

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held 12th June, 2018 at Brynford C.P. School.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Davies – Chairman

Councillor T. Alcock

Councillor W. Beaumont

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor L. O’Hare

Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones

Councillor T. Stephenson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor P. Wahl

Councillor M. Flynn

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

19/18 ITEMS RAISED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting a number of local residents from the Pen-Y-Ball community. Following their attendance at the May meeting of the Council at which concerns had been raised regarding re-modelling (including removal of habitat/vegetation) to land adjacent to the A55 Expressway and the common.

The Clerk advised that the Council had raised their concerns with the Planning Authority, Flintshire County Council. They advised that a site inspection had been undertaken and that the work that had been carried out in the area was not in breach of planning policy and that planning consent was not required.

The Clerk further advised that a copy of the Council’s correspondence on this matter had been sent to Mrs. P. Cooke, the local residents’ spokesperson, who had agreed to share the information with residents.

Councillor J. Davies advised that Grosvenor Estates had undertaken an inspection of the area and had advised that there had been no detrimental impact to the land managed by the estate.

Residents made further enquiries as to the possible future use of the land. The Clerk advised that the Council had not received any information as to the future use of the land. However, should the landowner submit a planning application to the Planning Authority, the Council would be consulted at which time the Clerk would inform Mrs. P. Cook.

20/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None were received in respect of the business of the Council.

21/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 8th May, 2018 were approved.

22/18 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor T. Stephenson and seconded by Councillor W. Beaumont. Councillor L. O'Hare was unanimously appointed as Vice Chairman.

23/18 HERITAGE AND I-BEACON PROJECT

The Clerk reported that a working group meeting had been held on the 29th May, 2018. A copy of the minutes had been circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting. The minutes were approved.

The Clerk further reported that the recording equipment had been purchased by the Council and would be placed on loan to Brynford C.P. School. Lorna Jenner had placed the order for the production of the interpretation panels and Councillor D. Jones would oversee their installation onto the Bus Shelter and Telephone Kiosk.

The launch event date had been agreed, being the 4th July, 2018 for 1.15pm.

24/18 STREETSCENE SERVICES

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. I. Williams, Streetscene Area Supervisor.

Ian advised on the ongoing maintenance schedule in the area. A site meeting was required to agree on the location of a dog fouling bin at Dolphin. Councillor T. Stephenson agreed to attend this meeting.

Ian further advised that the Annual Environmental Audit was due. Councillor J. Davies and L. O'Hare agreed to attend.

25/18 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND

The Council had received an enquiry from Mr. G. Roberts, who runs an under 13s football team in Holywell. He wishes to use the pitch facilities for training on Wednesday evenings from 5.30pm – 6.30pm during the summer months and the main pitch from September for games on Saturdays 10.30am – 11.30am.

The Council agreed to this subject to Ysceifiog Football Club having no objection, the club completing the Council's booking form and the payment of £150 season hire charges for juniors (£250.00 for seniors). The Clerk advised that the electrical inspection and repairs had not been undertaken to the changing rooms. The Clerk was instructed to advise the electrician that if he was not in a position to complete the work by the 22nd June 2018, then the work would be offered to another company.

26/18 LAND ADJACENT TO THE A5026, THE NANT, BRYNFORD
PLANNING APPLICATION 057320

Councillor T. Stephenson reported that development and construction work was still ongoing at the site.

Councillor J. Davies reported that she had been advised by the Planning Case Officer that her recommendation was for the planning application to be refused by the Planning Authority .

27/18 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2018

Councillor T. Stephenson reported that a number of improvements had been undertaken - provision of planters on the village green and grass cutting.

Councillor Alcock advised that a number of bird nesting boxes had been erected in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Members advised that the grass verge at Plas Hafod, Brynford looked unsightly due to the area being used to store timber and logs. Consequently, a letter will be sent to the resident requesting that the area be tidied up before the competition judging week.

Councillor L. O'Hare requested that the Best Kept Village Competition be placed on the Council's agenda every month from September in order that further improvement planning can be considered.

28/18 INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2018

The Clerk reported that the Council's Internal Auditor, JDH Business Services Ltd, had completed and approved the Council year-end audit.

The Clerk further advised that he would provide a copy of the Findings Report for members' consideration at a future meeting.

29/18 EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2018

The Clerk reported that the Council's Annual Return had been submitted on the 8th June 2018, being 2 days late following his incapacity after undergoing surgery to his hand.

30/18 CONSULTATION ON FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S BUS NETWORK REVIEW 2018

The Programme Manager, R. Cartwright had written to the Council advising that a review of the current bus network is being undertaken in order to establish current and future demands. It is hoped that this will create a sustainable, equitable and stable transport system which fits the needs of local communities.

The Council had been asked to consider the demand for public transport within the community and to decide which of the four proposed options would best suit its needs.

Members considered the information that had been provided and agreed to support Option No.2 – Continue to support the services currently being subsidised.

31/18 AREA REVIEW - LIXWM AND BRYNFORD C.P. SCHOOLS

The Clerk reported that following a special meeting arranged by Ysceifiog Community Council in order to discuss the above matter, the Chairman Councillor A. Parsley had requested that a copy of the Council's formal response be provided to Brynford Community Council. Copies were circulated to all members. The response confirmed that the Council's preferred option would be a federation of both schools with improvements and modifications in order to make the future of both schools more certain and fit for purpose.

The Clerk further reported that Councillor Parsley had requested to meet with the Chairman of Brynford Community Council and the Clerk to discuss how both Councils can work together. Councillor J. Davies confirmed her agreement to this request.

32/18 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 1) Notice of Meeting - County Forum 19th June, 2018.
- 2) Women of Wales – National Assembly for Wales – 29th June, 2018 -
Councillor L. O’Hare confirmed that she will attend this event.

33/18 REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Councillor T. Alcock reported on the meeting of West Flintshire Town & Community Councils Working Group held on the 22nd May, 2018.

34/18 COMMUNITY POLICING

Councillor J. Davies reported that PCSO C. Freel had called to see her on a couple of occasions in the past month and that he was currently dealing with the removal of an abandoned car on the common.

35/18 WELSH WATER COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

Councillor L. O’Hare reported that she had been made aware that Welsh Water operated a community grant scheme following major improvement schemes in the community.

Councillor O’Hare further advised that following the major scheme to install the new water main through Brynford that this may meet the criteria for a grant consideration.

Councillor O’Hare agreed to make further enquiries with Welsh Water.

36/18 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR M. FLYNN

Councillor Malcolm Flynn had written to the Council confirming his resignation as a Councillor. Members expressed their sadness of receiving this news and requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Malcolm for his many years of public service and the contribution and support he had given to the Council.

37/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

1458)	Society of Local Council Clerks (L.G.A.1972s140,111)	Fees	£73.50
1459)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.2000,s2)	Supply of plant troughs	£50.00

1460)	Caerwys Agricultural Show (L.G.A.1972s145)	Grant	£100.00
1461)	Scottish Power (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£123.48
1462)	Came & Company (L.G.A.1972s140,111)	Insurance Premium	£31.28
1463)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£101.82
1464)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerk's salary	£409.00

38/18 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN
