

QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT SANDYCROFT COMMUNITY CENTRE, PHOENIX STREET, SANDYCROFT, CH5 2PD.

PRESENT: Councillors: Mrs. D. Milner (Chair), Mrs. C. Jones (Vice-Chair), Mrs. P. Connah, Mrs. L. Povey, Mrs. S. Salisbury, Mr. T. Williams, Mr. D. Wisinger

Mrs. C. Hughes – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

IN ATTENDANCE: A representative from Streetscene

1/23 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr. C. Bowden, Councillor Ms. K. Perry, and Councillor Mr. M. Hughes.

RESOLVED – that the apologies be received and accepted.

2/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED - that it be noted that no declarations were made to Council at the beginning of the meeting in respect of the agenda.

3/23 OPEN FORUM - MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance. The Clerk had not received any requests from the public to hold a hybrid meeting.

4/23 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 11th JULY 2023

a) Invitations to attend Council Meetings

Email reminder to be sent to Cllr Dale Selvester (County Councillor) in advance of future Council meetings.

b) North Street – fly tipping and noise

Formal agreement has been obtained from Flintshire County Council (FCC) for Streetscene Officers to attend North Street to remove rubbish. This is being monitored on a regular basis. Streetscene Manager to keep Chair updated on progress. Cllr C. Jones advised that FCC had agreed to pursue fines from residents who fly tip. Unacceptable noise levels in North Street are continuing to cause a disturbance.

ACTION – Cllr. Mrs. C. Jones to contact FCC on this matter.

c) Odour issue - soggy mop smell

The 'soggy mop smell' issue continues to be of concern to residents and the Council.

ACTION – Cllr. Mrs. C. Jones to contact FCC on this matter.

d) Rectors Lane by Kim's Sandwich Shop

The Chair raised concerns regarding dangerous parking in Rectors Lane.

ACTION – To be addressed by Streetscene.

e) Council's Street Lighting

A comprehensive list of street lighting is awaited from FCC to ascertain details for the Council's Asset Register which needs updating.

ACTION - Cllr. Mrs C. Jones to email FCC to request this information again.

f) Overgrown Hedge – Station Road

Chair to ascertain whether a letter has been sent by the previous Clerk to the public house manager at The Bridge Inn and the brewery at Punch Pubs.

g) Former New Inn Site – Land at Station Road

Planning permission was granted to build 8 houses on the former New Inn site land in 2022. The land has been purchased by Wales & West Housing Association.

RESOLVED – that the Chair's report be noted.

5/23 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 11th JULY 2023

Two inaccuracies were raised in respect of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th July 2023, namely:

1. Councillor Mr. D. Wisinger was not listed as present at the meeting.
2. Councillor Mrs. D. Milner had not suggested that the Council work jointly with Ferry Garden Committee to obtain grant funding.

RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th July 2023 be amended to reflect changes outlined above.

6/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8th AUGUST 2023

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th August 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

7/23 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Nuisance parking by KFC, Queensferry – Chair to follow this up.
- b) Co-option vacancies – currently being advertised. Closing date Thursday 21st September 2023.

8/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Consultation Number	Application Details	Location
FUL/000688/23	Installation of a free standing monobloc air source heat pump	5, Asiatic Cottages, Station Road, Sandycroft, Deeside, CH5 2QH

RESOLVED – that no objections be raised in respect of the above planning application.

9/23 REQUESTS FOR GRANT PAYMENTS

None received.

10/23 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Approval of accounts for payment deferred to Finance Meeting to be held on Tuesday 26th September 2023, 7pm at Sandycroft Community Centre.

RESOLVED – A transfer of £5000 to be made from one account to another, to pay invoices received in August and September 2023.

11/23 TO NOTE INCOME RECEIVED

Deferred to Finance Meeting to be held on Tuesday 26th September 2023, 7pm at Sandycroft Community Centre.

12/23 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The Chair informed Council that the new Clerk is in the process of creating an Accounts spreadsheet to enable the Council to record and maintain electronic records of income and expenditure moving forwards.

13/23 COUNCIL'S TRAINING PLAN 2023-24

Deferred to next Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10th October 2023, 7pm at Sandycroft Community Centre.

14/23 REVIEW OF WEBSITE – COUNCILLOR AND CLERK INFORMATION

The Clerk had undertaken an initial review. Council noted that declarations of interest dated 2021-22 against some Councillors names on the website are out of date.

ACTION - Clerk to keep a record of any declarations of interest declared from September 2023 onwards.

Standing Order 10 (x) invoked to extend the time limits of the meeting. Cllr P. Connah proposed. Council approved.

15/23 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

16/23 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Scarecrow Festival 2023 – event and judging due to take place at Sandycroft Community Centre on Saturday 16th September, 1pm-4pm.

17/23 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised.

18/23 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING

10th October 2023, 7pm, Sandycroft Community Centre, Phoenix Street, Sandycroft, CH5 2PD

The meeting opened at 7pm and closed at 9.15pm

..... Signed Chair

..... Date