

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
18 SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Ros Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors: Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Phil Griffiths, Donna Lalek, Ryan McKeown, Billy Mullin, Sue Stevens and Linda Thomas.

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

115/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Derek Butler, Penny Brett-Roberts, Chrissy Gee, Lindsay Jones, Mike Lowe and Beth McFadden.

116/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

117/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

118/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

119/18 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 17th July 2018 be received:

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

120/18 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair expressed her disappointment about the recent press article that had appeared in the Leader. She said that the Community Council had campaigned for improvements to the A55 Interchange at Broughton Retail Park for a number of years and the impact on the village had been unacceptable.

Ken Skates, AM, had also recently commissioned a traffic study across the three counties of Chester/Cheshire West, Wrexham and Flintshire and this article could have had a detrimental effect to the campaign as it had implied that Welsh Government had stalled the plans.

The Chair requested that Ken Skates be invited to visit the area by the Community Council and that the Council act together with local residents and businesses to lobby Welsh Government for these much-needed improvements.

A heated exchange of views took place between members about the process that should have been followed and that some Councillors had withheld vital information about the petition. Councillors Billy Mullin and Ryan McKeown reminded Members that the Community Council and the three County Members had actively pursued this matter over the years and that a solution needed to be implemented.

Councillor Donna Lalek expressed her disappointment that the article appeared to put forward a view of the Community Council and that the petition had not been shared or discussed with Council members and that it would have been “decent and respectful” for members to have shared this information earlier.