

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held virtually Tuesday 9th February 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Davies – Chairman

Councillor T. Alcock

Councillor L. Rosedale

Councillor P. Wahl

Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor W. Beaumont

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor T. Stephenson

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor L. O’Hare

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

59/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones declared an interest in item 4B - Grazing of Sheep on Brynford Common.

60/21 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 12th January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

61/21 HUSBANDRY OF SHEEP GRAZING ON BRYNFORD COMMON

Further to Minute No. 43/21 the clerk reported that the Council had received a letter from the Chairman of Halkyn Graziers Association, requesting that letters be sent to the graziers with the emphasis being on providing good husbandry and management practice rather than the number of livestock being grazed on the common.

The Clerk reported that following the January meeting of the Council, a letter had already been sent to Grosvenor Estates Department requesting that they look at both aspects i.e. livestock grazing numbers and husbandry of the sheep. However, upon receipt of the request of the Chairman of the Association, a holding request on any further action had been sent to Grosvenor Estates until such time that the Council could meet and consider the above request.

Members considered the above information and conclude that whilst it had undertaken background investigations upon receipt of the complaint relating to livestock on the common, it was not the Council's responsibility to vet or control how the livestock are managed on the common. Members agreed that it would be more appropriate for the Halkyn Graziers Association and the Grosvenor Estates Department to work together on this aspect.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to Grosvenor Estates Department and the Chairman of Halkyn Graziers Association, advising that they consider the findings that had already been provided by the Legal Services Officer, Flintshire County Council. Also, concerns raised by residents and users of the common need to be considered and appropriate actions taken if necessary.

62/21 PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR - BT KIOSK BRYNFORD CP SCHOOL

The Clerk reported that provision had been made in the council budget (20/21) for the installation of the ADE unit in the former BT kiosk. However due to Covid-19 restrictions, this had been difficult to progress last year.

Following recent discussions with Mr Tomos Hughes (North Wales Ambulance Services), facilities were in place to move ahead with the project:-

The cost of installation, provision of an unlockable housing cabinet and kiosk branding would be in the region of £950.

The Clerk further reported that upon inspection of the kiosk he had found that one of the door panels needed repairs and that the unit needed cleaning with an algae remover. He stated that he would carry out these tasks. Members thanked the Clerk for his assistance with this work.

Councillor J. Davies advised that Mr M. Isherwood AM indicated that grant funding may be available for such projects and that she would make further enquires.

RESOLVED:

That instruction be given to North Wales Ambulance Services to proceed with the project.

That instruction be given to Flintshire Fabrications Ltd to undertake repairs to the Kiosk door.

63/21 PROVISION OF TEMPORARY BARRIERS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Councillor D. Jones had previously reported that he had attended to the re-erection of the temporary plastic fencing around the tree over the Christmas period.

He further suggested that the council look to providing a more robust and appropriate looking fencing system for future years.

The Clerk advised that he had obtained a quote for a portable metal green barrier system that would help improve the robustness and safety of the fencing system at a cost of £371.89.

RESOLVED:

That the Council approved the above provision.

64/21 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Members reported the following issues: -

Pothole repairs Brynford Village Road.

A55 layby backing on to Milwr Road – Litter and debris thrown into plantation and road verge.

RESOLVED:

That the clerk would report the above issues.

65/21 STREET LIGHTING AND EXTERNAL ELECTRICAL ASSETS ON THE ADOPTED HIGHWAY WITHIN THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE

Further to Minute No. 48/21 the Clerk reported that he had completed the council's inventory of street lighting. The council currently maintains 53 street lights, 17 of which had been upgraded to LED lamps.

Discussion was ongoing with the Clerk of Halkyn Community Council, the Highway Authority and the Street Lighting Engineer on the proposed joint inspection and certification of the council's lighting system.

66/21 PROPOSED PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH BRYN SANNAN ROAD, BRYNFORD

Further to Minute No. 50/21, the Clerk reported that the investigation request had been sent to the Highway Authority and was being considered. However, due to Covid – 19 restrictions, this may take longer than normal.

67/21 PROPOSED SUMMER PLAY SCHEME 2021 - FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs Janet Roberts, Play Scheme Manager, Flintshire County Council , had written to the council advising of the proposed scheme in 2021. The scheme would be for 3 weeks, 2 hours per day from Monday to Friday and commencing on 19th July 2021. Mrs Roberts had written to all councils seeking an early indication as to the participation levels for this year.

Members considered the information and agreed that, due to the uncertainty regarding the ending of the current Covid-19 restrictions, the council would not support the scheme this year.

68/21 DRAFT NEW GUIDANCE ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT 2021 FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

The Public Ombudsman for Wales has published the above document. The document sets out revised guidance from that published in 2008. Consultation on the Draft Guidance will close on the 28th February 2021 and a copy of the document has been sent to all members.

69/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A) 062366

2 Storey Side Extension to existing cottage.
Bryn Sannan Cottage, Bryn Sannan,
Brynford CH8 8AX.

RESOLVED:

That the council has no objections to the above application.

70/21 ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021

In accordance with internal audit recommendations, the council is required to undertake an annual risk assessment. The purpose of the assessment is to identify any potential risk and take appropriate actions to reduce or minimise any risks that the council may have identified.

Members considered the report and noted that the electrical inspection and certification of the recreation ground changing rooms was due to be completed by September of this year.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk was instructed to appoint the same contractor who had undertaken the inspection 3 years ago.

71/21 PAYMENT OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE FOR 2021/22

The Clerk reported that members had received the claim form for the above entitlement. Members are required to complete the claim form indicating if they wish to claim or decline the payment of the allowance. Upon completion the form is to be returned to the Clerk for Council records.

RESOLVED:

That all members declined to claim for the allowance.

72/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1654) Scottish Power - Energy Charges (P.C.A.1957s111)	£377.50
1655) A. Roberts – Clerk's Salary (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	£712.31

1656) H.M. Revenue & Customs -PAYE (L.G.A.1972s112)	£201.03
1657) Canon UK Ltd – Lease of photocopier machine. (L.G.A.1972s111)	£40.37
1658) Information Commissioner - Registration Fees (L.G.A.1972s11)	£40.00
1659) Defib Stores Ltd – Provision of Defibrillator Box (L.G.A. 2000,s2	£510.78
1660) Safe Fence Ltd – provision of 8 Crowd Barriers (L.G.A.1972s.144	£384.49

73/21 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN _____