



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
21 FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Billy Mullin (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Chrissy Gee, Veronica Gay,
Ros Griffiths, Samantha Jennings, Donna Lalek, Sarah
Mason, Ryan McKeown and Gareth Williams

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

122/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Penny Brett-Roberts (personal), Jeffrey Brett-Roberts (personal), Barrie Gregory (business meeting) and Mike Lowe (personal).

123/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

124/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

41 Chair's signature: _____

125/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

With regard to item 102/22, the Clerk and Financial Officer had requested an update from Lee Shone, Road Safety Officer at Flintshire County Council.

126/22 JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Services Committee held on 18th January be approved as a correct record.

127/22 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

In the absence of the Chair, there were no remarks.

128/22 PUBLIC COMMEMORATION IN WALES: GUIDANCE FOR PUBLIC BODIES:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had informed members of the above consultation, the deadline for which was midnight that evening.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer respond to the consultation in a positive manner as the guidance provided a clear framework for inclusive decision making for public commemorations.

129/22 TECHNICAL ADVICE NOTE (TAN) 15 DEVELOPMENT, FLOODING AND COASTAL EROSION FURTHER AMENDMENTS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer informed members of the above consultation, the deadline for which was 17th April, 2023. Following discussion, it was agreed that the comment about an "increased element of flexibility" which had been suggested in the draft revisions document should not be approved as this could provide inconsistent.

A member raised the issue of flooding on Main Road. A grid had been installed by the North Wales Trunk Road Agency but according to colleagues at the County Council this had been installed incorrectly. This matter would be referred to the Senior Highways Officer.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer respond to the consultation in support of the proposals with the objection as outlined above.

130/22 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.
- (d) There were no planning appeals.

131/22 POLICE MATTERS:

Members raised the following issues:

- Cones placed in the middle of Broughton Hall Road close to the school by youngsters that had been Streetscene.
- Youths wandering around the area at night-time, causing concerns for residents; incidents to be reported to 101.
- Incidents of people trying car doors with the possible intent of stealing them.
- Drug taking and incidents of anti-social behaviour on Honeysuckle Close that the police had been made aware of.

A member had recently conducted a walk-about with the Police Community Support Officer, Helen Holden, who had discussed the localised drug problems but that she had not received any reports of anti-social behaviour. She advised that all incidents must be reported via 101 for data recording and further action to be taken, if required.

Members expressed their concerns about the lack of police presence at meetings and that the invitation to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Andy Dunbobbin, had been declined. It was suggested that he receive a further invitation to attend.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates and invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to a future meeting.

132/22 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

The following issues were reported:

- (i) Members reported many potholes in the area, particularly in the area of the Airbus roundabout and Church Road; Forest Drive/Parkfield Road; roundabout B5125, Broughton to Hawarden; Main Road and Eaton Close;
- (ii) A member asked if there was any information on the old art building, currently owned by British Land, opposite the Glynne Arms.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates.

133/22 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

A member said that the increase in council tax at Flintshire County Council had been set at 3.99% which totalled 4.95% including the police and fire precepts. He also outlined that the County Council had recently experienced problems recruiting and retaining employees, particularly in Social Services and to the Council's apprenticeship scheme.

A member announced that there would be a litter and dog fouling awareness event on Brookes Avenue playing fields at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 4th March 2023. Support would be provided by the Environmental Improvement Officer from the County Council and local members from the Scouts organisations. All members would be welcome to attend.

A member advised that the 2023 Garden Waste scheme had been launched and was available online.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates.

134/22 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member expressed his thanks to the maintenance team for cutting the grass on the pitch at Brookes Avenue so quickly.

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that an officer from Sutcliffe Play would attend the Country Park the following week to examine the senior multi-play equipment and resolve how it could be made safe for use again.

A member confirmed that an email had been sent from Broughton CP School to all parents as a result of inconsiderate parking close to the school entrance. Another member stated that Broughton is a high priority area for Enforcement officers. She confirmed that there would be a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee the following week that involved Enforcement officers and it had been anticipated that many of these issues would be addressed.

135/22 STREET LIGHTING:

A member reported a fluorescent light from Airbus shining through to Eaton Close which appeared too bright.

136/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £10,150.59 for February be approved.

137/22 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st January 2023.

138/22 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised on the following items:

- that the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Agreement for February had been £6,597.29;
- She would submit a reminder post on Facebook for small grant applications to be submitted; and
- The May and June council meetings would require a deferment of one week, dates to be confirmed at the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the updates.