Minutes of the Meeting of Council held
7.00pm Tuesday 21 October 2014
At the Community Centre, Phoenix Street, Sandycroft, Flint.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. P. Connah (Presiding) Mrs K Chester, G. Coppack, R. Connah, K Garrett, Mrs. C. Jones, Ms. H. Martin, Mrs. S. Salisbury, Mrs. S. Webber, D. Wisinger, Mrs. S. Wynn. & the Clerk.

In attendance: North Wales Police who left contact details for council to report any issues directly to them.

A local resident.


2. The Minutes of the meeting held 9 September 2014 were passed as a true & correct record. Proposed by Cllr. D. Wisinger & Seconded by Cllr. R. Connah Vote 11. For 0 Against.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Gully flooding outside the late shop, Pentre, & Hamilton Avenue/ongoing. Street Scene to be reminded regarding the Sign for playing field gate.

Inoperative lights/rear access of Fairfield Road & lantern replacement required opposite Gladstone Street. Resolved.

Poor road surface at the junction of Factory Road/Station Road/Resolved.

Pruning Trees in Sandycroft playing field/Autumn inspection to be made. Hawarden Community Council to be reminded regarding the Ditches.

To date Hawarden estate office have written to the tenant farmers regarding having the ditch cleared.

Fly-tipping at Phoenix Street/former OBE building-to be monitored. Remedial road work Chemistry Lane, Resolved. Chester road still requires attention.

Risk Assessment on Street Furniture-The Chairman & Cllr. R. Connah would make inspection. Queensferry rear access inspection to be made by Cllr. Mrs. S. Wynn & the Clerk in the near future.

Asda Traffic Lights Street-scene to be reminded that lights still require attention.

Fly-tipping in ditch by Sandycroft Community Centre Resolved.

Ditch clearing by the public house in Sandycroft/reported to National Resources Wales-ongoing.

Weeds need clearing along Hamilton Avenue, reported to Street-Scene.

4. Update from delegates serving ‘Outside Bodies’

Two Sisters food group Change of Date. Next meeting now arranged 5.15pm Tuesday 18 November 2014.

A meeting of One Voice Wales taking place Thursday 23 November 2014.
5. Financial Matters
- Following the comments made by the external auditor, the Chairman & Clerk would look at templates of investment strategy & financial risk assessment.
- The Chairman’s expenditure would be reviewed at the next financial meeting.
- Grants of financial aid were donated as follows:-
  - Sandycroft Community Centre £500 & £300 for the children’s Christmas Party.
  - Queensferry war memorial Institute £500 towards restoration of plaque & £250 towards electrical costs.
  - Queensferry Association £500 towards Christmas tree & illuminations.
  - Foodbank £250 to be used on the purchase of food for the scheme.
  - Cllr. Mrs P Connah & Cllr. Mrs. S. Wynn would ascertain costs of goods to be purchased at a local supermarket.

- Council Budgets – to be discussed at the financial meeting held Tuesday 20 January at 6.30pm
- The January council meeting to take place Tuesday 13 January at 7.00pm.

6. Receipts & Accounts for Payment.

Receipt – Welsh Audit Office - refund 30.00

Payments:
- HM Revenue & Customs (clerk’s salary Sept cheque no 101388) 127.40
- Janet Jones (clerk’s salary & room allowance Sept. cheque no 101389) 527.91
- Hacker Young (external audit cheque no 101390) 354.00
- Sandycroft Com.,Centre-(Grant cheque no 101391) 500.00
- Queensferry War Memorial Institute (Grant cheque no 101392) 750.00
- Sandycroft Com. Centre-(children’s Christmas party cheque no 101393) 300.00
- Earl Haigh poppy appeal (cheque no 101394) 36.00
- Queensferry Association (Grant cheque no 101395) 500.00

Transfer £3,000.00 Council approved these payments

7. Correspondence received
Auditor General for Wales re: This council received a qualified opinion for 2011-12 & 2012-13. FCC The review of polling districts & polling parliamentary elections 2006 consultation document & comments questionnaire.
Hawarden Community Council re: progress on the ditch from Sandycroft dry cleaners to Pentre.
FCC Wrexham & Flintshire joint local housing market assessment.
FCC Community asset transfers – management of assets.
One Voice Wales AGM 7.00pm 23 October 2014 Mold Town Hall & survey of council expenditure.
FCC Preparation for the coming winter.
FCC Standards Committee Annual Report 2013/2014
National Assembly for Wales-Speed limits on Trunk Roads; comments from council invited.

Information received.
Invitations to FCC Chair’s charity casino evening 7pm 21 November at Corus sports & social club, Shotton.
HSBC changes to terms & conditions in Banking.
Buckley Town Council charity ball & dinner 7.15 7 November at The Beaufort Park Hotel, Nr. Mold.
Post Office – proposed move to new premises (Spar convenience store) & branch modernisation of Queensferry Post Office.

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Connahs Quay Town Council – New Years Eve Party at the civic hall 7.20 -1.00pm
Parc Adfer Energy Recovery Facility – Energy recovery for North Wales. (disc)
Hope Community Council – Civic Service 23 November at St. Cynfarch’s Parrish Church. Developing & managing play spaces Booklet.

8. Planning Applications –
Proposal: Construction & operation of a 14MW short term operating reserve (STOR) generating plant & auxiliary equipment & access.
Location: Land to the west of Chemistry lane, Pentre, Flint.

Proposal: Change of use to health rehabilitation & fitness facility.
Location: Unit 2 Expressway Business Park, Station Road, Queensferry, Flint

Proposal: Residential development to provide 10 no. two bedroom apartments & 4 no. one bedroom apartments & associated parking.
Location: New Inn, Station Road, Sandycroft, Flint.

Proposal: Erection of 2 no. dwellings.
Location: Lifeboat Inn, 58 Phoenix Street, Sandycroft, Flint.

Proposal: Erection of access gate (retrospective)
Location: land adjacent to 1 Lindsay Cottages, Station Road, Sandycroft, Flint.

Proposal: Insertion of new automated sliding entrance door, repainting of shop windows & stall riser to front, installation of new external refrigeration plant unit & removal of existing bin store located at the rear of the building.
Location: Co-operative Retail Services LTD. Brook House, Chester Road, Pentre, Flint.

Proposal: The construction & operation of an Energy Recovery Facility & ancillary facilities, comprising offices & welfare facilities, visitor centre, bottom ash recycling & maturation facilities, access roads & weighbridge facilities, electrical compound, together with peripheral landscaping & security fencing. The proposals also make provision for a rail connection, sidings & associated infrastructure.
Location: ERF Deeside Industrial Park, Weighbridge Road, Sealand, Flint.

Proposal: Retention of Biomass Gasification CHP Plant & associated equipment for research & demonstration purposes, proposed manufacture & assembly of Biomass gasification CHP units, continued use of building & yard for storage of scaffolding equipment.
Location: Refgas UK, Whittle Close, Factory Road, Sandycroft. Flint. Approved

9. Report from County Councillor David Wisinger
No new issues.

10. Matters requiring urgent attention
Queensferry:
Road markings at the roundabout needed repainting for clarification.

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No new issues.
It was suggested that enquiries be made regarding bulb planting along Chester Road.
Sandycroft:
Residents had expressed concern regarding the purpose of the clearing of land adjacent to the Bridge Inn public house.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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