

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held 11th June 2019 at Brynford C.P. School.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Davies – Chairman
Councillor T. Alcock
Councillor W. Beaumont
Councillor D. Jones
Councillor G. Legg
Councillor L. O’Hare
Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones
Councillor L. Rosedale
Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor T. Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts - Clerk to the Council

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

15/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 14th May 2019 were approved as a correct record.

16/19 DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT SCHEME – NORTH FLINTSHIRE

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Ceri Hanson, Streetscene Transportation Officer, Flintshire County Council. Ceri reported the findings of further evaluation of the community bus scheme that had been on trial since January 2019. Due to the lack of usage by the local community the service was going to be withdrawn.

A replacement service was going to be trialled from August. This would be a demand responsive service whereby residents would pre-book the services and transport would be provided to the nearest main hub bus services. The service would be free for persons holding a valid bus pass with charges being made for other users.

Members reported that the community bus service that had been on trial since January had not been managed satisfactorily. The vehicles being used had no identification showing them to be a public bus service despite assurance being given by Flintshire County Council that they would be branded. Information on the scheme on bus time schedules had not been widely publicised within the community.

Members requested that the new replacement service be fully branded and publicised within the community.

17/19 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Mr. M. Payne reported that nuisance damage and intimidation was being caused by motorbike riders on the common. The nuisance was mostly caused on weekends by motor bikes users entering the common via Pen-Y-Ball Hill.

Mr. Payne further advised that the number of sheep grazing the common would be increasing over the coming weeks and yet the scheme to provide cattle grids had not yet commenced.

The Council agreed to report the motorcycle issues to North Wales Police and Grosvenor Estates Department. A progress report on the cattle grid provision will be sought from the project manager Mr. S. Burton.

18/19 STREETSCENE SERVICES

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr. Neil Hickie, Streetscene Area Supervisor. Neil provided an update on the maintenance of highway works schedule.

Members reported that surface water was collecting on the highway at Brynford Crossroads. The pedestrian footpath at the junction with Hafod-Y-Bryn had a sunken area.

Neil advised that the footpath was due to be resurfaced from Brynford Crossroads to Brynford C.P. School and that repairs to the path would be undertaken at that time. The Chairman thanked Neil for his attendance.

19/19 PROVISION OF ACOUSTIC FENCING – DOLPHIN, MILWR

The Clerk reported that following the request made by the Council a response had been received from the Team Leader, North Wales Trunk Road Agent (NWTRA) who act as Agents to the Welsh Government for these issues.

The Team Leader advised that Welsh Government had produced a Policy/Plan for noise and soundscape for 2018-2023. A survey had been undertaken producing candidate priority sites for noise mitigation measures throughout Wales. The Welsh Government is not considering this part of the A55 for noise mitigation within the 2018-2023-time frame.

Members requested that this matter be referred to H. Blythyn AM, seeking her support for the inclusion of this area in a future improvement scheme.

20/19 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND

Councillor D. Jones reported that he had undertaken an inspection of the condition of the crowd barrier rail. Following the inspection, he proposed that the existing crowd rail posts were sound and that the crowd top rail could be replaced resolving the safety issue.

RESOLVED:

That estimations for this work be obtained by the Clerk.

21/19 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2019

Councillor D. Jones provided an update on the progress of the competition confirming the submission entry to the competition had been made which would include Brynford Village, Brynford C.P. School and the garden area at Hafod-Y-Bryn.

Planted boxes had been provided by Mr. J. Ward and located at a number of locations within the community.

The Clerk reported that formal consent had been received for planted boxes to be located on the highway verge at the 4 village gateway signs from Flintshire County Council. Councillor Jones further advised that he would arrange for a banner to be made promoting the event which would be displayed on the village green.

22/19 MODEL LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

One Voice Wales had written to the Council providing a copy of the above draft policy for the Council's consideration and adoption. The protocol had been produced for dealing with minor complaints against Members' which could be resolved by the Council rather than being referred to the Public Services Ombudsman.

RESOLVED

That the above Protocol was adopted by the Council.

23/19 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT FUNDING SCHEME

Mr. S. Jones, Chief Officer, Streetscene Services, Flintshire County Council had written to the Council advising of the scheme to allow Town and Community Councils an opportunity to engage additional Enforcement Officers for their communities at a cost of £195 per day.

The duties undertaken by Enforcement Officers included:

1. Enhanced litter enforcement patrols.
2. Enhanced dog fouling enforcement patrols.

3. Enhanced fly tipping investigations.
4. Enhanced car parking infringement patrols.

Members considered the information provided and raised the following questions: -

- A. Which communities within Flintshire do the Enforcement Officers work in at present as no Officers have been operational in Brynford?
- B. How many Enforcement Officers does Flintshire County Council employ?
- C. How many enforcement actions are taken each year?
- D. Can Town and Community Councils be advised of enforcement actions being taken within their community?
- E. The Council had not made any budget provision for this potential scheme for 2019/20.

RESOLVED

That the above points be sent to Mr. S. Jones for consideration and response.

24/19 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Clerk reported that copies of the crime and action report provided by PCSO Freel for May had been provided to Members.

Members requested that the issue of motorcyclists on the common be reported to PCSO Freel.

25/19 PLANNING APPLICATION

- A) CEM/059907
Proposed extension to create additional first floor 2-bedroom B & B accommodation, internal alterations and minor extension to existing ground floor B & B unit.
The Crooked Horn Inn, Bryns Sannan, Brynford.

The Chairman reported that the Council had received a copy letter from a local resident which had been sent to the Planning Authority objecting to the application.

RESOLVED

That the Council objects to the application.

1. Over development of the site

2. The relocation/creation of new access ways into the development will have a detrimental impact on adjacent residents by noise and nuisance being created by users of the venue.

4. From the information being provided, it appears that part of the development is being constructed on common land which may not be in the ownership of the applicant.

26/19 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillors P. Wahl and D. Redfern-Lloydjones reported on their meeting with Bryn Mawr Quarry Liaison Committee and Halkyn Mountain Joint Consultative Board.

27/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

That the following accounts were approved: -

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| 1531) Society of Local Council Clerks (L.G.A.1972s140,111) | Membership fees | £87.50 |
| 1532) Pet Funeral Services Ltd. (L.G.A.1972s145) | Defibrillator Grant | £250.00 |
| 1533) Came & Company (L.G.A.1972s111) | Insurance Renewal | £1105.84 |
| 1534) Brynford C.P. School Best Kept School (L.G.A.1972s145) | Grant | £75.00 |
| 1535) Treetops Environmental (L.G.A.1972s144) | Grass cutting | £50.00 |
| 1536) A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131) | Clerk's salary | £552.91 |
| 1537) H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112) | P.A.Y.E. | £138.00 |

28/19 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIRMAN
