



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
18 JULY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Billy Mullin (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong Braun, Jeffrey Brett Roberts, Penny Brett Roberts, Veronica Gay, Barrie Gregory, Sam Jennings, Sara Mason, Ryan McKeown and Gareth Williams.

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Mrs F C Griffiths, Administrative Officer

Also present: 2 members of the public

48/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Chrissy Gee (IT issue) and Mike Lowe (family responsibility).

49/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

50/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

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51/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

52/23 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2023 be received and approved.

53/53 COUNCILLOR VACANCY – BROUGHTON SOUTH

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that Councillor Donna Lalek had resigned with effect from 8th July 2023. A casual vacancy would be advertised and a by-election called, if required. If there are no nominations, the vacancy will be open for co-option.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to advertise the vacancy and send a thank you letter and a bouquet of flowers to Councillor Lalek.

54/23 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman had not attended any recent events.

PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

55/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 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.

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- (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.

56/23 POLICE MATTERS:

A member commented that he had spoken with the local Inspector regarding concerns of cannabis abuse in a property opposite his home. The Inspector had confirmed that investigations had been on-going alongside other issues.

A member confirmed that there had been evidence of cannabis being sold at another property in Broughton and that the police had continued to investigate.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

57/23 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer, had submitted his apologies. A member said that the pothole near to the pharmacy on Main Road was quite deep and required urgent repair.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the update.

58/23 LETTER FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the letter and its contents.

59/23 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

Members reported on the following issues:

- Flintshire County Council had discussed the 2024 budget and disclosed a significant shortfall. Officers would be asked to find further efficiencies.
- Re-cycling in Flintshire would be reviewed as there had been insufficient re-cycling by residents and the council were in danger of being fined by Welsh Government.
- Hot, Free School meals would be offered on four days per week instead of the current five.
- More one-bedroom homes were required in Flintshire.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates and ask the Clerk to contact Broughton CP School about the library being used as a collection point for issuing re-cycling receptacles for members of the community.

60/23 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Veronica Gay provided a comprehensive report on her recent attendance at the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice conference in Builth Wells on Wednesday 5th July 2023 with the Clerk and Financial Officer.

LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

61/23 STREET LIGHTING:

A member reported that the street column stump on The Boulevard remained in situ.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to contact Flintshire County Council to request removal.

62/23 COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that the Management Plan had been prepared in draft and welcomed member comments, additions/deletions as appropriate. It was suggested that a Working Group be established to monitor and develop the plan.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the draft management plan and establish a Working Group of members.

63/43 PURCHASE OF FOOTBALL GOALS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that three companies had been approached for the purchase of two sets of goal posts for the football pitches at Brookes Avenue.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the purchase of goal posts from Company B.

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:

64/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £7,049.85 for July, be approved.

65/23 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliation.

66/23 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised of the following:

- i) that the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Agreement for July had been £7,049.85.
- ii) that a member of staff had been off sick following an operation but had recovered well.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.