



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
16th April 2024

PRESENT: Councillor Billy Mullin (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Veronica Gay, Barrie Gregory,
Chrissy Gee, Ros Griffiths, Ryan McKeown and Gareth
Williams

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

194/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Received from Councillors Jeffrey Brett-Roberts, Penny Brett-Roberts,
Sam Jennings, Mike Lowe and Sara Mason.

195/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

196/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on
19th March 2024 be approved as a correct record.

197/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised members that she had organised a meeting for the Flood Response Plan.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

198/24 RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer referred to the draft policy that had been sent to all members and stated there had been two areas in particular that she felt needed to be discussed within the meeting.

She referred to page 4, point 3.11 which related to the cost of the recording if a member of the public requested to purchase a copy; it had been suggested that the price be set at £5.00.

A member asked whether there would be any requirement on any requests for a recording. There would need to be a disclaimer that the recording is for the purpose requested and only for the purchaser to view. They would not be permitted to add, delete or edit any of the recording for posting on social media platforms.

Members agreed to the cost of £5 per recording and that the policy be amended to reflect the above.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the policy be approved with the amendment as noted above and that the cost of the recording be established at £5 with a disclaimer being signed on receipt.

199/24 CHAIRMANS REMARKS:

The Chair said that he had been pleased that members had worked together over recent months following a period of discontent and friction. Members need to work together and are duty bound to do the best for the community.

PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

200/24 FLINTSHIRE'S LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLANNING WORKSHOP:

The Clerk and Financial Officer shared that she attended the Flintshire Local Area Energy Planning Workshop and had sent the power point slides to all members which had been very detailed.

Flintshire would aim to have a fully electric fleet by 2030, with smaller fleet being electronic and the HGV vehicles likely to be ran on hydrogen. A new garage with a charging point would open in Sandycroft, later in the year.

A member stated Flintshire County Council have a lot do before they can change all vehicles to electric, but a lot can be done on the waste strategy element. There was a contract on the fleet of recycling wagons which had recently been renewed and they currently run on diesel not hybrid or bio diesel.

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that following the implementation of the new workplace recycling legislation on 1st April 2024 recycling receptacles had been placed in the office and the depot.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

201/24 PLANNNG 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.

202/24 POLICE MATTERS:

A member stated they had spoken to Inspector Iwan Jones and there had been nothing to report. Another member informed that PCSO Richard Bryan had recently been promoted so there had been a vacancy for a PCSO in Broughton and Bretton area.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that another email is sent regarding the cameras opposite the precinct.

203/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

A member asked for an update on the pedestrian crossing on Park Jasmin and the safety barrier at the end of the road.

Another member advised that it had recently been announced that the 20mph speed limit within Wales would be reverted back to 30 mph. Members commented on the unnecessary cost to the County Council over this matter and suggested that Welsh Government reimburse the County Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be noted.

204/24 COUNTY MEMBER ITEMS:

A member shared information about the Flexi Bus that is currently in service and asked if the information could be put on the Council's website as not many people knew about it and it was a free service.

Residents could also sign up to an account for free and there was a regular bus service that can be booked, similar to a taxi, from the nearest bus stop. The scheme was available to anyone and would commence from the Broughton estate from 8:00 a.m.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Flexi Bus information is shared on the Broughton and Bretton Community Council website.

205/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Griffiths advised members that she had recently been elected as a standing member on the Standards Committee at the County Council; members applauded this accolade.

A member asked whether the Council would consider inviting the Chief Executive from Welsh Border Community Transport to attend a future meeting of the council to share information about this valuable community service.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Welsh Border Community Transport be invited to attend a future meeting of the council.

LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

206/24 STREET LIGHTING:

No street lighting issues reported. A member wanted to thank the Maintenance Officers for their speedy and efficient service with light repairs, which was duly noted.

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:

207/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum £22,443.50 for March, be approved.

208/24 ANNUAL AUDIT AND YEAR END PROCESS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the process for the year end closure, internal and external audit be noted.

209/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st March be approved.

210/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer provided an update on staffing issues with one member of staff having had a lengthy stay in hospital. All staff had provided a rota of visits as this member of staff did not have any family members.

On Monday 15th April, the council would take on a new starter on a maintenance work placement for a period of three months.

Members asked for Paul to be sent a hamper of food items and a get well soon card from the Chairman of the Council on behalf of all members.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information and send get well wishes to the member of staff.