

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held the 8th May, 2018 at Brynford C.P. School.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Davies – Chairman

Councillor W. Beaumont

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones

Councillor T. Stephenson

Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor M. Flynn

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor L. O’Hare

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

01/18 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor T. Stephenson and seconded by Councillor P. Wahl, Councillor J. Davies was unanimously appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor Davies thanked Councillor D. Jones for his leadership and commitment as Chairman over the past 3 years.

02/18 ITEMS RAISED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Some 25 local residents were in attendance to raise concerns over the clearing of scrub and re-modelling of an area of land between Brynford Common and the A55 Expressway.

Residents reported that heavy earth moving machinery had been working on the land during the past 3 weeks. Vegetation and habitation areas had been removed. Large areas of land had been stripped, boundary fences removed and existing public rights of way damaged thus making them un-useable.

A mature conifer hedge, that had been planted to provide screening from the A55, had been damaged therefore exposing local dwellings to this road.

It was also reported that access had been gained via the tracks leading over the common. This had caused damage which local residents would need to repair.

The Clerk reported that this matter had been reported to The Rights of Way and Planning Departments, Flintshire County Council who would have the remit for undertaking enforcement action if deemed appropriate.

It was agreed that local residents would bring this matter to the attention of the Planning Authority and that the Council would also write to the Planning and Rights of Way Departments, Flintshire County Council regarding the above concerns.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their attendance.

03/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones declared an interest in agenda item 11.3 - Condition of Ffrith Lane, Brynford.

04/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April, 2018 were approved as a correct record.

05/18 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ONTO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:

That the representatives appointed for 2017/18 remain for 2018/19.

**06/18 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – DOMESTIC ENERGY TEAM –
HEALTHY HOMES HEALTHY PEOPLE**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mrs. Shelley Webber, Project Manager, Domestic Energy Efficiency Team. Shelley advised that, in conjunction with other agencies, she was working with Countywide to identify households which may need energy efficiency improvements in their dwellings.

The purpose of the scheme was to help to improve poor housing conditions and the health of occupants.

Shelley further advised that if members of the Council are aware of any vulnerable households, then they can contact her. She could then undertake a survey and assessment in order to provide some assistance with regard to their living conditions.

The Chairman thanked Shelley for her attendance.

07/18 STREETSCENE SERVICES – MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Mr. Ian Williams, Streetscene Area Supervisor, provided an update on proposed maintenance schedules regarding highway verge cutting and road repairs.

Members requested if litter could be cleared from Brynford Hill and Slip Road.

The provision of a dog fouling bin was also requested at the end of the cul-de-sac, Dolphin, Milwr.

Councillor D. Jones advised that a community clean up day was being organised and requested if any assistance could be provided. Ian advised that high visibility bibs, litter pickers and bin bags could be provided along with the collection of the bin bags.

08/18 BRYNFORD HERITAGE AND I BEACON PROJECT

Councillor D. Jones and Councillor P. Wahl reported that they had attended a project meeting with Mrs. Lorna Jenner and Mr. Derek Jones. Lorna reported that she was in the process of finalising the draft interpretation panels and that Derek had agreed to proof read them. The formal launch event was planned to take place in the 1st week of July subject to the availability of Brynford C.P. Pupils.

A further project meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 29th May 2018, 6.00pm at Brynford C.P. School.

09/18 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The Clerk reported that he had completed the registration of the Council.

10/18 BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2018

Councillor D. Jones reported that he and Councillor T. Alcock had attended a community meeting at Brynford Pet Cemetery. A number of local residents also attended and a discussion took place on a number of proposals which included the provision of flower planters on the village green, bird nesting boxes in St. Michael's Cemetery and grass cutting on the village green.

11/18 BRYNFORD AND LIXWM AREA SCHOOL REVIEW – CONSULTATION

Councillor J. Davies provided copies of the formal consultation questionnaire and requested that members complete and return them to the school by Thursday 10th May, 2018.

12/18 INTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st March, 2018

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

13/18 EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st March, 2018

BDO, the Council's appointed external auditor, had written to the Council advising that the Annual Return must be submitted by 12th June, 2018.

The Clerk presented the Annual Return Report which was duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

14/18 CONDITION OF FFRITH LANE, BRYNFORD

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from a local resident complaining about the condition of Ffrith Lane which was used to access their property.

The Clerk further advised that this enquiry had been made by the same resident some two years ago. At that time the Council had approached local quarries to donate surplus stone for local residents to undertake repairs but no response had been received.

Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones reported that the lane was to serve local residential properties and had no bridleway or public footpath status. He further advised that it was for local residents to undertake repairs to the track and that he was in the process of undertaking these repairs in the near future.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to the local resident advising of the above.

15/18 PLANNING APPLICATION

KHJ/057320 Change of use of land to equestrian.

Paradise Pride, Northop Road, Milwr, Holywell, CH8 8BE.

RESOLVED:

That the Council objects to the above application for the following reasons:-

1. Access gates have been enlarged or newly created causing a hazard to traffic using the A5026.
2. Construction has been ongoing for 2 years without any habitat survey or impact statement being made.

3. Importation of material and land reconstruction has been implemented without any environmental control measures or monitoring being in place.

4. Disused underground oil storage tanks have been excavated and removed without any environment impact statement or contamination control measures being in place.

5. Caravans are being used for residential use without planning approval.

6. The area of land is too small to be designated as an agricultural holding.

7. The applications to build a residential dwelling do not comply to current planning policy for permitted development in the countryside.

16/18 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Caerwys Agricultural Show 2018

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £100 was approved.

17/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment:-

1450)	Scottish Power Ltd (P.C.A.1957s3)	Energy Charges	£370.31
1451)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E.	£101.82
1452)	Flintshire County Council (L.G.(M.P.)A.1976s19) Upgrading of Play Area	Match Funding	£5000.00
1453)	Helen Taylor (SI,2Local Government (Records Act) 1962	Art Work Shop	£245.00
1454)	S. Jones Business Solutions (L.G.A.1972s111)	Tax Return Management	£120.00

1455) A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,151)	Clerk's salary	£409.00
1456) Came & Company	Insurance Renewal	£1043.81
1457) JDH Business Services Ltd (L.G.A.1972s111)	Internal Audit Fees	£158.40

18/18 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 9.25pm.

CHAIRMAN
