

Minutes of the Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
18 JULY 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Keith Rogers (Chair)

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

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

84/17 PRESENTATION – CHILDCARE OFFER

The Chair welcomed Councillor Lindsay Jones to the meeting following her recent co-option onto the Council and went on to welcome Gayle Bennett and Andrew Redfern who had attended the meeting to promote the Child Care Offer.

Gayle distributed information and presented an overview of the scheme which had been available to 700 parents in several wards throughout Flintshire, including Broughton. Parents who worked 16 hours or more and had children of 3 and 4 years of age would be eligible to receive funding for up to 30 hours of combined Childcare and Early Years Foundation Phase education during term time and up to 9 weeks of 30 hours of Childcare during holidays for up to 48 weeks of the year.

The Childcare Offer can be used in any registered setting and can be used in England if required. Providers would receive £4.50 per child, but parents could be charged additional fees if food was required, up to £7.50. If parents were made redundant the scheme would allow an 8 week period of grace so that new employment could be secured.

Councillor Ros Griffiths raised her concern that non-working parents would lose out on the scheme and Councillor Derek Butler said that single parents would also be disadvantaged.

The Chair thanked Gayle and Andrew for their very informative presentation.

85/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beth McFadden and Sue Stevens.

86/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

25 Chair's signature: _____

87/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th June 2017 be approved as a correct record.

88/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Further to agenda item 47/017, Councillor Armstrong Braun suggested that the Chair and Clerk visit Arriva Buses to examine the facts as described by Keith Anglesea.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk pursue a visit to Arriva.

89/17 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 20th June 2017 be received:

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

90/17 MODEL LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

The Council had been requested to consider the adoption of the above document.

IT WAS RESOLVED: not to adopt the local resolution protocol.

91/17 CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair said that he had attended both the AGM and quarterly meetings of the North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils. Topics discussed had included the re-organisation of the local government, re-cycling of degradable packaging, the Re-numeration Panel outcomes and the decision by the Welsh Assembly that electrification of the North Wales coastal line would not be going ahead.

The Chair was delighted to advise that Bretton had won first prize in the Flintshire County Council Best Kept Village competition. The Committee had worked very hard and it was pleasing to note that their efforts had been recognised in this manner.

In response to the Chairman's initial statement, Councillor Derek Butler said that Flintshire had the highest level of re-cycling in Wales but that the process would change in September. He also advised that £50m had been put into the proposed Deeside metro system and that he had recently attended the successful opening of the Halton curve electrification system.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Clerk send a congratulatory letter to Bretton Residents Committee.