



Minutes of the 'Hybrid' Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
23 May 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Billy Mullin (Chairman)

Councillors: Jeff Brett-Roberts, Penny Brett-Roberts, Chrissy Gee, Barrie Gregory, Ros Griffiths, Samantha Jennings, Donna Lalek, Mike Lowe, Sara Mason, Ryan McKeown and Gareth Williams

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

Also present: Andy Dunbobbin, North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
10 members of the public

01/23 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2023/2024:

The previous past Chairman invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the Municipal Year 2023/2024. On being put to a vote, Councillor Billy Mullin, was duly elected Chairman of Broughton and Bretton Community Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

Councillor Billy Mullin duly completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and thanked Members for supporting his nomination.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Billy Mullin be appointed Chairman of the Community Council for the Municipal year 2023/2024.

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02/23 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2023/2024:

The Chairman requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024. On being put to a vote, Councillor Ryan McKeown was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2023-24 municipal year.

Councillor Ryan McKeown duly completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Ryan McKeown be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Community Council for the Municipal year 2023/24.

03/23 ANDY DUNBOBBIN, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC):

The Chairman welcomed Andy Dunbobbin to the meeting. Andy said that he had been in post for two years and shared his past experiences in the public sector and the skills he had acquired over that time. He said that during his time as PCC he had visited many town councils and discussed a number of issues with them which was very important to him and his engagement with the general public. He liaises with many partners, including Betsi Cadwallader University Health Board and had a close working relationship with the Chief Constable, Amanda Blakeman.

Andy said that considerable investment had been put into the position of PCC and despite the many cutbacks to public services, he had been keen to listen to what councillors had to say about their experiences with the police and what mattered to them. He referred to a number of leaflets that had been available on the website outlining his plans and policies including his priorities to enable safer neighbourhoods, support victims in the communities and provide a fairer justice system. He said that there had been a 50% increase in cyber-crime which had been one of the problems he wanted to take on and had been appointed deputy lead on Economic and Cyber Crime and the national lead on a new system which would be replacing the outdated Police National Computer (PNC).

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Andy confirmed that he had been working hard with the Chief Constable to ensure that both police officers and police staff were working as efficiently as possible and he endeavoured to bring confidence back to the general public. He outlined several initiatives he had been involved in including youth sheds, victim help-centre in St. Asaph and a community trigger scheme which helped low level incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Members asked the PCC several questions which were of concern to them including Police and PCSO recruitment. Andy confirmed that this had been an ongoing process and North Wales Police had recently recruited over their targeted number of officers. He mentioned the 101 which is often poor with no response/record of reported incidents and advised members to report any incidents via the North Wales Police website or speak to Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch.

Andy agreed to follow up a couple of issues that members had mentioned with local police as they had been operational issues.

Councillor Mullin thanked Andy for his attendance and asked him to keep up the excellent work that he undertakes.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

04/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Klaus Armstrong Braun (IT issue) and Veronica Gay (bereavement).

05/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

06/23 RETIRING CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Councillor Penny Brett-Roberts said that she had attended an excellent street party for the King's Coronation on 7th May, but had been disappointed that no other member had attended to support the village.

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She stated that she had enjoyed her period of chairmanship, she had worked hard, had attended many of the courses relevant to her role but that she felt let down by the Community Council and would not take on the 'thankless' role again.

07/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th April 2023 be approved as a correct record.

08/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

With regard to *item 177/22*, the Clerk and Financial Officer said that she had received an update on the boundary dispute from Bellway Homes and that she would call a special meeting to progress the matter.

09/23 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to adhere to the Model Code of Conduct.

10/23 STANDING ORDERS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer suggested that due to activities taking place in the community centre, meetings in future could commence at 7.15pm to enable the IT equipment to be set up

IT WAS RESOLVED: to abide by the Council's Standing Orders and approve that meetings in the future, commence at 7.15pm.

11/23 EXPENDITURE POLICY AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to agree to abide by the Council's Financial Regulations and Expenditure Policy.

12/23 LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL:

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that she had met with Councillors Penny Brett-Roberts, Veronica Gay and Ros Griffiths last month to provide a response to the Richard Penn consultation. She stated that the council felt like a 'lost' sector with no support for incidents of bullying and harassment between councillors and clerks and councillors and that the policies were worthless without sanctions able to be imposed.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to adopt the Local Resolution Protocol and that the Clerk and Financial Officer send a copy of the Richard Penn consultation response to members.

13/23 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the Standing Committees of Planning and General Purposes, Lighting and Amenities and Finance and Staffing and to continue to run the committees following council meetings on a 'rolling agenda'.

14/23 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to appoint the Chairmen for each of the council's standing committees for the municipal year as follows:

Planning and General Purposes – Councillor Gareth Williams
Lighting and Amenities – Councillor Penny Brett-Roberts
Finance and Staffing – Councillor Ros Griffiths

15/23 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that representation remain the same as current.

16/23 DATA BREACH NOTIFICATION POLICY:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the Data Breach Notification Policy and Risk Assessment and to agree to arrange Data Protection training.

17/23 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the appointment of JDH Business Services Ltd, as the Council's Internal Auditor for the financial year 2023/24.

18/23 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- i) The Clerk and Financial Officer said that the cost to the council for the joint maintenance agreement for May amounted to £12,579.82.
- ii) A request from Pinder's Circus to attend Brookes Avenue playing fields from Wednesday 12th July to Sunday 16th July had been received. This was agreed, subject to the relevant insurances, terms and conditions etc.
- iii) The first precept payment of £43,780.34 had been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the updates and to approve, in principle, permission to use the field by Pinder's Circus subject to a rental charge being agreed and that this income be used to improve and repair the play area at Brookes Avenue.

19/23 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the dates of forthcoming meetings as follows and to move the commencement time to 7.15pm:

27 June 2023	16 January 2024
18 July 2023	20 February 2024
19 September 2023	19 March 2024
17 October 2023	16 April 2024
14 November 2023	21 May 2024

20/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £6,042.03 for May be approved.

21/23 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th April 2023.

22/23 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.