

**HIGHER KINNERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES**  
**FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA REMOTE ATTENDANCE**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021, AT 6.30 PM.**

Present: Cllr. C. Upton, Cllr. M. King, Cllr. J. Liddle, Cllr. M. Allport, Cllr. J. Swash, Cllr. J. Mortimer, Cllr. C. Nugent, Liz Corner (Clerk),

Agenda Items:

1. No apologies for absence received.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest received in respect of the business transacted

- Cllr. J. Liddle - Accounts for Payment – reimbursement of expenses – declared a personal interest
- Cllr. M. Allport - Accounts for Payment – reimbursement of expenses – declared a personal interest

3. Minutes

The Minutes from the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were accepted a true record of proceedings.

4. The following matters arising from the Minutes were noted for information:

- Page No. 1 - Minute No. 21.069 – Clerk had confirmed with Dragon Sports that members had approved the £1800 quotation from Dragon Sports for the 2022 Summer Camp.
- Page No. 1 - Minute No. 21.071 – Clerk had confirmed members decision re match funding for the adventure trail with Aura Leisure (FCC)
- Page No. 3 - Minute No. 21.074 – Cllr. Mortimer to draft article for January newsletter re annual community meeting and HKCC to conduct Face Book poll to gauge levels of interest
- Page No. 4 - Minute No. 21.074- the newsletter article re the wildflower and bee garden project had been drafted and could be published as soon as a viable flower planting location had been identified. Cllr. Upton and the Clerk to liaise with FCC re viability of planting in a highway verge or within open space in vicinity of Llys Derwen.

5. Correspondence

- Loyds Bank Statements – checked and filed
- Correspondence received re Grassroots Facilities Fund 2021/22 towards improving and increasing grassroots football facilities across the UK which had been forwarded to Kinnerton Oaks football team.

6. Accounts for Payment – approved.

7. Reports in relation to Commerce & Governance, Community, Communication & Planning

- Bennett's Lane Corner Improvements Update - noted FCC consulting with residents and planning to schedule the works for commencement in the New Year. Clerk had contacted FCC re hedge maintenance and Clerk had facilitated utilization of Environmental Grant for hedging at Park Avenue Play Area and for replacement whips on Bennetts Lane corner.
- Christmas Lighting Improvements – noted the new catalogue for 2022 would be available from Premier Decorations in January. Cllr. Allport and Cllr. Upton to review and provide an update at the January meeting
- Outdoor Gym Inspection – members noted the contents and recommendations within the annual inspection report
- Dog Fouling Campaign – members noted the aim of the FaceBook posts were to identify problem areas in the village with a view to targeting the areas for provision of dog waste bags and bag dispensers. Cllr. Allport to progress provision of additional dog bins upon confirmation of proposed locations. The Clerk to draft a newsletter article re dog waste bags and dispensers and to confirm the open spaces where dogs are allowed or prohibited.
- Volunteer Group Expenses - approved
- Budget 2022-2023 – following a robust discussion the budget for 2022-2023 was approved and agreed by members with the exception of Cllr. Swash who did not support the proposed increase in the precept.

- MRRG Ground Maintenance Contract 2022-2023 - approved
- Model Local Resolution Protocol for Town and Community Councils 2021 – approved and adopted by members
- Governance and Financial Management: a self-evaluation toolkit for Community and Town Councils in Wales- the Clerk provided an overview of the toolkit which members noted would be introduced with effect from 2022 whilst further noting the Clerk would work on reviewing the toolkit and provide a more detailed update at the January or February meeting.
- Financial Services Support Contract – proposal agreed to additional support under the terms of a contract for 2022-23 with a view to handing over the responsibilities to the Clerk in 2023-2024 following additional training with the provider being retained on an annual basis thereafter for a nominal fee to provide support if required.
- Environmental Grant Update – members noted the majority of the remaining grant would be utilised to provide additional and replacement hedging and further noted any unused monies could be claimed back by the grant provider.
- Website and Newsletter Update – final preparations for December newsletter discussed and agreed. The Clerk and Cllr. King to review and update the website content in the New Year.
- Planning –discussed and noted

8. Chair's Report – noted Christmas drinks event cancelled to Covid concerns. The Clerk to draft an article for the January newsletter to invite expressions of interest in a pensioners' club.

9. Reports from Members – no further reports from members.

10. Date of Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.