

# **BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the **LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE**  
held on **30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT:** Chair                      Councillor Tim Hawes  
                  Vice-Chair                      -

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

As per the Council meeting.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 July 2014 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

### Loan to Airbus FC

The loan had now been paid to the Club.

## **LIGHTING FAULTS:**

### (a) Utilities:

There were none.

### (b) General:

There were none reported.

## **ELECTRICAL AND STRUCTURAL INSPECTION OF FOOTWAY LIGHTING COLUMNS:**

The Chair referred Members to the report which had been attached to the agenda.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to proceed with the seeking of costings for the necessary inspections.

## **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – THE BIG BUDGET CONVERSATION:**

The Chair advised that he and the Clerk had been invited along with other Community and Town Council representatives to participate in a discussion with the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council on greater community control and responsibility for local asset based services including community buildings, play areas and open spaces. This invitation arose from Flintshire County Council's need to make savings of £18m in 2015/2016.

The Committee was assured that no commitments would be made and that any proposals put forward by Flintshire County Council would be brought back to the Committee for discussion.

Councillor Ros Griffiths commented on substantial savings Flintshire County Council could make by charging for school transport.

### **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

- (a) to note the arrangements for the meeting.
- (b) to receive a report at the Committee's October meeting.

### **MATCH FUNDED PLAY AREA:**

The Clerk referred Members to the report which had been circulated at the meeting. The report summarised the recommendations of Councillors Sue Stevens and Ros Griffiths with regard to enhancements to the Country Park. The recommendations were for the enlargement of the existing play area into the grassed area in front and the installation of an aero whirl suitable for young teenagers and a crawl tunnel, tug boat and themed safety surfacing for young children. The anticipated cost of supply and installation was £10,040, leaving the sum of £6,000 available for Brookes Avenue. It was emphasised that the Country Park play area had not had any enhancements since its provision in 2002 whereas Brookes Avenue had been progressively enhanced over previous years.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the recommendations be approved.

### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk reported that there were currently defects to the safety surfacing beneath the swings at the Country Park and on one of the swings itself. The equipment had been made safe and repairs were in hand.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report.

### **MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Councillor Lindsay Jones referred to compliments made to her by visitors to the Brookes Avenue Play Area for the range and quality of equipment provided by the Council.