

Minutes of the Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
20 FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Keith Rogers (Chair)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Penny Brett Roberts, Derek Butler, Ros Griffiths, Phil Griffiths, Donna Lalek, Mike Lowe, Ryan McKeown, Billy Mullin and Sue Stevens

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

268/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chrissy Gee , Lindsay Jones and Beth McFadden.

The Chair welcomed PCSO Laura Williams to her first meeting.

269/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

270/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th January 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

271/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

272/17 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 16th January 2018 be received:

Planning & General Purposes Committee
Lighting & Amenities Committee
Finance & Staffing Committee

273/17 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair commented on the following items:

- i. He had recently attended at the AGM of the Twinning Committee where officers for the forthcoming year had been appointed and the financial statements presented

- ii. He had been approached by a trained observer in the Community about concerns that there did not appear to be any police presence in Broughton during the previous twelve months. PCSO Laura Williams, commented that the previous PCSO had been covering two areas and was therefore limited to the amount of time he had been able to spend in Broughton. Laura commented that as she now covered the area and there should be a more visible presence and she would patrol the streets and work from the Broughton Retail Park Police office. Laura also distributed a number of contact cards for ease.

In response to a question, the Clerk stated that the police officer employed by Airbus could support local issues within the community as well as on the Airbus site.

- iii. Communication had been received from Arriva buses regarding its discontent about a recent press release issued by Deeside.com that had included an old photograph of Mark Tami, MP and two County/Community Councillors. The article had referred to complaints from residents about Arriva bus services that had been passed onto Mark Tami during his campaign for the Local Government elections. Arriva had commented that the article could have put proposed new services and jobs in jeopardy.

Councillor Derek Butler said that the photo had been taken approximately eighteen months ago and had been given to Deeside.com by Mark Tami's office to raise issues with the bus service. It was an unfortunate co-incidence that the article had been presented soon after the meeting with Arriva buses and members of the Community Council but that it was completely separate and had not involved the Community Council in any way. Indeed, the two members who appeared on the photograph had not been contacted about the press release.

The Clerk outlined that the meeting that had taken place with Arriva had been confidential and each member present had had to sign a disclaimer due to the sensitive information shared. The follow up to that meeting was to be shared at the meeting this evening and included details of changes to the Number 12 and Number 3 bus services. The number 12 would provide a regular 30 minute pick up service through the village but that this service would stop at the Retail Park. The number 3 service route would be considerably changed.

A discussion ensued about the publication of the article, its timing and responsibility but Members overwhelmingly agreed that it had nothing to do with the Community Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: the Clerk writes to Arriva buses to clarify that the article had nothing whatsoever to do with Broughton and Bretton Community Council.

76 Chair's signature: _____