



Minutes of the Hybrid meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
17th February 2026

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan McKeown (Chairman)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Jeff Brett-Roberts, Penny Brett-Roberts, Barrie Gregory, Eileen Gregory, Ros Griffiths, Samantha Jennings and Billy Mullin.

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

112/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Chrissy Gee, Mike Lowe, Sara Mason and Gareth Williams.

113/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

114/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th January 2026 be approved as a correct record.

115/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Chairman asked the Clerk and Financial Officer for an update on the purchase of the flood 'snake' barriers to which she responded that the council are unable to purchase the barrier until a proper flood plan had been prepared, including the safe and secure method of storing and deploying the barrier.

She would contact Professor Wayman to expedite this matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

116/25 JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Joint Services Committee be approved.

117/25 VACANCY IN THE BROUGHTON SOUTH WARD:

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that the vacancy had been advertised with a closing date of 17th February. A member of the public had expressed an interest, but unfortunately did not reside in the South ward. If no interest, the council would proceed to advertise the vacancy as a Co-option.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Vacancy Notice be readvertised after the 17th February 2026.

118/25 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chair referred to a meeting with the Clerk and Financial Officer, the local Primary School and colleagues from Flintshire County Council and Gwella about the funding of the community library which would shortly be arranged.

PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

119/25 SECTION 6 DUTY – BIODIVERSITY THREE-YEAR REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that each year the Council received an update on its Section 6 Duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 but that every three years, the council must produce a three year plan about what had been achieved. The report referred to recent improvements to the Country Park and tree management and that the Community Council had declared a Climate Emergency in March 2023.

Councillors Armstrong-Braun, Gee and Councillor Mason had been appointed as the Community Council's Biodiversity Champions.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the comprehensive report and note the council's achievements and areas for improvement.

120/25 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON LAND TO THE NORTH OF BROUGHTON SHOPPING PARK:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had received a notification from Carney Sweeney in relation to the potential development of a Lidl Supermarket and car parking within the community. The notification formed part of a pre-Planning Consultation that provided Developers the opportunity to work with the community, prior to submitting a formal planning application.

Members referred to the lack of flood alleviation measures within the application and sought assurances in this respect. The community council would ask for these assurances during the planning consultation process and it had been suggested that the volunteer flood group be requested to make individual observations at the same time.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer forward the planning notification to the local Flood Group so that individuals could comment on the application.

121/25 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY 2026:

The County Council had issued a draft policy on planning enforcement for consultation with a deadline of 9th March 2026.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer arrange a Working Group with Councillors Armstrong-Braun, Brett-Roberts, Griffiths and Williams to review the draft policy and formulate the council's response.

122/25 COMMUNITY REVIEW 2025 – DRAFT PROPOSALS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer referred to the Boundary Commission Cymru report on Community Reviews 2025; there had been a recommendation that Broughton and Bretton remain as it is currently, with no changes recommended.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received and noted.

123/25 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.

124/25 POLICE MATTERS:

There were none.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information.

125/25 HIGHWAYS/STREETSCENE MATTERS:

Members advised of the following matters to be reported to the County Council's Senior Highways Officer:

- Pot holes had emerged on the road by the Airbus University where the traffic lights were, Eaton Close and near the bus stop on the Main Road.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information and report the matters to the County Council's Senior Highways Officer.

126/25 COUNTY MEMBERS ITEMS:

The County Members advised of the following:

The hedges had been cut along the Main Road, but stopped at the Primary School; this was due to the fact that the school owned the remaining hedge line. A further letter would be sent to the school asking for the hedge to be cut.

A number of new pot holes had been identified and reported to John Griffiths who had issued works tickets for them all.

A member referred to the issue at the Airbus roundabout by the church which had subsequently been escalated to a senior officer at the County Council. There continued to be an increase in the number of vehicles travelling too fast and accidentally hitting the fencing; it was considered that a steel barrier would be more effective.

Members had been disappointed recently about the lack of community liaison from Airbus which had been non-existent during the previous eighteen months. Members had been unaware that the Beluga had been decommissioned and various officials from The Senedd and other local dignitaries had been invited to an event recently, but no-one from the Community Council had been invited.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update and write to Airbus requesting the community liaison role to be fulfilled.

127/25 MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

Members advised of the following:

The junction on Broughton Hall Road always had cars parked that blocked the view of the road which had caused health and safety issues.

Residents had been unable to use the original Bus Stop on the Main Road due to overgrown hedges and the lack of visibility of the sign.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the information and report the matters to the County Council's Senior Highways Officer.

LIGHTING AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE:

128/25 STREET LIGHTING:

There were no faults.

A member asked whether the feasibility of installing lights along the footpath at Brookes Avenue had been progressed. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that this had been discussed but had been considered quite costly and would require budget approval if it were to be pursued. She agreed to review this matter and provide an update.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer provide an update to the next meeting.

FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE:

129/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments for February be approved in the sum of £12,886.69.

130/25 BANK RECONCILIATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the bank reconciliation for the period 31st January 2026.

131/25 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer stated that the cost to the council for the Service Level Agreement for February had been £8,277.00.

She informed members that she had obtained her BA (Hons) Degree in Community Governance with a 2.1 and she thanked members for all their support. Members congratulated the Clerk and Financial Officer on all her hard work and efforts.