

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held virtually 13th October 2020.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Davies – Chairman

Councillor T. Alcock

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor L. Rosedale

Councillor P. Wahl

Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones

Councillor T. Stephenson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor W. Beaumont

Councillor L. O’Hare

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

14/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

15/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Annual General and Ordinary, meeting held the 9th June 2020 were approved as a correct record.

It was noted that due to COVID-19 epidemic no meetings of the council had been held during July, August, and September.

16/20 DELEGATED ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK DURING JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER

The Clerk reported that members had received monthly reports for July and September, advising of the delegated actions undertaken.

RESOLVED:

That the reports were approved and would be recorded as Appendices A and B to the minutes of the October meeting.

17/20 PROVISION OF CATTEL GRID BRYNFORD HILL

Members reported that the construction and installation of the cattle grid, at the top of Brynford Hill, had been finally completed. However, it had been reported that the pedestrian gate was not self-closing and that on several occasions it had been left open allowing sheep access to the highway beyond.

It was further reported that residents were experiencing high levels of noise disturbance caused by traffic wheels running over the grid.

The Clerk reported that this matter had been reported to the Head of Streetscene Services and the Direct Works Manager, Flintshire County Council on several occasions. However, to date, no actions had been undertaken.

Members raised concerns as to the possibility of serious accidents occurring if these issues were not rectified with some urgency.

RESOLVED:

That this matter be further reported to the Head of Streetscene Services, Flintshire County Council.

18/20 REMOVAL OF ASH TREES SUFFERING FROM ASH DIEBACK BRYNFORD COMMON

Mr Saul Burton, Halkyn Countryside Services Officer, had advised the council that a scheme to remove Ash trees affected by the ash dieback disease was being undertaken on parts of the common. It was envisaged that the scheme will start in the next couple of weeks in an area of the common to the front of Brynford CP School.

19/20 HUSBANDRY OF SHEEP GRAZING ON BRYNFORD COMMON

Councillor D. Redfern-LloydJones reported that the number of sheep grazing on Brynford Common had significantly increased in the past few years. As a result of this, holdings with commoners grazing rights may be exceeding grazing rights allocations.

Furthermore, in accordance with the hefting policy, sheep were not being returned to the holding areas at night-time, resulting in sheep becoming hazards to highway users.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to the Commoners' Grazing Registration Officer, Flintshire County Council, and the Commons Estate Manager, Grosvenor Estates, advising of the reported concerns.

20/20 DELEGATION OF POWERS DURING THE COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Chairman advised that given the current Government restrictions, any future meetings of the council would be held virtually for the foreseeable future.

The day to day business of the council, during the past 2 months, had continued by the clerk liaising with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Until such time that the Welsh Government guidance allows meetings to take place normally, the council will continue to operate under Delegated Powers. However, when a full council meeting is required, formal notice will be given to all members and the public.

21/20 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND

Councillor P. Wahl reported that the entrance door to the football changing rooms had broken and that a new door had to be supplied and fitted in order to keep the building safe.

Mr G. Denman had kindly agreed to fit the door free of any charge to the council.

The Clerk reported that a replacement door had been ordered from N.R. Glazers and that it should be delivered in the next couple of weeks.

Members expressed their gratitude to Mr Denman for his kind assistance.

22/20 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(A) Hafod Y Bryn, Gardening Club.

An application had been received from the club, advising that it had undertaken a garden improvement project to provide planters and plants within the Hafod Y Bryn sheltered housing area. It was hoped that this project would have been submitted into the Best Kept Community for this year's competition. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, this competition had been suspended for this year.

The group further advised that cost of this work had been £250.

Members welcomed the commitment from the group and hoped the residents had enjoyed the development of the project. However, the council does not normally consider supporting retrospective grant funding applications. However, with the COVID-19 community restrictions delaying the submission of the application to the council for consideration on this occasion, the council agreed to fund 50% of the project costs.

23/20 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

The Clerk reported that the council had taken delivery of the commemorative wreath from the Royal British Legion. No formal Remembrance Service was taking place at St Michael's Church. However, the Vicar was holding an outside social distanced gathering at the Cenotaph for the laying of commemorative wreaths at 11.30am on Sunday 8th November.

