

PENYFFORDD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting held on Wednesday 8th June 2022

Present in Person: Councillors Mr R Wakelam (Chairman), Mrs P Ransome (Vice Chairman), Mr J Priddin, Mr A Ibbotson, Mr D Walker, Mr P Blackman, Mr D Williams, Mrs J Jones, Mr A Sloan and Mrs S Williams

Also Present: Mrs Sarah A Hughes, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Ian Williams – FCC Streetscene and PCSO Rachel Duddle & Lucy Davies
1 x Member of the Public

34. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

35. Visitors

- a) PCSO Rachel Duddle & Lucy Davies an update on recent reports within the community. Members reported hot spot issues including ASB, parking and drug related issues and asked for an increase in police presence within the community.

RESOLVED: the police noted all issues raised and will add these to their patrol areas.

**RD & LD left the meeting at 6.50pm

- b) Ian Williams, FCC Streetscene – provided an update report on outstanding issues, including:

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| - Pot holes | - Roundabout wild flower cutting |
| - Street signs | - Drainage & Gullies |
| - Culvert clearing | - Tree & Hedge Cutting |

Members reported:

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| - Bridle path and PROW to be cleared | - Footpath condition |
| - Grass cutting – Old School Site | - Safety Barrier (Hawarden Rd & White Lion Estate) |
| - Street signs | - Keep of Grass Signs |
| - Tree & hedge cutting | - Pot Holes |
| - Melwood bin, dog bin & gate | - Memorial Garden update |

Members wished to thank Ian and his team for their work and for their support in the community litter picks and Jubilee weekend.

RESOLVED: the council will write to Castle Green regarding a request for a safety barrier from the Hawthorn Way pathway onto Hawarden Road.

**IW left the meeting at 7.20pm

Cllr Ibbotson proposed to bring forward agenda item 11b (Dobshill Play Area) due to the attendance of the resident. This was unanimously agreed.

36. Play Areas (Dobshill)

Agenda item 11b - Cllr Ibbotson submitted a proposal for the council to consider ahead of the 2023/24 budget, for the installation of a pathway around the play area to allow somewhere in Dobshill for safe wheeled play.

RESOLVED: the council supported the proposal and ahead of setting the 2023/24 budget, permission will be sought from the land owners and costings will be obtained to allow this to be considered further.

**Member of the public left the meeting at 7.25pm

37. To receive any Declarations of Interest – Members Code of Conduct

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

38. To receive and approve the AGM & Ordinary Minutes of the 18th May 2022

RESOLVED: these were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39. To review and report on any Matters Arising from previous meetings

Min 19 – two formal applications to date have been received for the current vacancies.

Min 27a - Melwood play area– the only outstanding query remaining is the height of the supernova which HAGS have said they will rectify. A part payment of £50,000 has been made and £2950 being held until issue resolved.

Min 28 – the Queens Jubilee celebrations had been a great success and well received by residents. This was a wonderful example of community engagement. There were a number of residents and community groups who assisted and supported the event.

Cllr Walker wished to express thanks to those council members who had co-ordinated the events.

RESOLVED: a photograph album will be prepared and shared on the website and Thank you letters will be sent to all who assisted in the council events.

Min 30 – the Clerk has met with Chris Jones, his start date is yet to be confirmed but anticipated to be towards the end of June beginning of July. He will be visiting all council owned assets with Cllr D Williams and accompanied by Ian Williams, FCC Streetscene.

RESOLVED: The Clerk together with Cllrs Priddin, Ransome and Blackman needs to meet to prepare a work schedule for the first month.

Min 32 - Cllr D Williams attended the Regeneration meeting on the Shared Prosperity Fund attended on the 24th May and will be providing a written report including.

Min 32 - Code of Conduct Training –the Clerk reported that it has now been confirmed by FCC that this training is mandatory for all Councillors (new and old).

40. To receive any Public Questions/Correspondence

An email was received from a resident regarding the ongoing issues and monitoring of West View Play Area. A copy of this email was shared with all members and will be included on the July agenda for further discussion. It was proposed that Richard Roberts should be invited and included in any discussions as this is a FCC play area and the improvements have been approved and adopted by FCC.

RESOLVED: Richard Roberts, FCC/Aura will be invited to attend the July meeting to discuss West View Play Area.

41. Bank Balances and Accounts for Payment

Accounting and payment information as at 8th June 2022.

