



Minutes of the 'Virtual' Meeting of  
**BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
**15 MARCH 2022**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Penny Brett-Roberts,  
Jeff Brett-Roberts, Derek Butler, Chrissy Gee,  
Ros Griffiths, Lindsay Jones, Donna Lalek,  
Adam Lee and Mike Lowe

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

**122/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Billy Mullin (illness),  
Linda Thomas (holiday) and Adam Williams (work).

**123/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**124/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meeting  
held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**125/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the joint maintenance  
costs for February had been £9,885.23 and not £13,645 as stated  
as the cost towards the purchase of a new van had been entered  
twice in error.

Due to the current uncertainty in the energy market, she had been unable to obtain three quotes for unmetered supplies. Utility Aid had sought quotes for the council and had provided a quote from Scottish and Southern Electricity which provided a £12,000 saving on that provided by Scottish Power, with an option to sign up to a two, three or four-year contract. She had discussed the quotes with the Chair of Finance and a three-year contract had been awarded. The cost of this astronomical increase would need to be taken from the Council's reserves. The need to find efficiencies and an increase in the precept would be required the following year.

**126/21 FCCBeKindOnline:**

The County Council had recently launched a campaign called *#FCCBeKindOnline*. The aim of the campaign had been to raise awareness of responsible use of the internet and social media and end cyber bullying within communities. The Community Council had been encouraged to make the same pledge.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to approve and take part in the campaign.

**127/21 CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT ASSESSMENT OF WELL BEING IN FLINTSHIRE:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer encouraged all Members to complete the survey and said that she would also complete it on behalf of Broughton and Bretton Community Council.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that all members complete the survey individually and that the Clerk and Financial Officer submit a response on behalf of the Community Council.

**128/21 FLINTSHIRE PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT 2022:**

The Community Council had been asked by the County Council to prepare a local response to the Play and Sufficiency Assessment 2022.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the Clerk and Financial Officer complete the response on behalf of the Community Council.

## **129/21 H.M. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that 589 commemorative coins would be required for the pupils of Broughton CP School. A councillor suggested that members, residents and those involved in organising jubilee celebrations may like one and suggested a total of 650 coins be purchased.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that 650 coins be purchased as per option 4 in the quotation at a total cost of £959.40.

## **130/21 STAFF RETIREMENTS:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that the interview panel had successfully appointed two new members of staff following the recent announcement that two members of staff would retire. She shared the details of the new members of staff with members and confirmed that a one-week period of shadowing would be provided for the Maintenance Assistant and two weeks for the Senior Maintenance Officer with start dates of 1<sup>st</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> May respectively.

Members had also been reminded to deliver their leaving gift contributions to the office.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the update.

## **131/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

### **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

#### **(i) 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.

- (ii) 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 for February 2022.
- (iii) There were no planning appeals.
- (iv) That the planning decisions be noted.

### **132/21 LIGHTING FAULTS:**

Members reported the following faults:

- Lights out at the roundabout near Airbus that belong to the County Council
- Light out outside number 6 Gladstone Road

### **133/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the list of payments in the sum of £18,149.43 for March be approved.

### **134/21 BANK RECONCILIATION:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### **135/21 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the cost to the council for the joint maintenance agreement for March amounted to £3,206.88.

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

### **136/21 POLICE AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

Members reported potholes in the underpass, leading to the doctor's surgery on Main Road and near to The Boulevard. John Griffiths had been informed.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the update.

**137/21 COUNTY MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were no items.

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There were none.

**139/21 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

There were none.