It was agreed that the Clerk would represent the council and lay the wreath on behalf of the Chairman.

24/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(A) 061383 Erection of a single storey extension to front of dwelling.
33 Hafod Y Bryn, Brynford CH8 8AL

RESOLVED:

That the council has no objections.

25/20 PROVISION AND ERECTION OF CHRISTMAS TREE - BRYNFORD VILLAGE GREEN

Members discussed the erection and illumination of the tree for this year's event. Given the current COVID-19 Welsh Government restrictions, it was agreed that the erection of the tree and illumination will proceed without the presence of the public. The Clerk confirmed that he would arrange this for Friday, the 4th December.

26/20 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2020/21

The Clerk had provided the above report setting out the Council's current and anticipated expenditure and income up to 31st March 2020. Members noted the Council's current financial position and received the report. xxx

27/20 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1630)	Flintshire County Council- Match funding - Brynford Children's play area improvements Public Health Act 1875, s164 (L.G.A.1972, S.14p.27)	£5000
1631)	A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary £712.31
1632)	H.M. Revenue & Customs (L.G.A.1972s112)	P.A.Y.E. £201.03
1633)	Royal British Legion – Supply of Remembrance Wreath (L.G.A. 1972 S.137)	£70.00
1634)	Flintshire County Council -Summer Play Scheme (L.G.M.P.A. 1976, s19)	£871.64
1635)	Scottish Power – Energy Fees (P.C.A. 1957 S.111)	£377.50

28/20 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 8.00pm.

CHAIRMAN

Appendix A

Actions taken under Delegated Powers during the COVID-19 Welsh Government Restrictions July 2020

These actions were reported and approved at the meeting of the council held the 13th October 2020.

Flintshire County Council Summer Play Scheme

The council had received notice that, subject to Welsh Government COVID-19 restrictions, the schemes would be provided for 2 weeks from Monday 17th- 29th August 2020.

RESOLVED: That subject to the scheme provision being compliant to COVID-19 restrictions, the council would support the scheme.

2020 Accounts for Payment

(1617)	A. Roberts - Clerk's Salary (L.G.A.1972 s 112,151)	£712.31
(1618)	H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE (L.G.A.1972s112)	£201.03
(1619)	Scottish Power- Energy Fees - Changing Rooms (L.G.(MP)A1976, s19)	£46.33
(1621)	Scottish Power – Energy Fees (L.G.(MP)A1976, s19)	£373.34

Appendix B

Actions taken under Delegated Powers during the COVID-19 Welsh Government Restrictions September 2020

These actions were reported and approved at the meeting of the council held on the 13th October 2020.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A)** 061607
Brynford C P School.
Extension and refurbishment work to provide new teaching area, hall extension and associated spaces with additional site improvement works.
- B)** 061484
Cresta, Bryn Sannan, Brynford, Holywell, CH8 8AX
Proposed alterations to extant consent Ref-059808 and further extensions to kitchen.

ACTIONS That the council had no objections to the above two applications.

September 2020 Accounts for Payment

(1622)	A. Roberts – Norton Anti- Virus Subscription (L.G.A.1972s121)	£49.99
(1623)	A. Roberts - Clerk’s Salary (L.G.A.1972 s 112,151)	£712.31
(1624)	H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE (L.G.A.1972, s112)	£201.03
(1625)	Treetops Environmental – Grass Cutting Calcoed. (L.G.A.1972, s14p.27)	£45.00
(1626)	Deeco Lighting - LED Conversion of 2 lights. (L.G.(MP)A1976, s19)	£600.00

(1627)	Canon UK Ltd – Photo - Copy Fees. (L.G.A.1972s112)	£33.64
(1628)	Flintshire Fabrications Ltd. -Repairs to Barrier. Ffrith Lane, Brynford. (L.G.A.1972, s14p.27)	£108.00
(1629)	Scottish Power Ltd -Changing Room Energy Charges. (L.G.(MP)A1976, s19)	£44.65