



Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
19 JULY 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Penny Brett-Roberts (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Jeff Brett-Roberts, Chrissy Gee, Veronica Gay, Barrie Gregory, Ros Griffiths, Samantha Jennings, Donna Lalek, Mike Lowe, Sarah Mason, Billy Mullins, Ryan McKeown and Gareth Williams

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

Also present: 4 members of public

Councillor Penny Brett- Roberts apologised for raising her voice at the previous meeting but did not consider it appropriate to apologise for trying to control the meeting as Chairman due to a number of additional conversations taking place.

Councillor Penny Brett-Roberts welcomed Councillor Samantha Jennings to her first meeting of the Community Council.

43/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none.

44/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

14 Chair's signature: _____

45/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

45a/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

With reference to minute 35a/22, it was confirmed that the rats had been an ongoing problem at Heron Close and the County Council had been made aware of the situation for monitoring.

46/22 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair had not attended any recent events as she had been due to go into hospital for an operation which had subsequently been cancelled to a later date.

47/22 COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: approve the Clerk and Financial Officer, and relevant Committee chairs to continue to conduct business during the August recess and to extend the delegated authority in the event of 'Operation London Bridge' being actioned.

15 Chair's signature: _____

Councillor Donna Lalek, Chair of Planning, presented the following items:

48/22 PLANNING APPLICATION AND DECISIONS:

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) That the planning decisions be noted.

49/22 POLICE MATTERS:

A member reported there had been a fire in the Country Park over the weekend which had been extinguished by a member of the public. It was suggested that notices similar to the 'Crimestoppers' poster on the fence at Brookes Avenue could be attached to the fence at the Country Park.

Members requested that in the absence of PCSO attendance at the Community Council meetings, a quarterly incident report be forwarded to members. It was stated that PCSOs are always responsive to complaints notified to the police.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

50/22 HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Members raised the following issues:

- Swarms of flying ants reported in the area as a result of the time of the year and the current heat wave.
- Cut through at top of Brookes Avenue overgrown.
- Weed spraying had taken place throughout Broughton earlier in the day.
- Overgrown trees on the slip-way from Broughton Park to the A55 – responsibility of Trunk Road Agency.
- The recently installed bench on the B5125 had been well used.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

51/22 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to agree with the County Council's proposal that the Community Council the principal authority to help maintain local public Rights of Way.

52/22 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

Councillor Billy Mullin said that the construction of individual units on Manor Lane had progressed and that Airbus had recently won a contract to build military helicopters for the Ministry of Defence which would benefit Broughton and local suppliers.

Councillor Chrissy Gee confirmed receipt of an email from Dan Collings, Airbus, offering the services of 20-25 volunteers on 16th August, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm to assist on community projects within Broughton and requested suggestions from Members as to how they could help.

Councillor Billy Mullin, in his role as committee member of Hawarden Air Cadets, had said that he would ask Dan Collings if the Cadets could visit Airbus.

53/22 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Ros Griffiths confirmed she had attended an Airbus Community meeting on 16th July where the following items had been discussed:

- Production business had been back to pre-covid levels, but still a backlog in the production of A320 planes;
- Sustainable production for the future with an annual revenue of £36.1 billion;
- Future of employees safeguarded with 156 apprentices and future employment for 20 graduates and 53 interns’
- An investment of £100m in the West Factory scheduled for August 2024;
- Investment from the Welsh Government and AMRC for robotics development;
- Change of operating hours for the Beluga had been approved.

Councillor Mike Lowe, presented the following items:

54/22 STREET LIGHTING:

There were no issues.

55/22 COUNTRY PARK, BROUGHTON:

Members discussed the feasibility of providing an access to the Country Park from Parc Jasmin. It had been noted that the council did not own the land and would therefore require permission from the developer. The developer would also be asked to consider contributing towards the cost of a gate.

It was suggested that the County Council be approached with a view to reviewing this project as a “Safer route to school”.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to speak to the County Council about a Safer Routes to School project at this location.

Councillor Ros Griffiths, Chair of Finance, presented the following items:

56/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £14,847.32 for July be approved.

57/22 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th June 2022.

58/22 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the cost to the council for the joint maintenance agreement for July amounted to £5,757.49.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.