

Minutes of the Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
21 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Derek Butler (Chair)

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

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

198/17 PRESENTATION:

Dawn Kent and Dave Spencer from Flintshire County Council, Housing Allocation Team had been welcomed to the meeting to outline the housing allocations policy.

Dawn said that following concerns which had been expressed by some Members regarding the housing allocation of a Broughton resident, the purpose of their visit had been to inform Members of the process and guidelines that they had to follow when allocating housing to Flintshire residents. Dawn stated that residents are assessed on their individual housing needs and placed on the housing register based on the information provided.

Dave went on to explain that the Allocations Officers aim to keep residents in their property whilst working with other agencies such as the Police, Youth Justice and the Probation Service. Due to changes in legislation a lounge could be considered as suitable accommodation for an individual which could mean that three people can reside in a one bedroomed property and this would not be classed as overcrowding!

Neighbours of the property in question had been advised to contact the Housing Department if they had any concerns about anti-social or criminal behaviour and advice would be provided about what action, if any, could be taken.

Councillor Derek Butler thanked Dawn and Dave for their attendance and for outlining the policy and guideline framework within which they worked.

199/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phil Griffiths, Lindsay Jones, Beth McFadden and Keith Rogers

200/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

201/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

202/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to minute number 164/17, the Clerk advised there had been no update on the proposed visit to Arriva buses but that she would follow this up.

203/17 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 17th October 2017 be received:

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

204/17 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair reminded Members that the Council would meet again in January 2018 and not December as agreed at the AGM in May. However the Chair of the Planning and General Purposes Committee and the Chair of the Finance and Staffing Committee would meet with the Chair of the Council and the Clerk to review recess planning applications and finances in the same way that the Summer Recess period worked.