



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
22nd July 2025

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Jeffrey Brett Roberts, Penny Brett Roberts, Chrissy Gee, Barrie Gregory, Eileen Gregory, Ros Griffiths, Billy Mullin and Gareth Williams.

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

Other: Professor Maureen Wayman, Ray Littler, Broughton and Bretton Flood Group and three members of the public

39/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Sam Jennings, Mike Lowe, Sara Mason and Louisa Rosado.

40/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

41/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th June 2025 be approved as a correct record.

42/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

43/25 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman shared that he had attended the re-opening of Theatre Clwyd; it had been an enjoyable event with representatives from Welsh Government and Flintshire County Council who had invested in the future of the Theatre. He anticipated that the Theatre would bring benefit to the whole of Flintshire and North Wales.

IT WAS RESOLVED: the information be received and noted.

PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

44/25 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.

45/25 BROUGHTON AND BRETTON FLOOD GROUP:

Professor Maureen Wayman and Ray Littler had been welcomed to the meeting as the lead volunteers on the Broughton and Bretton Flood Group.

Professor Wayman informed members that there had been three Flood Group Meetings; a solution had been found to stop the flooding issues at Main Road, Broughton, but due to a lack of resources, the improvement measures had not yet been implemented.

Broughton and Bretton had been mainly affected by overwhelming rainfall and stormy weather which had affected properties on Mold Road, Broughton and behind it. In total, forty one properties had been affected in the community. The head wall of the culvert required replacement; Flintshire County Council had received funding of approximately £98,000 from Welsh Government to improve the wall. Whilst it would offer some protection but it would not stop the properties being flooded.

Professor Wayman expressed her disappointment that there appeared to be no urgency to fix the flooding issues from the relevant authorities and had been advised that the £98,000 had been “lost” as it had not been spent within the 2024/25 financial year. In addition, in June 2025 two Contractors had submitted costs in excess of this amount as it had been expected to be in the region of £240,000.

The flooding problems in Bretton would not be easily resolved. Bretton sits at the start of the river drain system and the water needs to leave Bretton quickly but it could not. The river drain had been partially de-silted. £25,000 had been received to drench half of the river drain but this amount had been insufficient.

Professor Wayman outlined the issues that required a resolution within the Bretton and Saltney area, with various organisations claiming that they were not responsible. There had been a clear lack of maintenance in the past and with the subsequent lack of funding, the problem had become further exacerbated.

She went on to say that at the previous Flood Group meeting they had been advised that Water Co had produced a draft report prior to December 2024 but this report had not been within the public domain.

Professor Wayman outlined the details of the cost-benefit analysis used by Welsh Government which had been ridiculous and unacceptable in relation to the devastation caused to local residents.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Community Council continue to lobby on behalf of the residents to the relevant agencies for the appropriate funding and flood alleviation measures to be carried out.

46/25 POLICE MATTERS:

A member advised that they had spoken to Inspector Iwan Jones and had been informed that, in November, there would be two additional PCSO's allocated to the Broughton and Bretton area, together with the police team at Broughton Shopping Park.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

47/25 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

Members raised the following issues:

- There had been no bus stop sign or a waiting area at the bus stop on Wynnstay Road. Overgrown hedges had made it difficult for people to stand and wait for the bus.
- There had been a large, deep, pot hole on Main Road, Broughton, near the Doctor's Surgery that required urgent attention

The Chairman informed members that had had spoken to John Griffiths about the grass cutting on either side of the low bridge and John had confirmed that had been due to be cut, but the mower had been in need of repair. The weed spraying had also been due to take place.

Another member added that Mr Griffiths had said the trees on the walk ways on Main Road, Broughton would be cut after the nesting season.

A member referred to discussions with the County Council's Bio-Diversity Team where they had indicated that signs could be erected with QR Codes that would explain to residents why some areas had not been cut.

The Chairman commented on the previous attendance at a council meeting by Lee Shone, Flintshire County Council, some three years ago. During that meeting Mr Shone had referred to this Main Road in Broughton as being "*one of the most busiest roads in Flintshire*".

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

48/25 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

The Chair indicated that he had been aware that there had been some local activity with Travellers at the back of Heron's Close. The empty space had been brought to Flintshire County Council's Housing Department some time ago due but it did not seem that any action had been taken.

There had been a caravan on site the previous week and two adults had been seen using the area as a toilet and had not cleared up afterwards. The Chairman had been reassured by the Housing Officers that the site would be protected from unauthorised access and vehicles.

A member referred to the future plans for garage sites in Broughton. Architects had been out on site and prepared drawings. She said that there would be a meeting in August to discuss the plans further.

The Flexi-Bus had remained in operation and the Youth Club would shortly close for the Summer holidays. The Youth Club had been successful with some 45 children attending. Local residents had also indicated that there had been no increase in anti-social behaviour.

49/25 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.

LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

50/25 STREET LIGHTING:

There were none.

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:

51/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £4,876.25 for July, be approved.

52/25 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to approve the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30th June 2025.

53/25 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated the Service Level Agreement for June was £3,470.20 and July was £6,730.57.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.