



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

PRESENT: Councillor Chrissy Gee (Chairman)

Councillors: Jeffrey Brett Roberts, Penny Brett Roberts,
Chrissy Gee, Veronica Gay, Barrie Gregory, Ros
Griffiths, Mike Lowe, Sara Mason, Ryan McKeown,
Billy Mullin and Gareth Williams.

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

Others: Emma Roberts, Emergency Planning Officer
Professor Maureen Wayman
One member of the public

41/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Sam
Jennings and Adam Williams.

42/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

43/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th June 2024 be approved as a correct record.

44/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

45/24 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Chair had no updates to share.

PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

46/24 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.

47/24 ST. MARY'S CHURCH 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated that St. Mary's Church would celebrate its 200th Anniversary on the 8th September and they had asked if the Council could advertise any events on the Council's website and social media pages.

The Church had also asked whether any grant funding would be available for the restoration of the Church's bible as part of the anniversary celebrations. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that she would speak to the Church about possible grant funding opportunities.

Members suggested that the church could also carry out some fund-raising activities to raise funds.

IT WAS RESOLVED: The Clerk and Financial Officer to liaise with St. Mary's Church in relation to the above.

48/24 BROUGHTON AND BRETTON FLOOD GROUP:

Professor Maureen Wayman had been welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman and was commended by all members for her hard work and input into the Flood Group. Maureen gave a summary of the current situation with the flood group and shared her frustrations with the responses from other outside agencies.

Flintshire County Council had still not cleared the gullies which had resulted in extra mud and greenery. Welsh Water had not provided a solution and some residents remained in temporary accommodation as they had not been able to return to their homes due to the recent inclement weather following storm Babette.

A Flood Plan had been developed which would need to include emergency contact numbers from within the Community together with locations for additional sandbags and emergency supplies. Sadly, this had been slow to populate.

Funding opportunities had been explored and National Resources Wales had offered £25,000 to resolve the issues with the drains but this would not be sufficient to manage the existing problems in one ward.

Emma Roberts, from Emergency Planning had also been welcomed to the meeting and she advised that she would be involved with the Flood Group and help as much as she can.

Members suggested that Airbus and Broughton Retail Park be approached for funding and volunteers, together with the promotion of the group on their social media platforms.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the following actions be carried out:

- The Clerk and Financial Officer contact Paul Reeves and the Hawarden Estate Office about outstanding questions from the flood group;
- The Clerk and Financial Officer write to Airbus and the Broughton Retail Park asking for volunteer support from employees for the Flood Group;
- The Flood Group Plan to be finalised and added to the Council's social media platforms.
- A request be made to Streetscene about the schedule for clearing of gullies with a prioritisation on Bretton and Main Road, Broughton; and
- The next Flood Group Meeting would take place on Wednesday 31st July 2024 and members have been invited to attend.

49/24 BROUGHTON YOUTH CLUB:

The Chairman informed members that a Youth Club would be established in Broughton on a 6-month trial basis, in the Broughton Community Centre and would be delivered by four Youth Workers from Flintshire County Council.

The Youth Club would be open every Monday from 9th September 2024.

Funding had been secured for the first 12 months of operation and Police Community Support Officers would be on site.

The Chairman invited members to become involved.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the establishment of a Youth Club for Broughton be commended.

50/24 HARD STANDING AT THE ENTRANCE TO BROOKES AVENUE PLAYING FIELDS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that Sharlands Fairground used the Brookes Avenue Playing Field every Summer and, in order to prevent the damage to the field, had offered to replace the grass with a hard-standing entrance and that the Fairground operators would cover the cost.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to support this proposal, in principle, subject to detailed costings and drawings and written confirmation that the Fairground would cover the cost.

51/24 POLICE MATTERS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: there was nothing to report.

52/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

Members raised the following issues:

A tree on Brookes Avenue that belonged to a property, near Lancaster Park had been overhanging and a letter would need to be sent to the owners asking them to cut it back by Flintshire County Council.

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

53/24 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

Members had recently attended a Climate Change Meeting and a meeting with Flintshire County Council regarding the possibility of monthly black bin collections.

Members had not been in favour of the monthly black bin collections and felt that Flintshire County Council would need to do more communication within the Community to promote household recycling.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

54/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

A member advised that graffiti had been reported to Streetscene but the land belonged to the North Wales Trunk Road Agency (NWTRA), not Flintshire.

The grass verge on Church Road had been cut back but the remaining grass belonged to NWTRA.

Another member asked whether there has been an update from Stuart Body regarding the tree on Brookes Avenue as another branch has snapped. The Clerk would chase a response.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer contact the North Wales Trunk Road Agency and Flintshire County Council accordingly about these issues.

LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

55/24 STREET LIGHTING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: there had been no issues to report.

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:

56/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

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

57/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th June 2024.

58/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the recharge for July had been £9,780.86. She also advised that Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board had agreed to donate two information boards for Brookes Avenue and Country Park play areas due to the speediness of the Clerk's response.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.