



Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
15 SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Phil Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Penny Brett-Roberts, Chrissy Gee, Ros Griffiths, Donna Lalek, Mike Lowe, Ryan McKeown, Billy Mullin and Adam Williams

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

01/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Derek Butler, Lindsay Jones, Sue Stevens and Linda Thomas.

02/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No Declarations of Interest were made by Members.

03/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st July 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

04/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

05/20 GUIDANCE TO COUNCILS ON HOLDING MEETING ON A PHYSICAL BASIS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated the current guidance from the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and One Voice Wales (OVW) that clearly outlined that no face to face meetings should take place until further guidance is issued.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the continuation of virtual meetings for the foreseeable future.

06/20 POLICE/HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS:

A confidential incident report from Police Community Support Officer Dan Hughes had been circulated prior to the meeting for information.

Members advised of the following issues:

- Road surface at Herons Close required repair and had been reported to the County Council.
- Cars parked on the pavement at Broughton Motor Sales had caused a danger to pedestrians having to walk out into road; reported to the County Council.
- Overgrown hedge on footpath leading to doctors' surgery only partially cut remainder is responsibility of the house holder.
- Overgrown hedge on Hope Road.
- County Council Refuse Lorries had used the car park at the War Memorial Institute for breaks and had caused pot holes to occur.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note and report the updates.

07/20 2020 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated a summary of the recent annual play area inspections undertaken by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), for information.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the update.

08/20 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £6,609.79 for August be noted and the list of payments in the sum of £10,143.61 for September be approved.

09/20 BANK RECONCILIATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliations for the periods ending 4th August and 4th September 2020 be received and noted.

10/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

(a) County Council Members:

It was noted 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.

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 applications submitted to it for consideration, as per the attached schedule.
- (c) There were no planning appeals.
- (d) That the planning decisions be noted.
- (e) A pre-planning consultation application had been received for the extension of the industrial estate at Manor Lane. Members expressed their concern over an increase in the number of buildings in the area but agreed it would enhance employment opportunities and noting the recent redundancies at Airbus this could assist.

11/20 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised of the following issues:

- i) that the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Agreement for the month of September was £7,116.77.
- ii) the application to install a flower garden in Broughton Community Centre had been successful and installed the previous day. An additional application for a butterfly garden had been submitted for the Country Park.
- iii) A request had been received from the Planning and Development Officer at Micro-care, Flintshire County Council, to virtually attend the next meeting of the council to present the project to members, this was agreed.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: to receive and approve the updates.

12/20 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

There were none.

13/20 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Chrissy Gee advised that the Broughton Pre-School playgroup had had to find alternative premises following Covid restrictions at the local primary school. Temporary accommodation had been secured with the scouts but this was no longer available. Members had been disappointed to hear this and offered to support the long standing organisation in any way that it could. It was suggested that the playgroup speak to Broughton Community Centre and seek guidance from Pre-School Playgroups Association.

Councillor Ryan McKeown asked when the Annual Meeting would be held and if the Chairs would continue in their current roles. The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the Annual Meeting would be held in November and that it would be recommended that the current chairs continue in office until the annual meeting in May 2020.

14/20 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the exclusion of press and public as the following matter related to personal details and could contravene the Data Protection Regulations 2016.

15/20 CLWYD PENSION FUND:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve that the recently appointed Litter Collector be included in the Clwyd Pension Fund.