked the village hall and Royal Buckley Brass band for Saturday 17th December and agreed to contact Nigel Parry regarding additional music and arrange for installation of the Christmas lights with FCC and Deeco lighting. Cllr. Allport agreed to arrange the alcohol licence, to source the mulled wine and to liaise with Cllr. Springett regarding Christmas light requirements. Cllr. Upton agreed to liaise with FCC regarding the possibility of additional sockets on the lighting columns on Main Road, outside Cae Babylon. The Clerk agreed to draft an article for the December newsletter regarding the Christmas event. The Clerk further agreed to book HKCC Christmas meal for Friday 16th December at the Royal Oak.

Regarding other community related updates, members agreed Cllr. Allport should proceed with ordering additional daffodil bulbs in the sum of £50.00. The HKCC cricket club had arranged to make any necessary repairs to the cricket net and weed killer had been applied to the astro turf. In the Community Orchard, one tree required replacement although several apples had been picked so far. Cllr. Jessop had replaced the football nets on MRRG and agreed to cut back the ivy at the base of the oak trees on MRRG. The Clerk agreed to clarify the quotation in the sum of £237.99 plus VAT received from Greenfingers as there appeared to be some confusion regarding which hedge they proposed cutting back. It was noted also that the permission of FCC would be required to cut back the hedge between the Scout Hut premises and MRRG. Members agreed to assist with cutting back the willow arch in the Park on a date to be agreed.

ACTIONS

Clerk	To contact Nigel Parry regarding additional music at Christmas event and arrange for installation of the Christmas lights with FCC and Deeco lighting & draft newsletter article
Cllr. Allport	To arrange the alcohol licence, to source the mulled wine and to liaise with Cllr. Springett regarding Christmas light requirements.
Cllr. Upton	To liaise with FCC regarding the possibility of additional sockets on the lighting columns outside Cae Babylon.
Clerk	To book HKCC Christmas meal for Friday 16 th December at the Royal Oak.
Cllr. Allport	To purchase daffodil bulbs
Clerk	To clarify Greenfingers quotation and contact FCC re hedge cutting proposals
All	To assist with cutting back willow arch

Commerce – The Clerk had circulated the Quarter 2 Budget update previously with the agenda papers. Members proceeded to review the budget figures, expenditure to date, percentage expenditure to date based on estimated total at year end together with the income figures and reserves and balances. The Clerk agreed to verify with FCC in which financial year any election costs might be incurred. Otherwise members noted the budget was on track. It was agreed the next review would be scheduled for December with a meeting of the Finance Committee to be arranged to review the long term budget proposals and precept for 2016/17 which would be determined by full Council in January 2017.

As regards the S106 monies, the Clerk, Cllr. Jessop and Cllr. Evans had reviewed the figures received from FCC with Cllr. Jessop undertaking a more detailed analysis. Cllr. Jessop advised that whilst all the monies had been spent and therefore there was no risk of claw back by the developer, there were a number of anomalies with the figures which FCC had been asked to clarify.

The Clerk advised members of the updates to the Financial Regulations which had been received from One Voice Wales. HKCC's Financial Regulations had been duly updated by the Clerk which members unanimously agreed to adopt.

Communication – Cllr. Jessop and Cllr. Upon had met with the previous website administrator and owner of the website host for HKCC. It was noted all required transitions to the new website and access issues resolved with the exception of formally transferring the website host ownership which required the witnessing of signatures in the presence of a notary public. The Clerk agreed to progress the necessary arrangements.

ACTIONS

Clerk	To progress the necessary arrangements to formalise website host ownership transfer
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Planning – members noted Elan Homes had submitted an appeal against the refusal of planning permission to erect 56 homes on land off Kinnerton Lane. The Clerk agreed to persist with contacting FCC to establish the details of the appeal.

16.080 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. Evans had attended the BKV presentation evening at FCC which has also been attended by pupils from Ysgol Derwen who had accepted a prize awarded to the school. The certificates awarded to HKCC were passed to the Clerk for safekeeping. Members noted the clock on the Old School was in a state of disrepair and agreed the Clerk should contact the owner regarding refurbishment with assistance from HKCC subject to members agreeing any expenditure.

Cllr. Evans and Cllr. Allport would be attending the Village Hall AGM on 20th October and agreed to raise the issue of securing broadband provision for the village hall in line with a recent offer from Vodafone.

ACTIONS

Clerk	To contact the owner of the Old School House regarding refurbishment of the clock with assistance from HKCC subject to members agreeing any expenditure
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16.081 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Allport had attended the recent OVW meeting during which the OVW representative for FCC LDP issues had been appointed. It had been confirmed that the 2015/16 external audit for town and community councils would focus on payroll, complaints policies and members' code of conduct.

Cllr. Jessop and Cllr. Upton had recently attended a OVW training course entitled "Understanding the Law" where it had been suggested that co-opted members were not empowered to invoke the provisions of S137 of the Local Government Act. The Clerk had followed up this suggestion and taken legal advice from OVW who had confirmed both elected and co-opted members were equally empowered to invoke powers under S137.

Cllr. Jessop raised the revised newsletter format which members unanimously agreed was an improvement.

16.082 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Allport advised the Scout Group had recently been informed that business rate relief would be reduced from April 2017 resulting in a potential cost increase of £500.00 and advised he would be raising the matter with Arnold Woolley of the Scout Group.

Cllr. Allport informed members of on-going issues with accessing the Watery Lane/Stringers Lane bridal way. It was agreed the Clerk would contact FCC to arrange a site meeting.

Cllr. Upton noted parking issues outside the school had deteriorated again. The Clerk agreed to chase FCC again for a decision regarding the proposed parking restrictions.

ACTIONS

Clerk	To contact FCC to arrange a site meeting re Watery Lane/Stringers Lane
Clerk	To chase FCC again for a decision regarding the proposed parking restrictions.

16.070 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held on Thursday 10th November commencing at 6.45 pm. The meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm