

**BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNFFORDD**

Minutes of the meeting held virtually 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor J. Davies – Chairman**

**Councillor T. Alcock**

**Councillor L. Rosedale**

**Councillor P. Wahl**

**Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones**

**Councillor T. Stephenson**

**Councillor D. Jones**

**Councillor L. O’Hare**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor W. Beaumont**

**Councillor G. Legg**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council**

**74/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations were declared in respect to the items of business on the meeting agenda.

**75/21 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

**76/21 HUSBANDRY OF SHEEP GRAZING ON BRYNFORD COMMON**

Further to Minute No. 61/21, the clerk reported that in accordance with the Council’s instruction, letters had been sent to Grosvenor Estates and the Chairman of Halkyn Common Mountain Grazers Association advising that the council would not be taking any further actions on this matter.

However, the information that had been provided by the council should be considered and, if deemed necessary, appropriate actions should be taken.

**77/21 PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR - BT KIOSK BRYNFORD CP SCHOOL**

Councillor D. Jones reported that he and the Clerk had inspected the kiosk with a view of making repairs to the door and cleaning the external walls. The work was in hand and would be completed in the next few days.

The Clerk also reported that the order for the housing cabinet and its installation was in hand.

Councillor L. Davies reported that she had been advised that an organisation called Welsh Hearts was supporting the provision of defibrillators and that grant funding may be available towards this project.

The Clerk advised that he would explore this grant funding opportunity and report back to the council.

**78/21 PROVISION OF CATTLE GRID - B5121 BRYNFORD VILLAGE ROAD**

The Clerk reported that he had been in communication with Helen Mrowiec, Countryside Sites Team Leader for Flintshire County Council. Helen was the leading Officer on the project following the departure of Mr Saul Burton.

A site meeting was arranged for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in order to try and resolve the issues.

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor J. Davies and L. Rosedale would attend the site meeting.

**79/21 RACECOURSE FARM BABELL – BURNING OF WASTE MATERIALS**

Further to Minute No. 47/21, the Council has been advised by Natural Resources Wales that the investigation has been deferred until such time that the Council can provide the further information that has been requested.

Councillor L. O'Hare reported that the burning of waste materials was still continuing.

She has also been trying to contact the NRW Officer without success in order to report further instances.

Councillor T. Alcock reported that there had also been burning of waste materials at Ty Coch Farm, Brynford, with billowing black smoke and the burning lasting over 24 hours.

The Chairman requested that any further incidents be reported to the Clerk who would contact the NRW Officer.

**80/21 PROPOSED HALF MARATHON RUN 2022 – WORKING GROUP REPORT**

Cllr L. O'Hare, the Council's appointed representative, reported that she had attended a virtual working group meeting.

It was reported that its organisation was ongoing but no final date had been set for the event, which would be registered with the UK Athletics Club. Funding resources were being considered which could include competitors being charged an entrance fee.

The Chairman thanked the member for her report.

**81/21 STREETSCENE SERVICES**

Members reported the following issues: -

Pothole repairs, Brynford Village Road.

A55 – Litter and debris thrown into plantation and road verge.

Laburnum Cottage, Penwylfa – Trees and shrubs planted on the Highway Verge.

**RESOLVED:**

That the clerk would report the above issues.

**82/21 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND SCOPE OF AUDIT FOR 2020/21**

JDH Business Services Ltd, the council appointed internal auditor, had written to the council advising of the plan and scope of the audit for 2020/21.

Members considered the information and agreed the plan for this year.

**83/21 STREET LIGHTING AND EXTERNAL ELECTRICAL ASSETS ON THE ADOPTED HIGHWAY WITHIN THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE**

Further to Minute No. 65/21, the Clerk reported that he had amended the council's street lighting inventory to include an additional 8 replacement LED lamps. This made a total of 25 LED lamps out of 53 maintained street lights. Instructions had also been given to upgrade a further 10 lights during the next financial year.

Further joint discussions had taken place with the Clerks of Halkyn and Whitford Community Councils, the Highway Authority and the Street Lighting Engineer on the proposed joint Inspection and Certification in order to achieve compliance with BS7671 for the Council's lighting stock.

Quotations had been sought from 3 Electrical Lighting Maintenance Companies of which 2 had provided quotations. Flintshire County Council had submitted the lowest quotation, which was reported to members.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council agreed to give formal instruction to Flintshire County Council to proceed with the Inspection and Certification of the Council's 53 lights.

**84/21 PROPOSED PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER – FFRITH LANE, BRYNFORD**

The Council had received a request for the provision of a bus shelter for school children using school bus services at the above location. The Clerk reported that he had obtained information from the Local Education and Transport Authority on the policy and procedures for such provision.

The Local Authority, upon receipt of a formal request, would undertake a site inspection, survey of usage, and, if deemed that the facility is required, undertake a local consultation with adjacent residents.

Funding would also need to be sought either by way of match funding, or an annual maintenance fee from the Community Council.

**RESOLVED:**

That the council agreed to make a formal request to the Local Authority in order to ascertain if the proposed facility complies with current policy and provide details of any cost implications for the council's further consideration.

**85/21 CAR PARKING - PARK AND RIDE FACILITIES GLAN CLWYD HOSPITAL**

Further to Minute No.37/20, Hannah Blythyn (AM) had replied to the Council providing details of a response that she had obtained from the Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

The Chief Executive had advised that since the start of the pandemic period, a number of factors had significantly reduced the number of individuals driving to the hospital which in turn had reduced the demand for parking.

In addition to the above, it was agreed to suspend the park and ride services on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in order to minimise the risk of transmission of infection.

The Health Board is in the process of reviewing and updating the travel plans for the Glan Clwyd Site.

Members considered the response, sighting many instances where constituents experienced problems accessing onsite parking, especially with regard to infirm or elderly patients having to walk considerable distances and arriving late for their appointments.

Without the reinstatement of the park and ride services, members had no confidence that parking issues at the hospital would be overcome.

**RESOLVED:**

That further letters be sent to H. Blythyn AM and R. Roberts MP seeking their support in having this facility reinstated as soon as practically possible.

**86/21 PEN YR HENBLAS QUARRY - PROPOSED BOUNDARY TREATMENT WORKS**

Annabel Farbon, Agent for Eaton and Halkyn Estates, had written to the Council advising of proposed boundary and car parking works at Pen-Yr- Henblas, Quarry.

Members considered the proposal and agreed that the treatment works would help improve the safety and security of the area. However, it was noted that consultation was to be undertaken with adjacent property owners. Members requested that this be fully completed before the commencement of any proposed works.

**87/21 BRYNFORD CP SCHOOL - PROPOSED RENOVATION WORKS**

Mr Clive Bracewell, Chairman of Brynford CP School Governing Body, had written to the Council advising of the proposed timetable for the improvement works.

Members were very pleased to learn of the proposed improved facilities which would enhance the learning experience and wellbeing of pupils and staff.

**88/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A) 062513

Proposed alterations and extension

Hiraethog, Brynford Village Green, Brynford, CH8 8AD

**RESOLVED:**

That the council has no objections to the above application.

**89/21 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

PCSO Conner Freel had written to the Council advising that the Chief Inspector for South Flintshire had communicated to County Members that new plans were being introduced regarding contacting North Wales Police and other agencies which, hopefully, would be more appropriate in providing assistance to the public.

Conner also advised that Community Crime Reports will no longer be provided.

However, these crime reports can be accessed via the Police UK Website.

Members voiced their concerns that it appeared that these actions would reduce further the presence and assurance of community policing in rural communities.

The removal of Crime Reports was particularly disappointing as these enabled council members to identify any criminal trends that may be occurring in neighbouring communities.

**RESOLVED:**

That a letter be sent to the Chief Inspector advising of the council's concerns.

That a request be made for information regarding the number of police visits or patrols undertaken by Officers within the Brynford community over the past 6 months.

**90/21 BYWAY CALCOED TO BABELL – CLOSURE AND REPAIRS**

Councillor L. O'Hare reported that the County Council's Rights of Way Department had closed the above byway. The purpose of the closure was to undertake extensive surface repairs following damage being caused by off road vehicles.

The Council was also giving consideration as to the redesignation of the byway.

**91/21 GLAN YR AFON INN DOLPHIN – SITING OF STATIC CARAVAN**

Members reported that a static caravan situated at the above property appeared to be being used for residential purposes. The Council had not received any Planning Consultation Notice for the siting of the caravan from the Planning Authority.

**RESOLVED:**

That this matter be reported to the Planning Authority requesting confirmation that appropriate approvals are in place.

**92/21 WAR MEMORIALS TRUST – APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING REFURBISHMENT OF CENOTAPH - ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH, BRYNFORD**

An opportunity has arisen for applications to be made to the War Memorials Trust for a grant (between 25-75%) for the refurbishment of Cenotaphs.

The Cenotaph at St. Michael’s Church is in need of cleaning and re-lettering.

The Clerk reported that he had made an application for funding which had been approved.

The next grant application stage required cost quotations for the proposed works which the Clerk had obtained and reported to the council. Confirmation for the level of support funding for the project was also required.

Members considered the above information and agreed to support the grant application with £300 of council funding.

**93/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1661) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	£935.12
1662) Deeco Lighting – Lighting maintenance and repairs (P.C.A.1957s111)	£2592.00

**94/21 DURATION OF THE MEETING**

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

**CHAIRMAN**

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