

**Notices of Motion**  
**Flintshire County Council – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Councillors Bernie Attridge and Kevin Hughes:

“The disaster at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield on 15 April 1989 led to the deaths of 96 innocent people who had left their homes that morning to watch a football match.

Due to crowd control mismanagement, those fans, whose ages ranged from 10 to 67 years old, lost their lives. This disaster directly affected families in Flintshire.

It is saddening to compare the behaviour of those who were in positions of responsibility and public trust with the dignity and courage displayed by the families of the 96, who have continued since 1989 to fight for justice whilst coping with the loss of their loved ones. The Council cannot overlook the hurt and distress caused by the lies and smears printed in The Sun at that time - especially to the families of the 96.

Neither can we overlook The Sun’s stubborn refusal to apologise properly for the hurt it caused until it became clear to the newspaper that public opinion demanded such an apology.

On April 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 a jury returned verdicts of unlawful killing in relation to each victim. It is this Council’s hope that in due course the conclusions reached by the Hillsborough inquest will come to finally result in justice for the victims of this tragedy.

We express our support for those affected by the disaster and commend the continuing efforts of relatives and friends of the victims in their search for justice. We condemn the behaviour of the Sun newspaper and we as a council will support any Flintshire retailer or newspaper vendor that choose not to sell the Sun newspaper. We lend our support to the campaign ‘Total Eclipse of the Sun’ in solidarity with fellow councils in the North West of the United Kingdom.”

Councillor Clive Carver:

“This Council decries the Welsh Government for promoting the building of more houses whilst at the same time not ensuring that NHS Wales has sufficient GP doctor’s surgeries to cope with the existing population, let alone the increase in population that these houses will bring.”