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HIGHER KINNERTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 16th, 2026,
COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.

Present: Cllrs. M. King, J. Swash (Chair), P. Cottam, J. Liddle
Also Present: Dewi Jones (Clerk), 1 Member of the Public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs M. Allport, J. Cooper, F. Turrisi.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr P. Cottam – Item 16, Planning – Applicant known to him
Cllr J. Liddle – Item 12, Grant Application – Submitted the application.

3. **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Cllr Swash gave an update on the surfaces on the play area in Park Avenue. He had chased up with the officer from Flintshire County Council and the work was scheduled but had been delayed by the hot weather.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

5. **MINUTES**

Resolved to accept the following minutes as a correct record.

- **Full Council Meeting 25/06/26**

(Unanimous)

6. **FINANCE**

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments as prepared by the clerk (Unanimous).

7. **BUDGET REVIEW AND BANK RECONCILLIATION**

Resolved to accept the budget report and bank reconciliation (Unanimous).

8. **EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE**

The Clerk updated councillors that work on preparing the external audit submission was well advanced and would be completed before the deadline.

9. **CASUAL VACANCY**

The Clerk updated councillors on the advertising of a casual vacancy. If a petition for election has not been received by 20/07/26 then the clerk will proceed to advertise the councils intention to fill by co-option.

10. **NEWSLETTER UPDATES**

There was a brief discussion on the newsletter.

- Some of the debtors have paid and the clerk will bring a report on the outstanding amounts to a future meeting of the council.
- There will be an August issue of the newsletter.
- Councillor J.Swash will ensure that the Dragon Sports flyer is added to the Facebook page.
- With future printing orders, Councillor J.Swash will get a pro forma emailed to the Clerk who will arrange payment.

11. **CLERK RECRUITMENT**

The advert has gone out, and there has been some interest. The closing date is 20/07/26 and applications are already in hand with more expected. Selection for interviews will be arranged by the working group organised by Councillor J.Swash. Interviews will take place in the week commencing 27/07/26, the Clerk has prepared questions for interview.

12. **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Cllr J.Liddle left the meeting for the discussion of this item.
Resolved to provide a grant of £250 to Kinnerton Baby and Toddle Group (Unanimous).

13. **VILLAGE HALL DEFIBRILATOR**

Councillor P.Cottam had received three quotes for an initial inspection and report on the condition of the Village Hall defibrilator. Council decided not to go with the quote considered to offer the most comprehensive service and value for money.

Resolved to pay up to £168 including VAT for an external service and report on the defib (Unanimous).

Councillor P.Cottam will arrange the service and arrange for the clerk to be provided with a pro-forma invoice should the company be unable to invoice on account.

14. PARKING ISSUES AND LAND BELONGING TO FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, PARK AVENUE.
Resolved that Councillor J.Swash would continue on behalf of the Council to press Flintshire County Council to allow parking on the land of the old demolished garages (Unanimous).

15. CHRIS PACKHAM'S "NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING"
There was a discussion on this Council's duty under s6 of the Environment Act 2016 to enhance and protect bio-diversity and the likely damaging effect rapid climate change would have on that diversity.

Resolved that Higher Kinnerton Community Council will endorse the showing and the importance of the event.

Further resolved that the chair of the Community Council or a collection of Community Councillors would be happy to facilitate a discussion after the showing (Unanimous).

16. PLANNING
FUL/000573/26
https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/flintshire/application-details/70997

Resolved no objection (Unanimous).

17. CORRESPONDENCE
17.1 Resolved to make contact with the PCSO and invite them to the next meeting of this council.
Further resolved to encourage a page in the newsletter introducing the PCSO (Unanimous).
17.2 Resolved to receive for information (Unanimous).
17.3 Resolved to share the information on Facebook and encourage residents to respond (Unanimous).

18. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS
The following items to be added to the next agenda
- Topsoil for the recreation ground (Report from Clerk, raised by Councillor P.Cottam)
- Council H&S Policy (Councillor P.Cottam)
- Inspection regime for the adult gym equipment (Councillor P.Cottam)

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
24/09/26 at 6.30pm.