

BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

held on
18 JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Stevens (Chair)

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

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

54/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received as per Council meeting.

55/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

56/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 21st May 2019 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

57/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

58/19 POLICE MATTERS:

Councillor Sue Stevens reported that the bar that had been used at the carnival and stored in the car park of the community centre had been broken into and she would be contacting NWP for them to review CCTV footage. She also expressed her frustration that the camera belonged to the Community Centre but that they could not review the footage when required.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates

59/19 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

John Griffiths, Area Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had been unable to attend the meeting.

Members raised the following issues:

- The Boulevard needs to be re-surfaced as the patches previously put down had been breaking up.
- Entrance to Broughton CP School had been flooded during the recent inclement weather.
- Concrete bollards outside the Co-op had already cracked and one had been knocked over.

Councillor Billy Mullin said that the County Council would replace the cracked bollards and additional work would be carried out at Broughton Hall Road.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

60/19 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT FUNDING SCHEME:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated a copy of a letter from Streetscene, Flintshire County Council, about the offer of an enhanced enforcement scheme.

A general discussion took place with Members requesting that the Clerk and Financial Officer establish whether enhanced car park enforcement could be targeted at problem areas to assist with the problem of dog fouling and parking, particularly around school drop off and pick up times and the area adjacent to the Co-op on Main Road/Broughton Hall Road.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to seek further clarity from Flintshire County Council.

61/19 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.

62/19 PLANNING DECISIONS:

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

63/19 TREE CANOPY:

Councillor Klaus Armstrong Braun had requested that this item be considered as Broughton had one of the lowest areas of tree canopy cover in Flintshire. Discussions with the Arborist at the County Council had confirmed that additional trees could be planted across Broughton.

A general discussion took place with Members agreeing to the idea in principle, with Members expressing disappointment that many trees had been felled in Broughton over recent years as a result of new housing developments and runway improvements at Airbus.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to invite Stuart Body, County Arborist, to the next meeting to discuss the proposals for enhanced tree planting.

64/19 TRAFFIC CONGESTION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY:

This item had been placed on the agenda following increased member concerns. The Clerk and Financial Officer said no progress had been received from either the County Council or the Welsh Government since their representation at Council in November 2018. The results from the three-way County wide study had been eagerly awaited together with some local improvements.

Councillor Chrissi Gee had recently met with Stephen O Jones, Flintshire County Council, who had confirmed that the recent petition had had some impact but Members had been concerned about this issue for over ten years. Members agreed that raising this issue as a collective Council would be paramount and that an additional petition could be instigated to lobby Welsh Government. Other members referred to other groups, agencies and business who could be involved and who supported the case for improved access to the A55.

Further housing and business development had been anticipated on the site of The Warren which would only increase the congestion

IT WAS RESOLVED: to write to Stephen O. Jones, for an update from the meeting in November 2018, await a response and then consider a further petition.

65/19 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

Councillor Billy Mullin advised of the following county matters:

- Work would continue on the improvements at Broughton Hall Road.
- Fencing owned by the County Council at Cledwyn Close would be replaced with metal fencing.
- There had been no update on the trees at Ferndale Court.
- Repair of the pot holes at the rear of the garages would be ongoing.

- The area in front of Airbus with the new crash gates had been installed still required further work and measures to prevent cars mounting the kerb.
- Thanks had been expressed to Streetscene and Social Services, at the County Council, for their support and proactive action taken during the recent inclement weather.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

66/19 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised of the following:

- She had recently attended the Leadership in Action conference that had been combined with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and at that event had been made a Fellow of the Society of Local Community Clerks, an achievement for which Members provided a congratulatory round of applause. The event had been very thought provoking and interesting and the usual conference feedback report would be circulated in due course.
- Kevin Griffiths, Senior Maintenance Officer, will attend his Routine Play Area Inspection course next week.
- She would attend the Welsh Regional Training Conference in Llandrindod Wells next week.
- The Council's new web site link would be issued to Members to review content and structure, prior to "going live"; comments and feedback had been requested.
- A letter of complaint had been received from a resident of Jasmine Parc following the repair to the boundary fence at Country Park. The Community Council discussed this issue and agreed that it had never been intended to make a second entrance into the Country Park as there was a properly lit and tarmacked footpath surrounding the park and it was not unreasonable to expect residents to walk around. The man-made access was not safe for pedestrians and did not allow for wheelchair and pram access.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

67/19 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Phil Griffiths advised that the Tour of Britain cycle race would pass through Broughton on Wednesday 11th September 2019.