



Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
20 JULY 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Penny Brett-Roberts, Ros Griffiths, Lindsay Jones, Adam Lee, Mike Lowe, and Billy Mullin

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

19/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Councillors Derek Butler (illness), Chrissy Gee (holiday), Donna Lalek (family bereavement), Lindsay Jones (work) and Linda Thomas (holiday).

20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

21/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th June 2021 be approved as a correct record.

22/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to minute number 133/20 Councillor Ryan McKeown said that the Annual General Meeting for the Community Centre Management Committee had not been quorate and had therefore been re-scheduled to the 10th August 2021.

23/21 CO-OPTION IN SOUTH WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that she had received one expression of interest but had not heard further from the applicant, due to a misunderstanding.

It was agreed that contact be made with the candidate and if no further interest, the vacancy would be re-advertised.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive an update at the September meeting.

24/21 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES - ANNUAL REPORT (IRPW) FEBRUARY 2021 – PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated the draft report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Where not mandated, each determination required a formal decision by Council on an annual basis. A Council can adopt any or all of the non-mandated determinations but if it does make such a decision, it must apply to all members. An individual may wish to forego this entitlement on written notification to the Clerk and Financial Officer.

The Clerk and Financial Officer requested Members to confirm to her via email by 30th September if they did not wish to receive their mandatory allowance.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- i. Determination number 42 be accepted as mandatory, noting that some members had elected to forego this entitlement.
- ii. To accept Determination numbers 45, 46 and 47.
- iii. Determination numbers 44 and 50 are not applicable; and
- iv. Determination numbers 43, 48 and 49 be not approved.

25/21 AIRBUS RESIDENT'S MEETING:

Councillor Ros Griffiths had attended a virtual meeting with senior management of Airbus who had spoken of their manufacturing plans post pandemic and schemes that they had put in place to enhance their relationship with the local community, for example the Community Award Scheme.

Several members had expressed their disappointment that they had not been invited to the meeting and the Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that she would speak to Daniel Collings, Site Communications Manager, to ensure that she, the Chair of the Community Council and County Council members were invited to attend any future meetings.

Councillor Billy Mullins confirmed that issues raised by Airbus over the proposed housing development at Warren Hall would be resolved in the near future together with the campaign to Welsh Government about the lack of infrastructure within the community.

26/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the updated list of payments in the sum of £11,793.18 for July be approved.

27/21 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th June 2021.

28/21 REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM ST. DAVID'S HIGH SCHOOL:

Following discussions at the previous meeting, the Clerk and Financial Officer advised that Saltney Town Council had not been asked to contribute towards the establishment of a new library in St. David's High School as they had already been approached about an alternative project.

Members commented that whilst it was not the council's role to help fund projects in educational establishments they had been mindful that the current pupils did not have access to a library provision. A new build had been proposed for the high school but that would not be completed for several years.

Councillors Ros Griffiths, Adam Lee and Ryan McKeown agreed to contribute some of their £150 mandatory allowance to the library project.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to award the library a grant of £500 made up from the three member allowances plus £50 from the Chairman's Fund.

29/21 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.

30/21 POLICE/HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS:

Members raised the following issues:

- Area outside the Offas Dyke between the pavement and wall required tarmac and maintenance of grass.
- Overgrown weeds on the footpath adjacent to Copper Beech Close.
- Road sweeper required along Broughton Hall Road to collect branches from the overgrown hedges that had been knocked by passing buses.
- Councillor Billy Mullin to arrange a walkabout with Paul Edwards, from Streetscene, FCC.
- Access to police incident statistics available from the NWP website.

Members were reminded that any issues requiring a report to Streetscene should be sent through the Clerk and Financial Officer.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

31/21 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the cost to the council for the joint maintenance agreement for July amounted to £7,242.00.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: note the update.

32/21 COUNTY MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Billy Mullin commented on the following:

- i) as Joint Deputy Leader of the County Council he would be prioritise the budget for the future.
- ii) Under the Hardship Grant, car parking charges had continued to be suspended.
- iii) A masterplan was being developed for the future development of Connah's Quay and Buckley.
- iv) Enforcement of irregularities in certain areas, for example, planning, would be increased.

Councillor Mike Lowe confirmed that together with Councillor Billy Mullin, he would visit a local resident regarding the condition of an empty property next door.

33/21 MEMBERS' ITEMS:

Councillor Klaus Armstrong Braun and Councillor Ryan McKeown had recently attended a webinar about the regeneration of Welsh towns post pandemic. It had been an informative meeting and positive progress had been made by the Welsh Government.

The Clerk and Financial Officer thanked Councillor Ros Griffiths and Fran Griffiths for attending the NHS open day which had been held at the council offices on Monday 5th July in support of the NHS, Social Care and Front Line Workers. Despite advertising the event there had been no attendance. Members suggested that in the future an event could be held in the evening, or alternatively a monetary voucher to be used in local businesses could be arranged.

34/21 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Councillor Ryan McKeown said that he attended the above webinar which had proved very informative.

35/21 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) 1960:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the exclusion of the press and public as the following matter relating to commercially sensitive and could contravene the Data Protection Regulations 2016.

36/21 COMMUNITY LIBRARY AT BROUGHTON CP SCHOOL:

IT WAS RESOLVED TO:

- i) Continue the lease arrangement for an extended five-year period;
- ii) Contact David Barnes at Flintshire County Council about the formula for the National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR).