BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on 21 MAY 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Phil Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

Fran Griffiths, Administrator

16/19 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019 / 2020

Councillor Sue Stevens was proposed and seconded and, there being no other nominations, Councillor Sue Stevens was duly elected Chair of the Committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Sue Stevens be appointed Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

17/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received as per Council meeting.

18/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

19/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 16th April 2019 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

With regard to item 345/17 Members raised a number of queries that still required attention. The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that John Griffiths had a list of these issues and would review the situation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

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21/19 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Steph Jones provided an update on recent incidents.

Councillor Ros Griffiths reported an issue of parking on double yellow lines to which Steph responded that these issues would be dealt with by Enforcement Officers from the County Council and not the police.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates

22/19 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

John Griffiths, Area Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had submitted his apologies.

Members raised the following issues:

- There had been a breakdown in communication with the contractors who had been repairing potholes.
- A programme of re-surfacing is still in place.
- The Boulevard had only been patched instead of re-surfaced as promised.

Councillor Billy Mullin questioned if there had been any progress on the installation of the bench on the B5125 to which the Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed she would chase up again.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

23/19 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.

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24/19 PLANNING DECISIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the decisions taken by the County Planning Authority be noted.

25/19 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

Councillor Derek Butler advised of the following issues:

- i) further to the replacement of bus routes 12 and 13 by the number 9 bus, he had spoken with the Welsh Government and Highways department, Flintshire County Council as the introduction had not helped the lack of buses in Broughton. He had requested that FCC speak to P.O. Lloyd, the operators, to ask if it was possible for the bus to pass through the village.
- ii) A new train service had commenced from Wrexham to Lime Street, Liverpool.
- iii) He had attended a meeting to assist in a feasibility study to the Welsh Government to request funding for the continuation of the cycle path from Saltney to Broughton.

Councillor Billy Mullin, along with volunteers from Airbus, the Community Council and the community, had conducted a successful litter pick of the area and compliments had been received at how clean the village looked. The Clerk and Financial Officer had been requested to send a thank you letter to Airbus.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

26/19 CLERK'S REPORT:

- A letter of thanks had been received from the Twinning Association to thank the Community Council for hosting the recent welcome reception for the French exchange visitors and for the Council's continued support.
- A letter of complaint had been received from a resident in Jasmine Parc following the erection of the new fence at the Country Park and the closure of a man made walkthrough. Members confirmed that it had never been intended as a footpath, informal or otherwise, and that a proper footpath had been located within the vicinity.
- The new play area at the Country Park play area would commence in the near future.
- The Council's insurance had been due for renewal and quotes obtained via Came and Company. The Clerk and Financial Officer sought approval from Members to enter into a 3- year deal with the Insurance company which would realise efficiencies and Members endorsed this.

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27/19 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Penny Brett Roberts queried the lack of traffic pedestrian lights on the Aldi side of Broughton Park and asked whether any additional lights could be provided.

Councillor Ros Griffiths commented about the amount of money being spent in South Wales on roadway improvements and Broughton had been unable to secure funding for the A55 interchange. Councillor Derek Butler said that most of Wales had category 1 status and that North Wales had received a financial commitment from the Government and Welsh Assembly to improve its' infrastructure.

Councillor Billy Mullin was advised that the kissing gate on Brookes Avenue would be removed in readiness for the Carnival on 8th June 2019.