

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

PRESENT: Councillor Ros Griffiths (Chair)

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

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

Also Present: Carol Wingoose – Welsh Government
Steven O Jones – Streetscene, Flintshire County Council

188/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no apologies for absence.

189/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

190/18 PRESENTATION:

The Chair of the Council warmly welcomed to the meeting Carol Wingoose, Welsh Government and Steve Jones, Flintshire County Council.

Carol outlined that, in partnership with Flintshire County Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, Cheshire and Cheshire West she had been in the early stages of a feasibility study to ascertain the issues, objectives and improvements that could be made to the traffic problems in and around Broughton and the surrounding motorway networks across the three counties.

A discussion took place and Members voiced their concerns over the lack of progress that had been carried out to the A55 Interchange at Broughton following the development of the Broughton retail park, significant housing developments and expansions to the Airbus factory business over the years. Members indicated that although consultation studies had taken place in the past, there had been little improvement to the basic facilities to allow freedom of traffic through the village which had ultimately caused heavy traffic congestion in a small village that had become untenable.

Carol stated that previous studies had, regrettably, not proved viable but she assured Members that she would consider all the issues that had been shared this evening and thanked Members for their input. Any options that could be taken forward would receive funding from many partners and she anticipated the study to be completed by Spring 2019.

Steven O Jones thanked Members for their open discussion and agreed that these concerns would be taken into consideration. He also stated that as a member of a consultation panel with Wrexham, Denbighshire and Flintshire, he would ensure that all these issues are brought to the table.

Members discussed their immediate concerns with Steve who stated that he would ensure that in the interim the following could be achieved:

- i) Review traffic signage in Broughton
- ii) Assess traffic flow by installing rubber tubes across the road.
- iii) Undertake more traffic surveys.
- iv) Review access at roundabout off A55 at Penyffordd.
- v) Assist in future lobbying for new cycle paths.

Steve also confirmed that traffic orders had been put in place for the Safer Routes in the Community Scheme to be actioned in the New Year including the re-surfacing of Broughton Hall Road, raised ramps, 20mph signs by the school, re-surfacing of Main Road, changing the entrance and egress to the school and accompanying road improvements around the Co-op area.

The Chair thanked Carol and Steve for attending the meeting and provide assurances that the Community Council's concerns and issues would be considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO: note the above information and the actions to be undertaken.

191/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

192/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

In relation to item 150/18, the Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed she had previously a letter of acknowledgment from Ken Skates.

193/18 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

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

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

194/13 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had requested nominations for representatives to fill the vacant position on the Broughton and Bretton Community Centre Association Management Committee following the resignation of Councillor Chrissy Gee as she had also been represented on the Broughton War Memorial Hall Management Committee.

Councillors Klaus Armstrong-Braun, Ryan McKeown and Linda Thomas put their names forward and following the issue of ballot papers and a count, the Clerk and Financial Officer advised that Councillors McKeown and Thomas should be duly elected. The results had been Councillor Thomas 10 votes, Councillor McKeown 10 votes and Councillor Armstrong-Braun 2 votes.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT: Councillors McKeown and Thomas be elected to sit on the Management Committee.

195/18 CHAIR'S REMARKS:

The Chair had recently attended the following events:

- Together with Councillor Billy Mullin and the Clerk and Financial Officer she had attended the County Forum meeting on 23rd October where the Electoral Review, Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales had been discussed.
- Accompanied by Councillors Butler, Lowe and Mullin she had attended a meeting at Airbus with Galliford Try to discuss the new Research development facility and the development company's wish to become more involved with Community groups.
- The Buckley Mayor's Ball on 2nd November 2018.
- A re-dedication ceremony at Broughton War Memorial attended by Lord Barry Jones on 10th November 2018.
- An emotional Remembrance Day Service in the morning and a Beacon Lighting Ceremony in commemoration of the ending of the First World War at the Gladstone Playing fields in Hawarden in the evening.

The Clerk and Financial Officer had subsequently received a letter from Lord Barry Jones in appreciation of her and the Council's efforts in arranging the Remembrance Day events. He particularly expressed his acknowledgement at how welcoming it had been to see the Councils of Hawarden and Broughton and Bretton working so closely together for such a commemorative event.

A letter had also been received from a local resident who had attended both ceremonies and whose relative had been referenced within the service which had been moving. He had continued to provide a brief history of said relative and the Clerk and Financial Officer advised that this would fit nicely with the Community Council's project to create a book of memories for all those listed on the Hawarden memorial by involving the local school children.