

BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on
15 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Phil Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

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

169/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received as per Council meeting.

170/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

171/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 17th September 2019 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

172/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

173/19 POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Steph Jones had been unable to attend the meeting but had circulated a confidential incident report for members' information. The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that there is no longer a Police Liaison Committee in South Flintshire which Members had been concerned about. For Data Protection reasons, only the police would be able to review any CCTV footage of incidents outside the community centre. Councillor Sue Stevens confirmed that had been less drug activity at the Community Centre car park, but would advise the police direct if any future incidents occur.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates.

174/19 HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

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

- The connection at Forest Drive and Copper Beech Close remained outstanding.
- The rooves on the new bus-stops on Main Road and Wood Lane had been fitted.
- FCC would be replanting the St Mary's roundabout in partnership with Airbus.
- Dwr Cymru had been working on the roundabout near Tesco to locate two leaks.
- Pathway alongside Offas Dyke pub needed clearing.
- Overgrown hedge on the footpath near the doctors off Wellington Road would need to cut by the resident and a letter would be issued.
- The roundabout at the top of Manor Lane had been due for renovation.
- A quote of circa £3k had been received to replace the fencing at Cledwyn Close, but is currently on hold because of a lack of funding within the County Council.
- Football coaches had to pick up dog mess from pitches on Brookes Avenue and increased enforcement had been requested.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates.

175/19 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.

176/19 PLANNING DECISIONS:

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

177/19 CONSULTATIONS:

The Clerk and Financial Officer reminded Members of the three current consultations to which the Council and individual members of the public had been invited to respond.

The public consultation for the Local Development Plan (LDP) would close on 11th November. The Clerk and Financial Officer reminded members that individual responses from residents would be preferred as petitions or generic letters would not normally be accepted by the County Council. Individual letters would have more impact.

The consultations on waste management and the future of the fire service had been noted.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

178/19 COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT:

Councillor Derek Butler advised that Flintshire County Council currently achieve an excellent rate of 69% of its recycling target and expected to achieve 75% by 2025. He outlined that “ash die back” had become a national problem and that in Flintshire, approximately 400-800 trees might have to be felled at considerable cost that had not been budgeted for.

Councillor Billy Mullin advised that the County Council had reviewed the recycling arrangements for nappies, incontinence and other medical recycling.

Councillor Penny Brett-Roberts asked whether the request to store recycling receptacles at the Community Centre could be looked into again.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

179/19 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised of the following:

- She had recently attended the County Forum meeting hosted by Hawarden Community Council and a summary report had been circulated to members.
- She had attended the SLCC National Conference in early October and would circulate a briefing note to Members in due course.
- Flintshire County Council had arranged a Code of Conduct training course aimed at new members in Pentre Halkyn Community Centre on 13th November, between 6pm and 8pm to which all members had been invited.
- A thank you note had been received from Lauren Kerr following the Council's agreement to provide some support to her attendance at the world national scout jamboree.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the updates.

180/19 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Sue Stevens asked the Clerk and Financial Officer about the nature of the complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The Clerk outlined the nature of the complaint together with her response and Members expressed their concern and sincere disappointment that one Member could do this, as this complaint did not reflect the view of the majority of Members.

Some Members said that they had been unhappy with the conduct of the member in particular acting on his own instincts without reference to the Community Council and cited a number of recent incidents. Members queried if that had been a breach of the Code of Conduct to which the Clerk and Financial Officer responded that she would look into the matter.