



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
18th JUNE 2024

PRESENT: Councillor Chrissy Gee (Chairman)

Councillors: Jeffrey Brett Roberts, Penny Brett Roberts,
Chrissy Gee, Veronica Gay, Barrie Gregory, Ros
Griffiths, Sam Jennings and Gareth Williams.

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

21/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mike Lowe,
Sara Mason, Ryan McKeown and Billy Mullin.

22/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

23/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on
21st May 2024 be approved as a correct record.

24/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

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25/24 INTERNAL AUDIT 2023-24:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Internal Audit report and action plan for 2023-2024 be approved.

26/24 ANNUAL RETURN 2023-2024:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Annual Return and the Governance Statements for 2023-2024 be approved for onward submission to the External Auditor.

27/24 REPRESENTATION OF OUTSIDE BODIES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Outside Bodies representation continue as it is with clarification about the representative on Broughton CP School be sought.

28/24 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman had recently attended the D-Day event; she had laid a wreath at the Cenotaph and read out a very moving citation at the lighting of the lamp event at 9.15 p.m.

Some members had also attended other events including the Beacon lighting ceremony in Saltney.

IT WAS RESOLVED: the information be received and noted.

PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

29/24 CONSULTATION "LISTENING PROGRAMME ON 20 MPH":

The Chairman said that the Listening Programme should be completed by individual members and members of the community, particularly if they believe a road should revert back to 30mph instead of 20mph or indeed be reduced from 30 mph to 20 mph. Members agreed that 20 mph had been warranted by schools and other areas.

The Clerk and Financial Officer encouraged members to respond directly online.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that members submit online comments as outlined above.

30/24 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.

- (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.

31/24 POLICE MATTERS:

A member shared they had spoken to Inspector Iwan Jones but had nothing new to report. He advised that the Police had been looking to recruit 6 new officers and the interviews had commenced.

The Chairman said she had been in contact with the Police and they had confirmed that a new PCSO, named Vicky, covered the area.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

32/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

Members raised the following issues:

- Dangerous crossing on Parc Jasmin: had been sent to the North Wales Trunk Road Agency (NWTRA); but no response had been received.
- Residents who reside in Church Road had complained about the mess of the level fence and all the earth around it. The mess had been caused by cars parked on the left-hand side which made it difficult for people to pass, therefore cars churned up the dirt.
- Flintshire County Council had cleared the blocked drains along the road but had apparently left other debris.
- A member advised that the metal fencing around this area belonged to the Welsh Assembly and not Flintshire County Council.
- The Chairman advised that the land belonged to the Trunk Road Agency and anything hanging over the fence had to be dealt with by them. John Griffiths had emailed the Trunk Road Agency asking them to cut the hedge back.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that these issues be submitted to John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer for action.

33/24 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

There were none.

34/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member mentioned that the grids on Church Road had been blocked, particularly the one on the corner by the Vicarage.

The hedges on Main Road were overgrown and blocked the footpath so people had to walk on the road which was dangerous.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that these issues be submitted to John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer for action.

LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

35/24 STREET LIGHTING:

A member asked whether lights could be installed along Brookes Avenue footpath. Another member suggested that solar lights might be an alternative, depending upon the budget available for this purpose.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer explore the feasibility and costings of the installation of solar lights along the Brookes Avenue footpath.

36/24 AURA LEISURE AND LIBRARIES PLAY AREA GRANTS:

Aura Leisure had invited Town and Community Councils to submit grant requests for matched funding for play areas. The Clerk and Financial Officer reminded members that the council had previously agreed to retain money for the purchase of a multi-play unit for older children at Brookes Avenue, Broughton and that a grant of £10,000 be applied for.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a grant of £10,000 be requested.

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:

37/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £18,366.65 for June, be approved.

38/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliations for the periods ending 31st May and 30th June 2024.

39/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the recharges for May and June had been £7,630.27 and £7,630.27 respectively.

A card had been shared with members from Paul Davies, a member of the council's Maintenance Team, thanking members for their gift, card and well wishes during his recent illness.

The Council had received a certificate for participating in the D-Day Event that had been shared with members.

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the Chief Executive of Welsh Boarder Community Transport had accepted the council's invitation to attend its meeting in July.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

40/24 FINANCIAL POLICIES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the following polices:

- i) Policy on Income
- ii) Annual Investment Strategy
- iii) Financial Risk Assessment.
- iv) Internal Financial Controls
- v) Reserves Policy (new policy)