



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
18th March 2025

PRESENT: Councillor Chrissy Gee (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Jeffrey Brett-Roberts, Penny Brett-Roberts, Barrie Gregory, Ros Griffiths, Sara Mason, Ryan McKeown, and Billy Mullin.

Officers: Sharron G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Georgey Griffiths, Assistant Clerk

150/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Sam Jennings, Mike Lowe and Gareth Williams. The Chairman reported that sadly Councillor Sam Jennings' mother had passed away and that the council would like to send a card and flowers to Sam.

151/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

152/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th February 2025 be approved as a correct record but that the recorded vote for the draft budget and precept demand from the January minutes be added to the Council's website.

153/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

154/24 VACANCIES IN THE BROUGHTON NORTH EAST AND SOUTH WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer shared that both vacancies had been advertised Council's website and shared on social media.

There had been three expressions of interest to date and the prospective candidates would be invited to attend the Council meeting in April to address council and introduce themselves. Members would be given an opportunity to ask questions, prior to a vote being taken.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the prospective candidates be invited to the Council Meeting in April.

155/24 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman said that she would be attending the Charity Dinner organised by Councillor Dennis Hutchinson, the Chairman of Flintshire County Council on Friday 21st March 2025.

PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

156/24 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.

157/24 DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU 2025: POLICY AND PRACTICE DOCUMENT IN PREPERATION FOR THE 2025 ELECTORAL REVIEW PROGRAMME:

A copy of the report had been shared and members had been invited to make comments.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report and its implications.

158/24 DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU: FINAL DETERMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 REVIEW OF SENEDD CONSTITUENCIES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report with disappointment at the new name for the County of Fflint Wrecsam.

159/24 THE ROLE, GOVERNANCE AND ACOUNTABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR:

The Chairman advised that following the Welsh Government Inquiry, a report had been produced with eleven recommendations. It had been disappointing to note that no additional finance would be forthcoming for the sector, but a new audit regime had been suggested together with improved partnership working between local councils and the principal council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the report.

160/24 VE/VJ Day and other commemorative events for WWII:

A discussion had been held about how to support this commemorative event including wreath laying, lamp light of peace and community events.

A member shared that the Royal British Legion would be laying a wreath at 12:00pm on the 8th May and there had been discussions about refreshments being made available locally.

Members suggested that a combined community event would be worthwhile if this could be accommodated.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that small grants of up to £60 be provided to community and resident groups for commemorative events and that a poster be created and placed on the council's social media.

161/24 POLICE MATTERS:

Members had no new items to report, but a member said that she had been disappointed to see, via social media, that the Police and Crime Commissioner had recently attended Broughton Park with the local PCSO's to discuss burglary prevention; she had been disappointed that members had not been informed about this event and could have attended.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

162/24 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

A member advised that Flintshire County Council had been due to receive additional funds for road repairs. An exercise would be undertaken to determine the priority roads for improvement during the next financial year.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be noted and that a request be made to John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer for the list of roads to be repaired.

163/24 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

A member advised that a tree had fallen down by the school during the recent storm. It had been reported to the County Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be noted

164/24 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Members had nothing to report.

LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

165/24 REQUEST FOR A COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that a member of the public had raised money to install a Community Defibrillator at the Mill House Public House on Broughton Retail Park and had asked if the Community Council could take over the responsibility and maintenance of it. A member mentioned that a “bleed kit” might also be installed but that this might need to be raised at a future meeting of the council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that members approve the addition of the new Community Defibrillator to the Council’s weekly inspections and asset register.

166/24 STREET LIGHTING:

No street light issues were reported.

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:

167/24 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS:

No small grant applications had been received. An organisation had submitted a grant application for consideration but it was one of two organisations that received annual support from the council and therefore both organisations would need to be treated in the same manner.

168/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £18,029.80 for March, be approved.

169/24 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 28th February be received and noted.

170/24 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the cost to the council for the Service Level Agreement in March had been £8,016.44

She also reminded all members to login to the One Voice Wales online Planning training that had previously been arranged.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.