Bank Balances	Current £80,530.86	Deposit £103006.14	Play Area £9767.70
Payments Received			
04/06/2022	HSBC	Interest	£11.10
07/06/2022	Millstone	Sponsor a Tree	£30.00
Bank Transfers			
27/05/2022	Deposit Acc	To Current Acc	£10,000.00
Unpresented Cheques/Payments			
102232	HAGS	Melwood Play Area	£52,950.00

Accounts for Payment

Payee	Details	Amount
Penyffordd Women’s Institute	Grant - Queens Jubilee	£100.00
SLCC	Annual Membership	£186.00
Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance Premium (1st of 5yr LTA)	£1,723.58
National Lottery Community Fund	Millstone Skate Project - Grant returned as not used within 12months	£9,999.00
Scottish Power	Electricity Charges - Changing Rooms	£2.80
Mr G Davies	Expenses	£5.99
Mrs S Hughes	Stationery, Travel, General Admin etc	£52.32
Staffing Cost	May-22	£2,480.51
WoodsWork CIC	Nature Area Management	£340.00
Flintshire County Council	Annual Rent - West View Nature Area	£1.00
HSBC	Monthly Charge – Play Area A/c (april – may)	£5.00
HSBC	Monthly Charge (april - may)	£5.40

RESOLVED: The above accounts be approved and will be processed for payment. The payment schedule was signed by the Chairman of Finance and/or the Chairman of the Council and countersigned by two bank signatories.

42. County Councillors Report

- a) Cty Cllr Ibbotson provided a written report.

Cllr D Williams responded to the report directly to Cty Cllr Ibbotson to express dismay and disappointment in claims made within his report and his actions during the past few months. This resulted in a a robust debate where Cllr Ibbotson requested for a statement from Cllr D Williams to be recorded where he referred to previous FCC discussions for the new kiln at Castle Cement. He and Cty Cllr Hinds had asked for a health study for village and the labour member for Mold commented '*how many more health studies do you want for Penyffordd until you believe nothing bad is being dropped on this village*'

- b) Speeding Issues at Dobshill – the Cty Cllrs are currently in discussions with FCC Officers regarding this matter and will be able to report further in due course.

43. Planning Applications

- a) To report and consider planning applications received from Flintshire County Council. The Council will also consider any additional applications that may be received between the issue of agenda and the meeting:
- i. [Ref: 000065](#). Removal of condition 4 on permission ref: 016616 - erection of a four bedroomed dwelling house for occupation by an agricultural worker. Oakfield House, Lower Mountain Road, Penyffordd. ***The council requests that any concerns of local residents be forwarded to the council for consideration. The council reserves the right to make further comments should any issues or concerns be raised. Provided the proposal does not negatively impact on neighbours or local environment, streetscene etc and complies with all relevant policy, they will be happy for a delegated decision.***
- b) There were no Notifications of Planning Decisions made by Flintshire County Council.
- c) Nothing to report on ongoing development, planning applications or appeals.

44. Community Facilities

- a) Community Changing Rooms – correspondence between Penyffordd Football Club and FCC was shared with the council. FCC have advised the Contractor has taken an initial view of the site and as they understand, presently believes that construction access through the playing field maintenance entrance is not viable option. Therefore, there is a high degree of probability that the football pitch at the school will be unaffected by the planned construction activities, associated with the proposed two classroom extension at the school.

The request for the spectator barriers has been received by the Education & Youth team and is being considered/processed.

Cllr D Williams reported that the electricity has now been connected and the plumbing will start imminently. It is anticipated to be finished mid July.

Cllr Blackman advised he has received complaints from local residents as to when the pathway will be re-tarmaced? Cllr D Williams advised the excavated land needed to settle before this could be done and was in talks with the contractor.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted.

- b) Memorial Garden – Paul Brockley FCC has been chased on a number of occasions, however, they are still awaiting a response from Streetscene regarding all the street furniture and equipment on the land.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted.

- c) Old School Site – Cllr D Williams gave an overview of the background to the councils request for the land and presented an option for the use of land to include commercial, housing and open space. He requested the council to consider this proposal to present to FCC.

Cllr Ibbotson advised that there is available funding from Welsh Government for social housing and that FCC do not have funding available for the development of commercial premises.

Cllr Ibbotson request for Cllr D Williams comments about his concern that affordable housing would not be guaranteed for existing residents and that, want for a better word, could be a 'dumping ground' and social housing could be even worse.

**Cllr Sloan left the meeting at 8.20pm

RESOLVED: Cty Cllrs Ibbotson and Wakelam will request data from FCC to identify the demand for social, affordable and bungalow homes which is to be shared with the Environment Working Group to review and they will then prepare a proposal(s) to full council.

45. Play Areas

- a) Millstone Skate Park – As requested, members were provided with a written overview of the history of the Millstone skate ramps together with the Noise Assessment undertaken in 2021.

On liaising with the National Lottery about the possibility of altering the project for which the grant was awarded, they advised that as this was an Awards for All Grant, it had a 12 month spend restriction which expired in March 2022. The council are therefore required to pay back the grant of £9999. Unfortunately, due to covid they have had hundreds of grants having to be paid back. This does not disadvantage or prevent the council in applying for further grants once there is a secure proposal which has been under consultation.

A number of options were discussed on reducing the noise levels from the existing skate ramps and the addition of a pump track.

