

HKCC Annual Review 2020-2021

The Community Council aspires to be open and transparent to enable residents to gain an insight into the Council. The following review summarises the work undertaken on behalf of the community it represents for the financial year 2020/21.

The Council broadly divides its areas of work undertaken into three categories - Commerce, Community and Communication. The “precept” raised as part of residents’ annual council tax bill is allocated to these three broad areas through budget discussions and annual priorities councillors have set for the financial year ahead.

The Council meets once a month (not in August) where business is discussed through a pre-agreed and published agenda. Due to Covid-19, meetings throughout 2020-2021 were conducted remotely.

Your Council consists of nine members plus the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who is a paid employee of the Council.

For the year 2020/21, Cllr Mike Allport was elected as chair of the Council.

2020-2021 Budget and Financial Overview

The Council's budget is divided in 4 categories: Commerce, Community, Communications & Contingency

The 2020-2021 budget of £32,755 consists of detailed budget lines for each budget category and actual spend is monitored throughout the year. The agreed budget is reported to Flintshire County Council who arrange for the budget to be supported by the precept which residents contribute to via Council Tax payments.

The unprecedented circumstances of 2020- 2021 had an impact on the budget as detailed below:

- Income of £33,366 derived mainly from the precept of £32,755. Allotment receipts of £225 were in line with the budget. Receipts from newsletter advertising and from village events were reduced due to the impact of Covid-19.
- Expenditure for the year totalled £33,147 which is £4,584 less than budgeted for via the precept of £32,755 and earmarked reserves. Many of the budget lines such as Village Day were underspent due to Covid-19 restrictions. The largest items of expense undertaken this year are the Bennetts Lane Corner improvements at £4,170 and the website redesign to improve the HKCC website and ensure compliance with new legislation at £5,200.

2020/21 Summary

For a small sized council, Higher Kinnerton Community Council achieves a great deal on behalf of its residents including an ambitious village plan, a monthly newsletter, annual events (Covid permitting!), summer sports camps, village enhancements including the Bennetts Lane improvements this year.

These achievements could not have been accomplished without the hard work of dedicated council members and volunteers who devote their time and passion to the community.

2020 -2021 has been an unprecedented year for us all. As a Council, we face many changes and challenges in the future with new legislation and requirements being applied to councils throughout Wales. We will do our best to make sure we carry these requirements out diligently.

HIGHER KINNERTON VILLAGE PLAN 2018 - 2030



Welsh Government Wellbeing Act (2014) Principles

(1) Prosperous (2) Resilient (3) Healthier (4) More equal (5) Cohesive (6) Culture (7) Global

FCC Local development plan 3 main principles
Enhancing Community Life, Delivering Growth & Prosperity, Safeguarding the Environment

Steering Group Priorities

Environment & Open Spaces

Community Life & Social Cohesion

Community Growth Through Sensitive Development

Commerce In The Community

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Community & Local Initiatives