

**BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
**PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**  
held on

**16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sue Stevens (Chair)  
Councillors: As per Council Meeting  
Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer  
Fran Griffiths, Administrator

**340/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received as per Council meeting.

**341/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Phil and Ros Griffiths declared an interest in Item 7(b) number 2 and duly completed their Declaration of Interest form. They remained in the meeting but did not take part in any vote.

**342/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**243/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that Denise Edwards, OWL Cymru, would attend the July meeting. *Minute 315/18 refers.*

**344/17 POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Steph Jones provided an update on recent incidents. Members also raised a few queries to which Steph responded accordingly.

Councillor Sue Stevens advised that Broughton Carnival would take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, with a parade from Broughton CP School to Brookes Avenue. A request for road closures had been submitted to Flintshire County Council and Councillor Stevens requested a police presence on the day to which Steph agreed to speak to her senior officer to arrange cover.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

### **345/17 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

John Griffiths, Senior Highways Officer, had been welcomed to the meeting and confirmed that further to the upgrade of Broughton Hall Road, he would walk through the area with Mike Eastwood, FCC, and liaise with Lee Shone, to review the work and any outstanding issues.

Members raised the following issues in relation to the improvements:

- Zebra crossing markings had not been installed on Main Road.
- Speed humps did not appear to slow the traffic.
- No yellow lines outside Broughton CP School or Parkfields Road.
- Junction of Simpsons Way and Broughton Hall Road: tarmac not merged together and caused flooding.
- Crumbled tarmac near Offa's Dyke public house.

Councillor Klaus Armstrong Braun thanked John for the work undertaken and also for the repair of potholes throughout the village.

Members also asked John to review the following:

- No speed humps near car auctions but there should be at least one.
- Extension and signage of area permitting cars to turn right opposite Airbus had been not completed.
- Ditch near garages on Westminster Road had been full of debris and prone to flood.
- Area of green in front of 19 Wellington Road had been left in a mess, the fence had broken and a metal post had been protruding and dangerous for children.
- Unsafe trees at Ferndale but unsure who owns them.

John confirmed that risk assessment forms would need to be completed for the Carnival to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June and that the road closures could not be put in place until they had been completed.

Councillor Billy Mullin reported a road traffic accident near the bridge in Bretton and said that he would write to Councillor Carolyn Thomas and Steve Jones, Streetscene Director, to request traffic calming measures at this location.

The Clerk and Financial Officer said that she would send Members an email related to the routine maintenance of the A55 between 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 17<sup>th</sup> July for information.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

### **346/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) To formally note that the participation of those Councillors who were also Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information made available to the Community Council at that time. The County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.
- b) That the County Planning Authority be advised of this Council's observations on the planning applications submitted at the meeting as per the attached schedule.
- c) There had been no appeals.

### **347/17 PLANNING DECISIONS:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: there had been no decisions to note.

### **348/17 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:**

The following updates had been received from County Members:

- A new leader and deputy leader had been appointed at Flintshire County Council.
- Solar panels would be installed at a site in Flint and another near the river in Connah's Quay.
- Since the termination of the contract with 'Kingdom Services', Flintshire County Council had seen an increase in the amount of litter and dog fouling and a request may be made to the larger community and town councils for financial support towards the costs of seven Enforcement Officers.
- Councillor Derek Butler said that he had been appointed as Cabinet Member for Housing and Economic Development and that he would be attending a 'sod cutting' ceremony at an the Advanced Manufacturing facility in Manor Lane.
- A 40mph speed limit had been approved at the Old Warren.
- A 'Parking for Residents Only' sign had been erected at the pensioners' bungalows opposite Brookes Avenue.
- Councillor Mike Lowe advised that Welsh Audit Office are conducting a survey of re-cycling centres.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

### **349/18 AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated a letter from the Wales Audit Officer with the agenda outlining its intent to keep future audits in-house.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

### **350/18 CONSULTATION: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE PUBLIC AUDIT (WALES)ACT 2013:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated details of the call for evidence from the Finance Committee at the Welsh Assembly. The document had been complicated to read and a request had been submitted for a more user friendly version.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the consultation.

### **351/17 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk advised of the following matters:

- Kevin Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Officer, had recently completed and passed his electrical rewiring exams.
- She had recently passed an Events Management Course and received a Level 2 Certificate.
- The annual invoice had been received for the One Voice Wales subscription and the Clerk and Financial Officer asked if Members wished to become a member but Members opted not to join due to the high costs of the subscription.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

### **352/17 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.