

**HIGHER KINNERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>,  
2026, COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs M. Allport, J. Cooper, P. Cottam.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J. Swash – Item 16, Village Hall

Cllr F. Turrisi – Item 16, Baby and Toddler Group

**3. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Cllr Swash gave an update on three issues he had acted upon, nails protruding from benches on Park Avenue, parking on Park Avenue and the surfaces on the play area also in Park Avenue.

The Clerk will contact Flintshire, with contact details provided by Cllr Swash, to ask to view the inspection records for the site.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**5. CO-OPTION**

**Resolved to co-opt Jane Liddle to the council (Unanimous).**

Cllr Liddle signed her acceptance of office form and joined the meeting at this point. Cllr Liddle declared an interest in item 16, Baby and Toddler group.

**6. MINUTES**

**Resolved to accept the following minutes as a correct record.**

- Full Council Extra Ordinary Meeting 12/05/26
- Full Council Meeting 21/05/26
- Full Council Extra Ordinary Meeting 04/06/26.

**(Unanimous with one abstention)**

**7. FINANCE**

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

**8. BUDGET REVIEW AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

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

**9. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

Councillors thanked Liz Corner, the former Clerk, for her work, which was reflected in the excellent audit report.

**Resolved to receive the report of the internal auditor (Unanimous).**

**10. ANNUAL RETURN**

**Resolved to approve the accounting statements and to answer “yes” to every question in the governance statement excepting the question on general power of competence. The question on trust funds is not applicable to HKCC. (Unanimous).**

**11. COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

Councillors highlighted a typing error in the word “Achievements” on page 3, this will be corrected.

**Resolved to approve the annual report for 2025-26 (Unanimous).**

**12. COMMUNITY REPORTS**

Items historically covered under this agenda heading have separate agenda entries later in the meeting. This item will be removed from the agenda of future meetings.

### **13. NEWSLETTER UPDATES**

The latest issue has gone to print, and unpaid adverts have been removed from the issue.

### **14. CLERK RECRUITMENT**

The Clerk will adapt the previous advert, highlighting matters such as audit performance and expected start date that he expects will make the job more attractive. Once the advert has been circulated to and approved by the working group then it will be forwarded to One Voice Wales for circulation.

### **15. IT ARRANGEMENTS**

Resolved

- To authorise the clerk, to change billing addresses on all accounts to his own.
- To delegate to the clerk the authority to change billing frequency and reduce the number of accounts if possible and if he considers it prudent to do so.
- For Councillor King to arrange that the clerk have global administrator rights on the Microsoft account.

### **16. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Cllr M. King was elected to take the chair for the first part of this item as Councillor Swash had declared an interest and would exclude himself from the discussion and vote (Unanimous).

**Resolved to provide a grant of £2,000 to Higher Kinnerton Village Hall Committee (Unanimous).**

Cllr J. Swash was re-admitted to the meeting and re-elected to the chair (Unanimous)

**Resolved to provide a grant of £2,000 to All Saints Church (Unanimous).**

**Resolved to provide a grant of £1,450 to Higher Kinnerton Scouts Group (Unanimous).**

**Resolved to defer the decision on Nightingale House Hospice until the November meeting (Unanimous).**

As Councillors F.Turrisi and J. Liddle had declared an interest in the matter of the baby and toddler group, the meeting was not quorate to discuss the matter, therefore it will be included on the agenda of the meeting in July.

### **17. FUNDING FOR VILLAGE PLANTERS**

**Resolved to pay £37.50 to fund compost and bedding plants (Unanimous).**

### **18. COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Resolved

- To keep the community library in the current location
- Cllr Liddle to write an article in the next newsletter asking people to be mindful how and where they park.
- Councillors to monitor the situation over the next few months.

### **19. PLANNING**

FUL/000379/26

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/flintshire/application-details/70777>

**Resolved no objection (Unanimous).**

FUL/000444/26

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/flintshire/application-details/70846>

**Resolved no objection (Unanimous).**

### **20. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolved to receive for information**

### **21. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

None, but the following items to be added to the next agenda along with the grant application for the baby and toddler group.

- Defibrillator (Cllr M. King, Cllr P.Cottam)
- Parking issues in park avenue and the use of land belonging to Flintshire County Council.

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

16/07/26 at 6.30pm.