



Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
18 JANUARY 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

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

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

Also present: 1 Member of the public (David Brown)

87/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none.

88/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

89/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th November 2021 be approved as a correct record save and except that item 81/21(ii) should read "Broughton and Bretton Senior Citizens Club be 'not' approved".

90/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

91/21 CO-OPTION IN SOUTH WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that two applications had been received for the above vacancy, details of which had been circulated to members, and that members would need to take a vote that evening.

Jeffrey Brett-Roberts had been successful in receiving the majority of votes and was duly elected as the new Community Councillor for the Broughton South Ward.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor J. Brett-Roberts to the Community Council and its meeting and thanked David Brown for his application. He then invited Mr Brown to remain in the meeting as a member of the public and advised him of the forthcoming Local Government elections in May 2022.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Jeffrey Brett-Roberts be elected as the new Community Councillor for the Broughton South ward.

92/21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021:

The Welsh Government had launched a consultation on the new Act with 9 questions to be completed by Town and Community Councils. The Clerk and Financial Officer verbally shared her response to the questions and said that she would complete the survey and send a draft to members for comments. The deadline for the consultation was 17 March 2022.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer submit a draft response to members for comment.

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93/21 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 February 2022.
- (c) There were no planning appeals.
- (d) That the planning decisions be noted.

94/21 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated a report and summary of the income and expenditure position of the Council for the period ending 30th November 2021 and outlined any variances.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the report.

95/21 BUDGET PROPOSALS AND PRECEPT FOR 2022-23:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated a report proposing a draft budget and precept for 2022-23 taking into account the councils anticipated income and expenditure and its reserves.

The draft budget presented an expenditure over income of £35,229 based on current projections and this would need to be taken from reserves as the precept had been proposed at 0% increase this year to residents due to the known increases in inflation, national insurance and electricity and gas bills.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve a 0% increase in council tax for one year only, with any balances at year-end to be met from reserves.

96/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £9,836.25 for December be noted and £7,739.71 for January be approved.

97/21 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th November and to receive the bank reconciliation for 31st December at the next meeting.

98/21 STRUCTURAL SURVEY:

The council had received an update on the structural survey that had been undertaken for the council's steel lamp columns. A total of 603 columns had been inspected with 2 identified as rusty and in need of replacement and 8 damaged by impact, for example, a car. The two rusty ones had already been scheduled in for a service transfer and the 8 damaged columns would be repaired in due course, they were not of an urgent nature.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to accept the current position.

99/21 POLICE/HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING MATTERS:

Members reported on the following issues:

- i) Potholes on Church Road, following on from Broughton Hall Road and Mold Road, near Kinnerton Park.

- ii) Proposals to replace the crossing on Main Road, near the Co-op with traffic lights – an update from the County Council had been requested.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

100/21 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the cost to the council for the joint maintenance agreement for December amounted to £6,788.46 and for January amounted to £5,470.14.

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

101/21 COUNTY MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A Councillor expressed his disappointment that the Planning Inspectorate had refused the proposed development at the Old Warren.

102/21 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had been informed that the Broughton Carnival had been brought forward by one week to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations over the weekend of 3rd/4th June and that a street party had also been arranged. A street party would also take place on Forest Drive.

Discussions had commenced with the County Council's Biodiversity Officer about the appropriate trees and most suitable locations for the planting of seven trees to mark seven decades of the Queen's reign.

Members of the War Memorial Institute committee said that they would work closely with the Community Centre committee to establish a programme of events.

It was expected that the local churches would be involved in the event by ringing the bells.

A member asked if the Clerk and Financial Officer could produce a short leaflet to promote what events would take place/or could take place for circulation within the local communities; this was agreed.

103/21 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman asked that his apologies be submitted to the meeting of the Joint Services committee that would take place on Wednesday 19th January. Councillors Penny Brett-Roberts, Donna Lalek and Ros Griffiths would be in attendance.