

BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

held on
18TH APRIL 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Phil Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors: Penny Brett Roberts, Derek Butler, Phil Griffiths, Ros Griffiths,
Lyndsay Jones, Beth McFadden, Billy Mullin, John Kiersey, Ryan
McKeown, Keith Rogers

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths, Administrator

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received as per Council meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on
21st March 2017 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Councillor Phil Griffiths thanked members for his time working with them over the past
few years and stated that in his opinion, there were going to be many changes in the
years to come.

He expressed his thanks to Councillor John Kiersey and congratulations to Councillor
Billy Mullin.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk advised that Mark Tami's office had provided a reply to say that if he was not
able to attend surgeries himself he would send a representative.

POLICE MATTERS:

The Chair welcomed PCSO Dan Hughes to the meeting.

PCSO Hughes said that he had been in the Saltney area for nine years and would now commence work in the Broughton area.

PCSO Hughes advised on the following issues:

- Following the issue of speeding traffic on Broughton Hall Road, a traffic survey would be undertaken over the next few weeks covering the Saltney and Broughton areas.
- A couple of thefts of car number plates, one of which was recovered in the Manchester area had been reported.
- Theft of a generator and theft of a tent had been reported.
- There appeared to be ongoing incidents of anti-social behaviour from children apparently from outside of the Broughton and Bretton area. They had caused a nuisance at the shops on Broughton Hall Road and also at the retail park. A dispersal notice had been put in place and patrols had been increased.
- Fraudulent £20 notes were in circulation and had been located in the New Look and Aldi stores at Broughton Park.
- Two new PCSOs had recently been appointed in Flintshire with the potential appointment of a further two.
- Monthly meetings took place with the Retail Park Manager and Police representatives where a suggestion had recently been made about creating an activity centre for children.

Councillor Derek Butler advised of the following:

- a lot of broken glass had been found on the skate park at Brookes Avenue.
- the link road between the retail park and the large roundabout was used as a 'race track' during the evenings and consequently the railings had been continually damaged.
- in the past the Community Council had part funded the salary of a PCSO; Councillor Butler wondered whether this was something that could be further explored. PCSO Dan Hughes confirmed that he would speak to his Inspector and advise accordingly.

PCSO Hughes confirmed that he would be attendance at the Broughton Carnival on Saturday 10th June, along with a couple of cadets.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

HIGHWAY ISSUES:

Councillor Derek Butler advised that the recent petition around speed restrictions had been delivered to County Hall. He also asked the Clerk to clarify the position with the railings around the Aldi store and correspondence with the Trunk Roads Agency.

Councillor Ros Griffiths stated that the top layer of tarmac by the zebra crossing on the slip road to the B5125 had been dangerous and full of pot holes.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the updates be noted and reported to John Griffiths.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) To formally note that the participation of those Councillors who were also Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information made available to the Community Council at that time. The County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.
- (b) That the County Planning Authority be advised of this Council's observations on the planning applications submitted at the meeting as per the attached schedule.
- (c) There were no appeals.

PLANNING DECISIONS:

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

COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS'S REPORT

The following updates were reported:

- the County Council had commenced a rolling programme of replacement LED lights in Broughton
- a pilot scheme to provide 30% of child care costs for residents of Broughton had begun.
- He had recently attended a meeting with Councillor Billy Mullin on the proposal to build houses at the Broughton Mews stack yard. The planning application had been approved despite the potential for flooding on the site.

- the half hourly Arriva No 3 bus had been discontinued and the route incorporated into the No 4 bus route. The No 3 service would continue to be provided on an hourly basis. This had been a dissatisfactory service and Councillor Butler requested the Clerk to write to Arriva to express the Council's disappointment at the lack of consultation prior to the withdrawal of the service.
- Councillor Billy Mullin advised that a meeting with the owners of the nursery at 10 Aughton Way had been cancelled and that he was unsure of the future plans i.e whether they would reduce the number of children or will appeal against the planning application decision.
- Councillor Lyndsay Jones commented that vehicle owners who left their cars parked at Broughton Retail Park to catch the bus to Chester had recently been fined.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) to note the updates and (ii) that the Clerk write to Arriva as outlined above.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised of the following:

- The Welsh Government had produced a 'Good Councillor Guide' that was available on line or at the Council library.
- The Remuneration Panel for Wales had produced its "Findings Report" following recent consultation events; a copy of which would be emailed direct to Members.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the updates be noted.

MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Phil Griffiths said that the recent announcement about the closure of Marshalls Aviation Services in June would, regrettably, result in the loss of circa 120 jobs.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the update be noted.