

Minutes of the Meeting of
BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on
15 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Stevens (Chair)

Councillors: Penny Brett Roberts, Derek Butler, Phil Griffiths, Ros Griffiths, Lyndsay Jones, John Kiersey, Mike Lowe, Ryan McKeown, Beth McFadden and Billy Mullin

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

Outside rep: Sam Torr, Leader

DEMENTIA SOCIETY PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed Estelle Knock from the Alzheimer's Society to the meeting. She explained that over 850,000 people in the UK suffer from some form of Dementia and went on to share some key messages as follows:

- Approximately 45,000 people under the age of 65 have dementia
- One in fourteen people over the age of 65 and one in six over the age of 80 have dementia
- In very rare cases, one can be born with dementia
- Alzheimer's is a form of Dementia
- Dementia is a progressive illness, but medication can alleviate symptoms.
- People are living longer and Dementia effects motor skills, words, temper and changes in behaviour
- Over £100m will be spent on researching dementia over the next ten years

Estelle shared with the Council a number of photographs recently taken from businesses within the local area and explained how some small changes to our environment could assist people with Dementia. This included the replacement of a black door mat with a normal hessian mat, as the black one could appear to look like a hole in the ground to a Dementia sufferer; similarly with a floral floor covering that looked like a pond. A recent change in the way organisations provide signage for Ladies and Gents toilets also posed an issue for people with Dementia due to memory loss and confusion. The new "trendy" signs would not be recognised by someone with Dementia.

Estelle concluded her presentation by saying that there were over 45,000 Dementia sufferers in Wales but that due to research the numbers were not rising as steeply as first envisaged.

Councillor Derek Butler said that Flintshire have opened several dementia cafes which are proving very successful. Estelle stated that Flintshire are ahead of other Councils in providing this service.

The Chair thanked Estelle for her very informative presentation.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tim Hawes and Keith Rogers

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Penny Brett Roberts declared an interest in item 4, Broughton Community Library. She duly completed her Declaration of Interest Form and in accordance with Standing Order No 89 remained in the meeting.

BROUGHTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

The Clerk advised that limited progress had been made since the previous meeting. However a meeting had been scheduled with representatives from the School, County Council and Community Council at Broughton CP School the following week. Key issues to discuss included the next steps, critical deadlines and a review of the revenue costs.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th October 2016 be approved as a correct record, save and except that page 45 should be amended to read September 2017.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 18th October 2016 be received:

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

VACANCY – BROUGHTON SOUTH WARD

The Clerk advised that no response had been received following the advert for the vacancy in the Broughton South Ward. Due to the Local Government Elections being held in May 2017 the Electoral Registration Officer had confirmed that there was no requirement to fill the vacancy due to the six month period preceding the elections.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair confirmed that she had attended the Remembrance Day service at Hawarden which had been very well attended and Councillor Keith Rogers, Vice Chair, had attended an excellent service at St. Mary's Church, Broughton.

Together with the Chair of Planning and General Purposes, Councillor Phil Griffiths, the Chair had also attended the Flintshire County Council planning consultation session in October.

Councillor Derek Butler commended the Clerk for her excellent performance at the service in Hawarden, a large number of people had attended and it had been the Clerk's first service with the Council.