



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of  
**BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
**19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Billy Mullin (Chairman)

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

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

Also present:

**67/23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The Chairman welcomed Georgey Griffiths to her first meeting of the Council and congratulated Adam Williams on his recent election as a Community Councillor.

**68/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mike Lowe and Adam Williams

**69/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

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## **70/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

## **71/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

## **72/23 CHAIRMANS REMARKS:**

The Chairman reported that Fran Griffiths had sent a thank you letter to the Community Council and thanked employees and councillors for their continued support during her period of employment until her retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023.

## **73/23 PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:**

### **74/23 NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY: PUBLIC CONSULTATION:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that the consultation had been extended by one week due to the issues raised with the Deeside Fire Station. Option 1 had been the favoured option.

A Member advised that the fire brigade had put forward an additional option 4 and had written to the Chief Fire Officer to raise concerns about the limited promotion of the consultation.

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the proposal included a change from the current provision that fire fighters had to live 5 minutes away from the station and the consultation proposed 8 minutes which would result in an additional three minutes and therefore a threat to life. Deeside also housed the fire boat for the River Dee.

A Member had attended a briefing session at County Hall where he had learned that option 1 would be an additional cost of £0.32p a week for a Band D household.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the Clerk and Financial Officer complete the on-line consultation form, on behalf of the Community Council, favouring Option 1.

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## **75/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

### **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

(a) County Council Members:

That 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.

## **76/23 DOG BAG DISPENSERS IN BROUGHTON AND BRETTON:**

A Member advised that Higher Kinnerton and Hawarden had dog dispensers located throughout the community. Tesco had agreed to donate poo bags and a suggestion had been made that the scouts and brownies be involved.

The Clerk and Financial Officer explained that Flintshire County Council had only supported the scheme in Hawarden as it had been a pilot scheme. Eight dispensers had been issued around the Hawarden area across the 3 wards and the poo bags had been provided by Flintshire Council, free of charge. However, all dispensers had subsequently been stolen.

A member commented that they would be fully supportive of a pilot scheme, however they did not feel that it would encourage the few dog walkers to pick up the dog mess and they would probably be stolen.

A member suggested the involvement of community groups but was advised that the role of enforcement was the responsibility of the County Council.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to implement a pilot scheme to provide the dispensers with Members to place them within the community and ensure that they are always full.

### **77/23 TOURISM SIGNS:**

A member suggested that the Community Council purchase Tourism Signs to welcome members of the public into the community. The Clerk and Financial Officer had requested information about the boards installed in Mold which had cost £20,000 for six signs.

A member said that whilst it would be nice to have the signs, it did not seem to be the right time to spend that much money when there was a cost of living crisis.

The suggested locations would be:

1. Bottom of The Old Warren
2. Two roundabouts which lead into Broughton
3. On the road that leads from Saltney into Broughton
4. One from Hawarden into Broughton
5. One leading off the A55 into Broughton

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the Clerk and Financial Officer make enquiries into the provision of grant, liaise with Broughton retail park and Airbus about sponsorship and review the proposal in six months.

### **78/23 ADDITIONAL PLANT BOXES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY:**

A member asked if the Community Council could purchase some plant boxes within the community to make the village appear prettier. Plant boxes can start from as little as £39.00 each. The member also suggested that she would be happy to maintain the planters.

Councillor Sara Mason had done an excellent job with the planters at Bretton and members and residents had commended her.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to review at the October meeting during the budget monitoring report and to see whether it would be possible to obtain donations from local businesses.

#### **79/23 LETTERS FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE:**

Two letters had been received from the Standards Committee for sharing with members. The Clerk and Financial Officer explained that the Standards Committee had representatives that attend all Town and Community Councils and collectively feedback to the Standards Committee. The letters are then sent as a result of that feedback and all Community and Town Councils are encouraged to note the useful comments shared.

**IT WAS RESLOVED:** to note the contents of the two letters.

#### **80/23 POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSO Helen Holden no longer covered the Broughton and Bretton community. Inspector Iwan Jones had shared his personal number with a member in the event of a PCSO not being available.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note this information.

#### **81/23 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:**

John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer, had submitted his apologies.

The following matters were shared for action:

- The shopping precinct in Broughton had a number of garages that are in a bad condition; owned by Flintshire County Council.
- There had been a large number of potholes at this location.
- A resident who lived next door to the Glyn Arms Cottages had complained about speeding traffic from Broughton towards Saltney.
- A street light had been obscured by overgrown trees on Broughton Hall Road.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note this information and forward to John Griffiths.

**82/23 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:**

Members reported on the following:

Broughton and Bretton Bowling Club had recently become the new Welsh Club Champions. It was agreed that a congratulatory letter be sent to them.

A member had attended the first Education and Youth Scrutiny Task Group relating to parking at Flintshire schools. The meeting would be held monthly and he would report back to the Community Council as appropriate.

The new 20mph speed limit going in and out of Broughton had been agreed. Any enquiries from residents should be directed to the County Council weblink. He thanked John Griffiths for the repair work on dips in the road at Llys Caer.

Broughton Football Club had thanked the Community Council Maintenance Team for putting up the new football goals.

Claire Homard, Chief Officer for Education, had not provided an update regarding the St. David's High School Consultation which had been due at the end of summer; he had chased this matter up.

A member had been in contact with Lee Shone, Transport Officer to ask why the beacons had not yet been installed on the crossing by the Co-Op on Main Road, Broughton. Apparently on two occasions, the wrong measurements had been provided.

A member requested double yellow lines be situated on Church Road where there was a sharp bend as cars park on both sides of the road and elderly people did not have a clear view when crossing to go into the church.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to note the updates and that a congratulatory letter be sent to the Welsh Champions of Broughton and Bretton Bowling Club.

### **83/23 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

A member reported that he and other members had attended the Airbus community meeting. Airbus had received 902 orders from Air India, had recruited nearly 300 apprentices and the West factory would be repurposed to operate a single aisle by the end of 2024. He also said that there had been 6 Beluga XLs in progress, the company had been actively trying to recruit more women and had been involved in community initiatives including litter picks, world book day and VIP visits to view the Beluga.

A talk had been held at the Story House in Chester about the history of the factory that had been very interesting.

Finally, it had been encouraging to note that Boeing and Airbus had been working together to try to obtain the contract for the helicopters.

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

### **LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:**

#### **84/23 STREET LIGHTING:**

The following faults had been reported:

1. Lights on the bridge near country park had been flickering.
2. Day burner on Gladstone Road, corner of Coronation Road.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to arrange for the necessary repair work.

### **85/23 TREE POLICE AND TREE INSPECTION SYSTEM:**

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the Council's previous employee, Fran Griffiths, who had compiled this report prior to her retirement and acknowledged the comprehensive work involved.

The Chairman suggested that a clause be added about the re-placement of trees if required. The Clerk and Financial Officer referred to section 2.2 within the policy and advised that a GPS survey enabled the council to locate the trees and identify the required inspection regime. Stuart Body, the County Council's Arboriculturalist had also reviewed and commented on the document.

A member asked if the big tree in Brookes Avenue belonged to the Community Council. It was advised that the land belonged to Flintshire County Council, but that the Community Council leased the land.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the tree policy be approved with the addition outlined above.

#### **FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:**

##### **86/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

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

##### **87/23 BANK RECONCILIATION:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to receive and approve the bank reconciliations.

##### **88/23 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Agreement for September had been £4,934.88.

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