



Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
19 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Penny Brett-Roberts, Chrissy Gee, Ros Griffiths, Lindsay Jones, Donna Lalek, Mike Lowe, Billy Mullin, Linda Thomas and Adam Williams

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

57/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Derek Butler (illness) and Adam Lee (work commitment).

58/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Penny Brett-Roberts declared an interest in item 2 and Councillors Ryan McKeown and Billy Mullin declared an interest in item 14; members would complete their Declaration of Interest forms in due course.

59/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

60/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

With reference to minute number 44/21 work on the replacement fencing should commence by the end of October. With reference to minute number 48/21 Councillor Billy Mullin had spoken to the manager at the Offas Dyke who had said that they would fund the Pensioners' Christmas Party out of their reserves, with the support of Tesco. The party will be held on 8th or 9th of December and it would be advertised within the community.

With reference to minute number 52/21 the Clerk and Financial Officer had been advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner would be unable to attend a future meeting of the council. However, would attend a meeting of the North and mid-Wales Association of Town and Community Councils on the 22nd of October and members would have the opportunity to ask questions on that occasion.

61/21 CO-OPTION IN SOUTH WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that two applications had been received for this vacancy but since the publication of the agenda, one of the candidates had withdrawn their application.

Due to there being only one candidate a member suggested that the vacancy be re-advertised more widely within the community and on social media sites to encourage more candidates.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to re-advertise the vacancy.

62/21 2021 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that as long as there was not a significant increase in the number of Covid.19 cases, the Remembrance Day service would proceed as normal. The invitations had been sent out and the Order of Service would be distributed once finalised.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would lay wreaths at Broughton Church and the Hawarden memorial respectively.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the remembrance parade details.

63/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £13,024.57 for October be approved.

64/21 BANK RECONCILIATION:

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

65/21 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.

66/21 POLICE/HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported that PCSO Helen Holden had expected to attend the meeting, but had been called out to work. She anticipated attending a future meeting.

Members raised the following issues:

- Speed limit on Bretton Lane to be reviewed with a possible reduction to 20mph.
- Parking on double yellow lines outside Broughton CP School. Advised to report on the Flintshire County Council app to highlight the issue. The County Council had issued seven tickets since 9th September and it was anticipated that enforcement officers could be employed to tackle such behaviour. An agreement had been made to allow parents to park in the Offas Dyke car park to relieve congestion.
- Two lights out on Chester Road by the Quickco garage.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

67/21 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the cost to the council for the joint maintenance agreement for October amounted to £6,056.13. She also sought approval from members to take part in the Welsh Government/O Voice Wales self-assessment tool kit which would ensure good governance and practices were in place within the council.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: note the update and approve the council's inclusion in the self-assessment tool kit pilot.

68/21 COUNTY MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Billy Mullin commented on the following issues:

- He said that the issues regarding land earmarked for re-development at Manor Lane had been resolved.
- At a recent meeting with Dan Collings from Airbus, it had been confirmed that an invitation to visit the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) Cymru would be extended to community councillors in the New Year.

Councillor Mike Lowe said that together with Councillor Billy Mullin, he had attended the special meeting of the Flintshire County Council in honour of the outgoing Chief Executive, Colin Everett, which had been an emotional and moving event.

69/21 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Members commented on the following issues:

- Councillor Chrissy Gee said that there would be a Remembrance Day event at the War Memorial Institute on 14th November at 11.30am. Singers would be in attendance and all members had been invited.
- Councillor Billy Mullin stated his disappointment that funding from Active Travel that had been earmarked for a crossing outside the Co-op, Main Road, Broughton had already been spent within the County Council; he would continue to lobby for this much needed crossing.
- Councillor Lindsay Jones said that the pensioners' Christmas Party at Broughton Community Centre would be held on Thursday 9th December. Councillor Ryan McKeown said that he would speak to the manager at the Offas Dyke to ensure that the two events did not clash.
- Councillor Ryan McKeown advised that a coach from Broughton United FC would like to trial football sessions for school children on Brookes Avenue over 2 days during half term next week; subject to the success of the event a financial contribution could be given to the community council.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: receive and note the updates.

70/21 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Councillor Ryan McKeown had recently met with colleagues at the church about the condition of the churchyard. The church did not have sufficient funds and relied on volunteers to manage the ground. The Chairman said that he would speak to Daniel Collings, Airbus to see if this could be a worthy recipient of the community fund scheme. He had advised Reverend to submit an application form to Broughton and Bretton Community Council for a grant from the Community Chest fund.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the update and invite Reverend Cronin to a future meeting of the council to introduce himself.