



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
17th October 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Billy Mullin (Chairman)

Councillors: Jeffrey Brett-Roberts, Penny Brett-Roberts, Veronica Gay, Barrie Gregory, Ros Griffiths, Mike Lowe, Ryan McKeown and Adam Williams.

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

89/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Chrissy Gee, Sam Jennings, Sara Mason and Gareth Williams

90/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

91/23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A member referred to item 83/23, where the Maintenance Officers at Hawarden Community Council had been thanked for their assistance with the football club. This should read the Council's Maintenance Officers.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th July 2023 be approved as a correct record, save and except that the Council's Maintenance Team be amended.

92/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

93/23 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

There were no updates.

94/23 PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

95/23 COMMUNITY REVIEW

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that Flintshire County Council had been obliged to undertake a Community Review and had asked the Community Council to complete a questionnaire to consider any changes to current boundaries.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the completed questionnaire with no amendments be submitted to the County Council.

96/23 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.

97/23 POLICE MATTERS:

No matters had been raised.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

98/23 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer, had attended the meeting and advised that Manor Lane had been resurfaced.

The Chairman referred to the pot holes at the garage site behind Broughton Hall Road shops. He had spoken to the County Council and been advised that legal advice had been sought.

He also referred to an incident at Heron's Close where a vehicle had crashed into an elderly resident's lounge that had caused damage to the property. Fortunately, the resident had not been at home at the time of the incident and had been temporarily placed into alternative accommodation.

A member informed John that the pathway between Lansdown Road and Wellington Road had overgrown hedges and had been full of weeds.

The hedges privately owned by properties at Forest Drive had been overgrown and caused a blockage for wheel chair and pram users.

A member asked if the trees on Broughton Hall Road and the willow tree on the small roundabout could be cut back.

John said that he would raise a work ticket for these jobs.

The Clerk and Financial Officer asked if there had been any update on the 20 mph speed limits to which John advised that the cost to the County Council had been excessive but that the County Council had been given the authority to reverse some roads back to 30 mph.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the issues be noted and reported accordingly.

99/23 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

Members reported the following:

The Chairman referred to the County Council's budget workshops and the efficiencies that had been required. Free school meals had been targeted for cuts but most County members had rejected this vital provision.

A member said that he had attended the first school safety meeting. There had been a working group set up to investigate how they can solve the problem of feeding the children free meals, outside of school time. The Welsh Government had funded this during lock down but they had subsequently withdrawn the funding and had not advised schools about this until two weeks prior to the summer holidays which had been untimely.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

100/23 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member referred to the double yellow lines outside schools to stop people parking and stated at school pick up times there had been at least eight or ten cars parked illegally.

The Chairman commented and said due to limited resources it had been difficult to enforce this which had been a County Council matter. Another member said that they had requested information from the Chief Officer for Streetscene on how many visits had been undertaken at Broughton Junior School in comparison to other schools and had been advised that the school was in the top three problematic areas.

The working group would endeavour to implement mitigating measures.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

101/23 STREET LIGHTING:

No matter had been raised.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the update.

102/23 ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS (ROSPA) ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PLAY AREA:

A summary of the inspection reports had been provided for Members' information. A member commented that a number of the issues had already been dealt with by the Council's Maintenance Team who undertake a great deal of work which had been appreciated.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

103/23 2023 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE 12th NOVEMBER

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated the remembrance service would take place as usual and that the Royal British Legion had been involved in the planning of this significant event. The Head Teacher at the Hawarden Village Primary School would read out a Welsh poem as part of the service.

A member added they would be selling poppies at Tesco in Broughton from 26th October 2023.

The Vice-Chairman said that he had been unable to lay the wreath at the church and had asked another member to lay the wreath on his behalf.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:

104/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

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

104A/23 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the Income and Expenditure Report.

105/23 BANK RECONCILIATION:

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

106/23 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Agreement for October been £5,900.28.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.