



Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
16 NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

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

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

Also present: Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)
Helen Holden and Lucy Davies

71/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Derek Butler (illness), Donna Lalek (illness) and Adam Lee (caring responsibilities).

72/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors Chrissy Gee and Linda Thomas declared an interest in item 11 and would complete their Declaration of Interest forms in due course.

22 Chair's signature: _____

73/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

74/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

With reference to minute number 60/21 work on the replacement fencing at Broughton Country Park would commence week beginning 22nd November.

With reference to minute number 60/21 Councillor Ryan McKeown had spoken to the manager at the Offas Dyke who had confirmed that the Pensioners' Christmas Party would take place on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd December and would be paid for out of the pub's own reserves. He had offered his support to help on the days if required.

Councillor Billy Mullin said that the manager's father had recently passed away and offered his condolences.

75/21 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL – DRAFT REPORT:

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) had undertaken a fundamental review of payments to members of community and town councils ready for implementation on 5 May 2022. The original groupings of councils had changed based on electorate and Broughton and Bretton had been placed in Group B.

The guidance set out that members are not volunteers as a formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office had been signed and members carried out their role as part of the Welsh Local Government structure.

The Independent Remuneration Panel continued to liaise with HMRC about the taxation of the mandatory allowance of £150.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- i. That determination number 44 be accepted as mandatory, noting that some members may elect to forego this entitlement – members should notify the Clerk if they do not wish to receive it.
- ii. To accept determination numbers 45, 46 and 47.
- iii. Determination number 48, 49 and 50 be not approved.
- iv. To accept determination number 51.
- v. Determination 52 is noted; and
- vi. any expenses claimed will be published on the council's website and submitted to the IRPW.

76/21 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that in light of recent events, members may opt to have their home addresses removed from the website.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to remove the home addresses from the council's website for those members who had requested it.

77/21 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported that many events to celebrate H.M. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee could be organised by local community groups in partnership with the Eden Project Jubilee lunches. Local events would be encouraged along with a scheme to plant seven trees in the community to celebrate each decade of the Queen's reign.

There would be an extra bank holiday during the spring of 2022. Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd June are the official bank holidays, with the first date replacing the usual spring bank holiday, which is normally on the final Monday in May, Friday, June 3 is an additional Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.

A member reported that Broughton carnival would take place on Saturday 11th June and celebration events could be included on that day.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to seek advice from officers at Flintshire County Council to plant commemorative trees within the community.

78/21 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.

79/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £7,275.63 for November be approved.

80/21 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st October 2021.

81/21 COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT SCHEME:

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) Broughton and Bretton Bowling Club be awarded a grant of £100.
- (ii) Broughton and Bretton Senior Citizens Club be not approved as grants are not given for day to day running expenses or payment of rent.
- (iii) The grant scheme be revised to strengthen the criteria to make it clearer to applicants.

82/21 POLICE/HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS:

PCSO Helen Holden reported on the following issues:

- (i) Recent incidents of anti-social behaviour at various locations in Broughton had been brought to the attention of the Police and increased patrols had taken place. Some youths had been known to the police and dealt with accordingly.
- (ii) Contractors employed by the County Council had been given 14 days' notice from 16th October to complete and demolish the garages at Gladstone Road.
- (iii) North Wales Police had continued to maintain a presence at busy times outside Broughton CP School. Cars with blue badges had been checked and literature placed on windscreens to emphasise the need to park safely and ensure the safety of children.

- (iv) PCSOs Lucy Davies and Victoria Davies would patrol the area and maintain a visible presence.

Members raised the following issues:

- (i) There had been concerns about speeding traffic on Eaton Close; PCSO Holden confirmed that she would walk the area during busy school times.
- (ii) Footpath on Church Road/Simonstone Road had been very slippery and in need of urgent repair; reported to Streetscene.
- (iii) Zebra crossing on B5125 appeared to be too near to the roundabout; this had been reported to the Highways Department/North Wales Trunk Roads Agency.

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that a structural survey of steel lighting columns had recently been carried out and she would provide further information at the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the updates.

83/21 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the cost to the council for the joint maintenance agreement for November amounted to £5,173.71.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: to receive and note the update.

84/21 COUNTY MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Billy Mullin commented on the following issues:

- The proposed development of 300 houses at Warren Hall had been refused by the Welsh Inspectorate due to concerns raised by Airbus about the proximity of the houses to their flight path.

- The increase in council tax had been approved by the County Council's Cabinet at a meeting earlier in the day.

85/21 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Billy Mullin said that he had attended the Hawarden Remembrance service and that it had been very well attended and organised.

86/21 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Councillor Ryan McKeown reported that a local resident of Broughton, currently living in Warrendale Care Home, had reached her 100th birthday and a bouquet of flowers had been sent to her on behalf of the Chairman and Members of the Community Council.

He had recently attended the Remembrance Day service at St. Mary's Church and had laid a wreath on behalf of the Community Council.

Councillor McKeown wished all members a Happy Christmas and New Year.

The next meeting of the council would be held virtually on Tuesday 18th January 2022.