RESOLVED: the council approved in principle for the installation of a pump track. Cllr Wakelam to obtain scale drawings and costs. The council will initially trial filling and compacting one of the skate ramps to ascertain the reduction in noise and Cllrs Wakelam and Priddin will approach Hanson for the aggregate. Depending on what material Hanson is able to offer, advice will be gained from FCC Planning.

- b) This item was dealt with under Min 36.

**Cllr S Williams left the meeting at 8.55pm

46. Penyffordd Youth Council

In February 2022 Cllr Ibbotson presented a full written proposal to the council for the abolishment of a Youth Representative and the formation of a Youth Council. At the time Members discussed and considered the proposal with a number of questions and concerns put to Cllr Ibbotson. The item was deferred until after the May elections when it could be considered further.

Cllr Ibbotson stated that he is withdrawing his proposal. In response Cllr Blackman proposed to re-advertise for the Youth Representative vacancies.

RESOLVED: the council approved to advertise for the Youth Representatives and the Community Engagement Working Group will consider how best to advertise and engage with the local schools and youths.

47. Best Kept Communities Competition

Entries for the Best Kept Competition this year need to be returned by Friday 17th June. Judging will take place week commencing 18th July and the Presentation / Awards Evening will take place September 2022.

Out of the five main categories in the competition the council will enter:

- B. Best Kept Village with a population over 1000
- D. Best Kept Senior Citizens Social Housing Estate
- E. Best Kept Community Area (e.g. park, field, allotment, wildlife area, cemetery, church yard)

There are a number of areas around the community such as Green Park, Berwyn Avenue, Hawthorn Avenue, tree planting & wildflower roundabouts.

RESOLVED: due to the closing date being imminent, members approved for Cllr D Williams, Blackman together with the Clerk to prepare and submit the forms. Members are to share any additional locations to be included in the entries by the end of the week.

48. School Transport

Cllr D Williams provided historical information on the issue that affects residents at the top of Penymynydd regarding access to free school transport to Castell Alun and considers that although FCC have denied the previous requests from the council to reconsider the policy, the council should continue to pursue this.

Cllr Ibbotson stated that FCC have been firm in their response and that they are unable to make allowances for individual communities. He suggested an option to resolve this would be for the community council to fund the transport costs.

RESOLVED: Cty Cllrs Ibbotson and Wakelam will obtain usage data and costs from FCC which will be presented to the council to consider whether funding the additional school transport would be an option. If it is considered to be a viable option, due to the impact of the precept, a consultation would be held with the community before a final decision is made.

49. Drug Concerns

Cllr D Williams provided information on a book about how drugs devastated a family and resulted in a loss of life through drug abuse. The book is called - *'Mum, Can You Lend Me Twenty Quid?' What Drugs Did to My Family. Book by Elizabeth Burton-Phillips.* He asked if the council would consider purchasing a number of books which could be shared throughout the community with parents and youths.

Cllr Ibbotson questioned which budget this would be allocated, in which Cllr D Williams offered to purchase the books himself. Cllr Blackman advised the RBL will be purchasing 4x books for the community library and Cllr Jones advised that Team Red would fund a further 4x books.

RESOLVED: the council will prepare and publish a poster promoting the book and its availability through the RBL community library. As the council has previously worked closely with the neighbouring community, Hope Community Council, the information on the book will also be shared with them.

50. Issues Raised with Flintshire County Council

A 'FCC Issue Log' has been prepared to allow the council to regularly monitoring the progress of issues raised. Members provided the Clerk with updates on the issues.

RESOLVED: the report was received and noted. Additional issues will be reported appropriately to FCC and included on the Log.

51. To acknowledge and note correspondence received.

- OVW & Planning Aid Wales Training & Events
 - Copy of an email from Penyffordd Football Club to FCC regarding facilities.
 - Planning Inspectorate - HyNet North West Carbon Dioxide Pipeline.
 - Woodwork Monthly Report – West View Nature Area
 - Evidence of a fire site - reported to the police who will increase patrols.
 - Questioned what work was required to the ditch (FCC ownership) and pathways?
- RESOLVED:** Cllr D Williams will be visiting the site with Chris Jones and Ian Williams at the end of the week and will report back to the Clerk.
- Flintshire County Council – Play Area Improvement Match Funding 2022/23
- RESOLVED:** this will be included on the July agenda.
- Nomination requests from Flintshire County Council for a position on the Standards Committee.
- RESOLVED:** there was no nomination for this position.
- A Thank You email from Ms C Hinds regarding the Jubilee events and tree planting ceremony.

52. Members Items/Future Agenda Items

- Place Plan Survey results will be presented by Mr Wight – Cascade Productions at the September meeting.
 - Cllr Jones has been contacted by a resident with a request for additional adult exercise equipment.
 - Cllr Wakelam reported an issue with the adult exercise equipment at the Millstone.
- RESOLVED:** this will be reported to Richard Roberts.
- Chairman's Board to be updated.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 9.45pm

Chair..... 13th July 2022