

BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

held on
17 SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Phil Griffiths (Chair)
Councillors: As per Council Meeting
Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

126/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received as per Council meeting.

127/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

128/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

129/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

130/19 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the draft terms of reference for the committee be approved.

131/19 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Steph Jones had been unable to attend the meeting but had circulated a confidential activity report for members' information.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update.

132/19 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

John Griffiths, Area Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council had been in attendance and the following matters were raised for action or information:

- White car continuously obstructing traffic outside Airbus entrance; needs to be referred to Police
- Roundabout at top of village will be jet washed and damage re-set
- Cledwyn Close fenced to be repaired with metal fence not timber, due to the number of incidents
- The new Bus Stops will be fully installed at the end of the month
- Sign outside Airbus has been removed
- Lamppost base at corner of Church Road to be removed
- St Mary's roundabout – Flintshire County Council to assist with the improvements following an issue with the previous contractor appointed by Airbus
- The Boulevard will be re-assessed next year for re-surfacing, although patchy and unattractive, it does not hit the criteria for re-surfacing
- A new cycleway will be installed along Bretton to Saltney together with a new footpath.

Councillor Donna Lalek thanked John for the recent hedge cutting following complaints from residents and Councillor Billy Mullin said that it had been reassuring that traffic monitoring had now taken place along Broughton Hall Road following the safer routes to school work.

133/19 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.

134/19 PLANNING DECISIONS:

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

135/19 TREE CANOPY:

Following the presentation at the previous meeting by Stuart Body, Forestry Officer, FCC, Members considered the detailed locations for tree planting as follows:

- *Fairfield Road* – this had been allocated as an option for social housing, subject to this and the need to retain recreational space, it was agreed that a few trees could possibly be planted subject to discussions with Stuart Body and Housing representatives.
- *Brookes Avenue Playing fields*- no additional trees had been approved. This area provided a much used community recreational facility.

- Parc Jasmine roundabout – approved, for environmental and health benefits.
- Broughton Junior School – approved, subject to the appropriate consultation with the School and Flintshire County Council and subject to Airbus flight path implications.

Councillor Braun had also asked the Community Council to consider a list of locations that had been circulated. Members agreed that the main shopping precinct off Broughton Hall Road should be approved. Other areas identified in the list had been land owned by Flintshire County Council and therefore the decision would rest with Stuart Body and the County Council. In relation to private properties, Members felt that this was outside the scope of the Community Council. Members also felt that there was adequate tree canopy coverage by the Medical Centre.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to confirm the Community Council decisions to Stuart Body for inclusion as appropriate.

136/19 REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE – DRAFT PROPOSALS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to welcome the indication that the wards of Broughton North East and South would remain unchanged.

137/19 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the contents of the letter.

138/19 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

Councillor Billy Mullin referred to some complaints from residents about a business on the Manor Lane Industrial park that he had pursued with the enforcement team. He also advised that some concerns had been raised about the dropped curve at the Gladstone Road development (HMO) that he would review.

Councillor Mike Lowe informed the Council that Paul McKinlay would be leaving Airbus due to a promotion and that he would forward Paul's email to Members for information.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

139/19 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised of the following:

- A complaint had been submitted to the Information Commissioner Office (ICO) by Councillor Klaus Armstrong Braun. The ICO had indicated that she would review the complaint in due course and the Clerk and Financial Officer would keep members apprised as the Community Council might incur a financial penalty.

- [The Public Sector Bodies \(Websites and Mobile Applications\) \(No.2\) Accessibility Regulations 2018](#) had come into force, which meant that from the 23rd September 2019, every new public sector website and app would need to meet certain accessibility standards and publish a statement saying that they had been met. Existing websites had until the 22nd September 2020 to comply and the host website provider for the Council, having previously refurbished the Council's website, had provided an appropriate website accessibility statement for Members that had been duly endorsed.
- A Joint meeting of the Standards Committee with the Town and Community Councils would take place in Caerwys at 6.00 p.m. on Monday 30th September.
- Flintshire County Council had recently hosted two briefing sessions on the Local Development Plan (LDP) to provide an awareness and understanding of the Deposit LDP prior to public consultation on the 30th September. A general discussion took place and it was agreed that the Community Councillors encourage all Broughton and Bretton residents to respond to the consultation. The planning policies would be reviewed against any "material" considerations about the traffic, school and health infrastructure implications on the village, coupled with the need for a new interchange off the A55 and this could be shared with residents. The Clerk and Financial Officer also requested the County Members to establish whether the results of the three-way County Study had been received having been expected in February 2019.
- The Clerk and Financial Officer would attend the National Conference on 1st and 2nd October 2019 and provide a feedback report at the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

140/19 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Penny Brett-Roberts referred to concerns by residents about telephone calls from companies claiming to request financial details and that she had advised them not to provide any details and to contact their banks direct on receipt of such phone calls.

Councillor Billy Mullin also requested an update on the Community Notice Board replacements to which the Clerk and Financial Officer advised that they had been made and were ready at the Council's Depot for installation but that approval of sponsorship from Airbus had been awaited.

A discussion ensued about difficulties in accessing the County Council website for the new bus passes to which Councillor Billy Mullin replied that residents had until the end of December to apply. The Chairman also complained about the difficulties in obtaining up-to-date information about bus services either at the bus stops or indeed on the website or apps available.