

# CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYCHDYN A BRETTON *BROUGHTON & BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL*

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13<sup>th</sup> April 2023

To: **ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

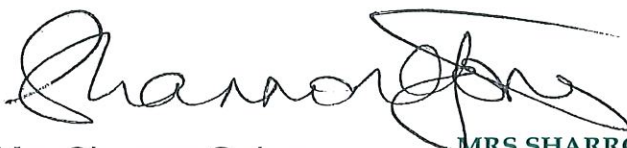
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend a **HYBRID MEETING** of the **BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** (*The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021*) on **TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 at 7.00PM**. The meeting will be held in the Edwin Hall Council Chamber, Brookes Avenue, Broughton.

The agenda and papers are attached.

To join the meeting remotely please follow the instructions that will be sent via email on Tuesday afternoon on request. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting either in person or remotely. Please contact the Clerk and Financial Officer on **07931 231770** if you require log-in details for the meeting, or if you have any problems logging in.

***No recording, broadcasting or photographs may be taken of the council meeting without the prior approval of the Community Council.***

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sharron G Jones  
Clerk & Financial Officer

**MRS SHARRON G JONES**

*Clerc a Swyddog Cyllidol Clerk & Financial Officer*

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***BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL***

**HYBRID MEETING**

**18th APRIL 2023**

**A G E N D A**

**COUNCIL MEETING:**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

To receive and approve the minutes of the previous hybrid meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023, copy attached.

- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Following the previous meeting of the Council, Councillor Sara Mason has expressed an interest to become the "Champion" for Climate Change and Biodiversity" with the assistance of Councillor Klaus Armstrong-Braun. Councillor Chrissy Gee has subsequently also requested to assist.

**5. EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS:**

Report attached.

**6. USE OF COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

Report attached.

**7. CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

**PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:**

**8. CONSULTATION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ETHICAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK (Richard Penn report):**

In March 2021, the then Minister for Housing and Local Government commissioned an independent Review of the Ethical Standards Framework ("the Framework") for local government in Wales established by the Local Government Act 2000 ("the 2000 Act"). The Framework extends to county and county borough councils, corporate joint committees, national park authorities, fire and rescue authorities and community and town councils. Where the term council(s) is/are used throughout this document this also extends to all member(s) of the above-named bodies.

The Framework has remained largely unchanged over the last 20 years, so an independent review was felt important to maintain confidence in the system and ensure developments in the way councillors and their public lives are reflected in its operation.

An effective ethical framework is essential to ensure people and councillors from all backgrounds have confidence to engage with local democracy or stand for elected office. It is part of making Wales a diverse and inclusive nation and its review is an action in our Anti-racist Wales Action Plan.

## Terms of reference for the review

The independent review (“the Review”) was undertaken by Richard Penn, a former local authority chief executive and former chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The terms of the Review were as follows:

- a) an audit of the codes of conduct adopted by all the required authorities against the Model Code of Conduct to identify any local variances
- b) an analysis of the effectiveness of the Framework in fostering high standards of conduct in local government in Wales and public confidence in those arrangements
- c) consideration of whether the Framework is still ‘fit for purpose’, including whether the 10 principles of conduct are still relevant and whether the Model Code of Conduct needs updating. This included identification of areas where improvements could/should be made to the current arrangements
- d) consideration of the role of standards committees, including their role in relation to community councils and whether the establishment of sub-committees has any impact on the process of supporting community councils and dealing with complaints
- e) an analysis of the arrangements and protocols in place within authorities to support members and staff in preventing the need for issues to a) arise in the first place, and b) be escalated beyond local resolution. This included areas such as clear communication and signposting, training and awareness and the authorities’ approach to addressing concerns
- f) consideration of the current sanctions and whether they are still appropriate

The full consultation can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.wales/consultation-recommendations-independent-review-ethical-standards-framework-richard-penn-report>

The deadline for responses is **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**.



## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

*County Council Members:*

- (i) To formally note that the participation of those Councillors who are also members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Community Council. The County Councillors reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.
- (ii) To consider the planning applications received to date for the month of April.

Members are asked to view the applications on-line prior to the meeting via

<http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Planning/Home.aspx>

- (iii) To note any planning appeals.
- (iv) To note the attached planning decisions.

## **10. POLICE MATTERS:**

To raise any relevant matters for communication to the local Police Community Support Officer who may be in attendance.

## **11. HIGHWAY/STREETSCENE MATTERS:**

To raise any relevant matters for communication to the Senior County Highways Officer, who may be in attendance.

## **12. COUNTY MEMBER ITEMS:**

To receive any relevant information items.

**13. MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

To receive any relevant information items.

**LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:**

**14. STREET LIGHTING:**

To raise any street lighting faults or related matters.

**15. ACCESS TO THE REAR OF THE COUNTRY PARK:**

Report attached for consideration.

**16. AURA LEISURE MATCH FUNDING FOR PLAY AREAS:**

To consider the contents of the attached letter and agree whether to request match funding for one of the Council's play areas.

**FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:**

**17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

To approve the attached list of payments for April.

**18. BANK RECONCILIATION:**

To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, copy to follow.

**19. REQUEST TO TRANSFER MANDATORY MEMBER ALLOWANCES:**

At the previous meeting, Councillors Ryan McKeown and Billy Mullin requested that the council agree to donate their mandatory member allowances to the local church for grounds maintenance projects. Members are asked to agree to this.

**20. CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

To receive a verbal report on the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Committee for the month of April.