



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
20th May 2025

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Jeff Brett-Roberts, Penny Brett-Roberts, Chrissy Gee, Barrie Gregory, Eileen Gregory, Ros Griffiths, Sam Jennings, Mike Lowe, Sara Mason, Billy Mullin, Luisa Rosado and Gareth Williams

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

01/25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2025/2026:

The previous past Chairman invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the Municipal Year 2025/2026. On being put to a vote, Councillor Ryan McKeown was duly elected Chairman of Broughton and Bretton Community Council for the Municipal Year 2025/2026.

Councillor Ryan McKeown duly completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and thanked Members for supporting his nomination.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Ryan McKeown be appointed Chairman of the Community Council for the Municipal year 2025/2026.

1 Chair's signature: _____

02/25 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2025/2026:

The Chairman requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Municipal Year 2025/2026. On being put to a vote, Councillor Ros Griffiths was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2025-26 municipal year.

Councillor Ros Griffiths duly completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and thanked members for their support.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Ros Griffiths be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Community Council for the Municipal year 2025/2026.

03/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none.

04/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

05/25 RETIRING CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Councillor Gee thanked members for an enjoyable year which had seen the council working as a team and she felt that the council had worked well together.

She thanked Councillor Griffiths for her support during meetings and also the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for all the office support. She had enjoyed representing Broughton and Bretton Community Council at all the events she attended throughout her tenure as Chairman.

Councillor Gee congratulated Councillor McKeown as incoming Chairman and she hoped that he had a similar enjoyable year.

Councillor McKeown thanked Councillor Gee for such a good year as Chairman and he agreed that the Community Council had worked well together and had been united on matters and had achieved positive outcomes.

Members provided a round of applause was for Councillor Gee.

06/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd April 2025 be approved as a correct record.

07/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

08/25 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to adhere to the Council's Code of Conduct.

09/25 STANDING ORDERS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the adherence to the Council's Standing Orders.

10/25 EXPENDITURE POLICY AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to agree to abide by the Council's Financial Regulations and Expenditure Policy.

11/25 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the Standing Committees of Planning and General Purposes, Lighting and Amenities and Finance and Staffing and to continue to run the committees following council meetings on a rolling agenda.

12/25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to appoint the Chairman for each of the council's standing committees for the municipal year as follows:

Planning and General Purposes – **Gareth Williams**

Lighting and Amenities – **Sam Jennings**

Finance and Staffing – **Penny Brett-Roberts**

13/25 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the above Councillors serve on the outside bodies as follows:

Police Committee – Councillor Chrissy Gee

Broughton Community Centre Association – Councillor Penny Brett-Roberts

North Wales Association of all Councils – Councillor Gareth Williams

Broughton CP School – Chairman Ryan McKeown.

14/25 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the appointment of the Council's Internal Auditor, JDH Business Services Ltd., for the financial year ending 31st March, 2026.

15/25 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated that the Service Level Agreement for the months of April and May had been £8,725.64 and £6,759.83.

She advised members that a pond survey had been undertaken on 9th May at the Country Park and provided members with the results of the survey. The County Council's Biodiversity Officer had commented that this result had been exceptional considering the recent weather conditions.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

16/25 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025/26:

Meetings would commence at 6:30 p.m. It is customary for the Council to go into recess during August and December, when only urgent business is transacted. For this purpose, relevant Recess Sub-Committees, comprising the Chair of Council, the Chair of the relevant Committee and the Clerk and Financial Officer will be held to approve Planning and Finance matters.

Meeting dates can be changed with the consent of the Chairman of the Council for extenuating circumstances, inclement weather or illness or absence of the Clerk and Financial Officer.

The Clerk and Financial Officer sought approval for the July council date to be put back by one week due to a conference that she had been invited to attend and compere for the day, which members approved.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the dates of forthcoming meetings as follows:

17th June 2025

22nd July 2025

16th September 2025

21st October 2025

18th November 2025

20th January 2026

17th February 2026

17th March 2026

21st April 2026

17/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum £7,274.22 for May, be approved.

18/25 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th April be approved.

19/25 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.