

BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **17 SEPTEMBER 2013**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Sue Stevens
Vice-Chair: Councillor Phil Griffiths

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Members

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2013 and the Recess Committee held on 20 August 2013 be received as a true record and signed by the Chair.

POLICE MATTERS:

Councillor Ray Gregory referred to and showed a photograph of a delivery vehicle parked across the pedestrian crossing outside the Broughton Hall Road shops.

AIRBUS:

The Chair welcomed Steve Thomas, Judith Stringfellow and Paul Bastock to the meeting. The representatives were thanked for accepting the Council's invitation to attend the meeting to provide an update on current and possible future proposals affecting the Community.

Steve Thomas advised as follows:-

- Extended Airfield Operating Hours.

In order to accommodate the increasing productivity at Airbus the Company would be extending the airfield operating hours post November 2013 to midnight, an extension of three hours, only for the Beluga aircraft. There would be no change in weekend operating hours until October 2014 when they would extend until 9pm on Saturday and 7pm on Sunday. The Company hoped to mitigate this via using the road network for smaller loads and the construction of the proposed Beluga Line Station which would overcome delays in loading and unloading caused by bad weather.

The Company would be sending letters to 14,400 households in the locality to advise of these alterations. Copies of the letters were given to Members.

- Extension of the Runway

A feasibility study had been undertaken into this issue in relation to the future replacement of the Beluga aircraft. However a decision had now been taken to replace the existing aircraft with an A330 wide bodied aircraft which could be readily accommodated by the existing runway. The replacement aircraft would be phased in between 2020 and 2025.

- Third Party usage of the Airfield

It was stressed that Hawarden Air Service was a separate entity to Airbus which had use of the airfield, however the principal use was for the transportation of Airbus wings. It was understood that although discussions had taken place regarding flights to London and Cardiff, nothing had been agreed. It was emphasised that the airport terminal was small with limited parking and consequently the type of aircraft involved would typically be 17/19 seater turbo props.

- Hawker Beechcraft

The Company had been sold to Marshalls of Cambridge, who had positive plans for the product which would continue to be based at Broughton.

- North Entrance (Copse Lane)

The works were now complete. The entrance was being used to improve freight logistics but also by employees working at the north side of the factory.

The Chair thanked Steve Thomas for his report.

Councillor Billy Mullin firstly thanked Judith Stringfellow for her assistance with issues concerning grass cutting and operating hours. He then commented that he believed that the new traffic lights were helpful for residents of Bretton seeking to join Chester Road. He questioned whether the new road would be maintained by Airbus. Steve Thomas advised that the link to the highway would be maintained by Flintshire County Council, for which a commuted sum had been paid.

Councillor Mullin suggested that Airbus should give consideration to making greater use of the new entrance to overcome the backing up of vehicles trying to access the main factory entrance,

In response to Councillor Phil Griffiths the Airbus representatives advised that they were not aware of any significant changes to shift patterns.

Finally Judith Stringfellow advised of an impact study being undertaken on the Company's behalf by the University of Salford. She said that she would share the results of the survey with the Council.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their attendance.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were none to consider

PLANNING DECISIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the decisions taken by the County Planning Authority be noted.

**CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – DESIGNATED PERSONS ORDER
(Number 1):**

The Chair referred Members to the consultation document, a copy of which had been enclosed with the agenda. The document related to the scrutiny by the Principal Authority of other public bodies involved in the delivery of services related to the Single Integrated Plan.

Having considered the document, the questionnaire attached to it was completed indicating the Council's support for the scrutiny of the proposed designated persons. With regard to Community Councils which were not included in the initial proposed designated bodies the Committee felt that they should be represented on the Scrutiny Committee. Further the Committee felt that Town and Community Councils should be subject to the scrutiny process.

**CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS IN
FLINTSHIRE:**

Councillor Mullin referred to the need for enforcement outside Broughton School and the Doctor's Surgery. He said that he had spoken to the Practice Manager to advise of the new powers being taken on by Flintshire County Council because of issues concerning parking outside the surgery.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note that the related Order would come into effect on 1 October 2013.

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ACT 1984 (A5104 MOLD ROAD, A55
WARREN BANK INTERCHANGE AND LESTERS (LEICESTERS) LANE,
BROUGHTON (SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 20:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the Order.

ACOUSTIC BARRIER – A55:

Councillor Sue Stevens reported that the construction of the acoustic barrier to the rear of properties bounding the A55 had created a corridor behind properties which was being used as an access by criminals. She referred to one such incident at a property in The Rowans. She said that she understood that the North Wales Trunk Road Agency were proposing to fit gates at the ends of the 'corridors' and erect a

further fence between the acoustic fence and residents' fences. She was hoping to be able to attend a site meeting being held by the Agency later that week. She undertook to notify the County Members of the arrangements for the site meeting.

PEDESTRIAN LINK FROM THE BLOOR HOMES/BELLWAY HOMES DEVELOPMENT ON LAND SOUTH OF THE BOULEVARD TO BROUGHTON HALL ROAD:

It was explained that a condition had been placed on the proposed planning approval for the Reserved Matters Application requiring a link into Broughton Country Park. There was extreme concern that this would then become the preferred route of choice between the new development and the village, ruining the integrity of the Country Park and placing a burden on the Community Council to provide a properly surfaced and lit pathway.

As a result the application had been deferred at the County Planning and Development Control Committee for further discussion. Those discussions had now taken place and it had been agreed that the condition would be removed from the proposed approval which would be reconsidered in October.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be noted.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:

The following matters were reported:-

- A section of highway outside Corner Cottage, Bretton Lane was to be marked with hatched lines to prevent the obstruction of a resident's driveway.
- Chester and Cheshire West Unitary Authority was presently consulting on its Strategic Transport Plan which proposed a link between Sealand Road and Saltney Ferry. The concern was that this would increase traffic volumes through Broughton and Bretton.

The County Members had requested a meeting with Flintshire County Council Planners to discuss this matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) to receive the report

(b) to include an item on the Committee's October agenda to discuss the implications of the proposals contained in the Chester and Cheshire West Strategic Transport Plan.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The following matters were reported:

- The North Wales Community Health Councils were seeking new members with an interest in health matters.
- A Members Code of Conduct training session was being held at Flint Town Hall on 7 November 2013.
- A joint meeting of the Flintshire Standards Committee with Town and Community Councils was being held at Connah's Quay on 14 October.
- CCTV incident statistics for 1 Jan to 30 June 2013 were circulated.
- Development Securities had asked to be allowed to make a presentation to the Committee on its proposals to develop land to the rear of Tesco for a range of drive through restaurants and a hotel.
- The Community Centre had been noticeably improved in terms of its tidiness and cleanliness and was now much more pleasant for its users and more attractive for potential future users.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) that the report be received

(b) that Development Securities be allowed to make a presentation to the Committee on its development proposals for land to the rear of Tesco.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Mullin referred to a new phone app available for contacting Flintshire County Council.