



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of  
**BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
**20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Jeffrey Brett Roberts, Penny Brett Roberts, Veronica Gay, Barrie Gregory, Chrissy Gee, Ros Griffiths, Sam Jennings, Sara Mason and Billy Mullin.

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

**155/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

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

**156/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**157/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**158/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer read out the response from the Chief Officer, Streetscene about the non- attendance of a Senior Highways Officer at Council meetings. It stated that this had been a temporary measure due to the current budget difficulties faced by the local authority. The Chief Officer requested that the Senior Highways Officer be contacted in between meetings for issues and updates.

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

**159/24 JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**160/24 MANDATORY MEMBERS ALLOWANCES' 2023/2024:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised members that the mandatory allowances would no longer be taxed and would be paid in March 2024. Members will be paid automatically, unless a written communication is received by the Clerk and Financial Officer by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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

**161/24 CHAIRMANS REMARKS:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.

**PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:**

**162/24 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – STANDARDS COMMITTEE VACANCY:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that Councillor Ros Griffiths be nominated as the Council's first preferred candidate and Councillor Bill Cooper be nominated as second preference.

## **163/24 FLOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN:**

A draft Community Flood Plan had been shared with members based on the model prepared for Rhydymwyn. A member stated that there needed to be a page on the Community Council website that indicated who residents should contact ahead of a potential flood situation. Maps can be provided by Flintshire County Council.

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that any flood plan would need to be community driven and colleagues from Emergency Planning and Drainage, Flintshire County Council, National Resources Wales and Welsh Water would need to be involved.

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised members that there would be a flood volunteering network event on 21st March at the Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno which would be held between 10:00am and 4:00pm. This event was free to attend and mileage could be claimed. The Clerk and Financial Officer encouraged members to attend the event.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the Flood Volunteering Network Event details be forwarded to all members for members to attend.

## **164/24 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PLACE PLANS:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that a working group of members meet to review the guidance on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

## **165/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS:**

(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.

### **166/24 POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSO Richard Bryan had been welcomed to meeting and provided a summary of the current areas of crime the Police had been focussed on. Over the Christmas period resources had been centred around the retail outlets due to a higher risk of shop lifting together with drink driving. In January there had been several reports of burglaries from sheds, garages and other out-buildings so the Police had asked residents to take extra precautions to protect their possessions.

Fraud continued to be an ongoing criminal activity that the Police had to monitor but unfortunately people did not appear to report it regularly. Cold callers continued to try and access personal bank details over the phone and internet and residents had been warned about this risk.

In response to a question, PCSO Bryan said that whilst cold-calling is not illegal, if callers had been abusive or threatening then it would become an offence and residents could contact 101.

PCSO Bryan, in response to a further question, advised that the traffic light cameras are operated by Flintshire County Council who would report offences directly to the Police.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the updates be noted and that PSCO Bryan and Davies be welcomed to all future council meetings.

## **167/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:**

Members raised a number of issues about pot holes in the area and the durability of temporary filling. The Chairman advised that recent inclement weather conditions had not helped and Flintshire County Council's budget to repair pot holes had been significantly reduced.

A member requested that the bus stop signs be replaced on both sides of the Main Road in Broughton and that the hedge is cut back as the bus stop is no longer visible and residents struggle when they step onto the path due to the overgrown trees.

The member also made a complaint about the dangerous footpath which was outside the garage on the corner opposite Airbus and that he had raised an FOI to establish ownership. A further member added that Flintshire County Council had indicated that the issue needed to be resolved directly by the garage owners.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the issues be noted and reported to John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer.

## **168/24 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:**

A member advised that a Volunteer Flood Action Group had been set up in response to the recent flooding issues and a mental health group had started in the community which had received good feedback.

Another member advised that the Council Tax at the County Council had been set 8% plus 1.1% for the Police and Fire Service. All members registered their concerns about the inadequate level of funding received from Welsh Government. The average Town/Community Council precept had been 4.5% which equated to £2.58 per annum per Band D household.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to receive and note the information.

## **169/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:**

No items had been reported.

## **170/24 REVIEW OF THE DOG POO BAG DISPENSER PILOT SCHEME:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that an extra 8 dog poo bag dispensers be purchased for siting within the community.

## **LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:**

### **171/24 STREET LIGHTING:**

A member wished to compliment the Council's Maintenance Team on the quality of the street lighting and quick responses.

Members asked whether a street light could be fitted on the path that led to the park in Broughton as there was currently no lighting there. It was an unadopted path and a member asked if the Community Council could adopt this section for future maintenance.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that enquires be made about the adoption of the footpath.

## **FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:**

### **172/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the list of payments in the sum £6,798.40 for February, be approved.

### **173/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the bank reconciliations for the periods ended 31<sup>st</sup> December and 31<sup>st</sup> January be approved.

### **174/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the cost to the council for the Service Level Agreement for February amounted to £6,798.40.