

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of  
**BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
held on  
**16 JULY 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Phil Griffiths (Chair)

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

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

**83/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Sue Stevens.

**84/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were none.

**85/19 PRESENTATION TO INCREASE THE TREE CANOPY COVER IN BROUGHTON:**

Stuart Body, Forestry Officer and Sarah Slater, Biodiversity Officer, Flintshire County Council had been welcomed to the meeting. Sarah outlined that a 15-year Urban Tree and Planting Scheme had been initiated within Flintshire and Broughton had been identified as having one of the least amounts of tree canopy cover in the County. Grants had been obtained from both Natural Resources Wales and the Welsh Government to establish a tree planting scheme.

She outlined the proven benefits of tree planting including an increase in the value of houses, improved air quality and reduced noise and risk of flooding. Investigations would be required to ensure that locations and species of tree are adequately researched with residents being consulted and encouraged to take part in the tree planting operation. Organisations such as The Wildlife Trust, Airbus, Trunk Roads Agency and the County's Streetscene department would also be consulted.

Stuart Body said an order for any trees required would take place in October 2019 and that there could be further contributions in the future from Section 106 agreements. In response to a question, Mr Body confirmed that the future maintenance cost of the trees would be responsibility of the County Council for any trees planted on County Council owned land.

A map of the current tree population in Broughton was circulated amongst members and Officers had identified potential sites for planting. Some sites however had been in use as playing fields for local footballs and therefore not suitable.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Council review the locations at the next meeting and feedback to the County Officers following the meeting in September.

**86/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**87/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

**88/19 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 2019 be received:

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

**89/19 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR:**

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that as a general principle, the Council's Internal Auditor should be changed every three years. However, the format of the audit had changed this year and she sought approval to stay with the current auditor for one more year.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to remain with JDH Business for the forthcoming year.

**90/19 CHAIR'S REMARKS:**

The Chair advised that:

- together with the Clerk and Financial Officer he had attended the County Forum meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June where several guest speakers had attended. The Clerk said that she would email a briefing report to Members.
- Councillor Ros Griffiths, Derek Butler, Mike Lowe and Chrissy Gee and himself had attended a residents meeting at Airbus where the future development plans had been discussed.
- Together with Councillor Ros Griffiths he had attended a meeting at the County Council to discuss the transfer of the operation and management of the County Council CCTV facility to Wrexham County Borough Council.

Councillor Mike Lowe stated that in 2020, Airbus will have been in business for 50 years and that the factory would have been on site for 80 years; Open Days are expected to be held.