

**BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNFFORDD**

Minutes of the meeting held virtually **13<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor J. Davies – Chairman**

**Councillor L. Rosedale**

**Councillor G. Legg**

**Councillor P. Wahl**

**Councillor D. Redfern-Lloydjones**

**Councillor D. Jones**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor T. Alcock**

**Councillor W. Beaumont**

**Councillor L. O’Hare**

**Councillor T. Stephenson**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Mr Rob Roberts M.P.**

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

**REMEMBRANCE FOR HRH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

Before the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman requested that the Council hold a minute’s silence in reflection of the recent death of the Prince.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Rob Roberts, MP for Delyn.

Mr Roberts thanked members for the invitation advising that he was trying to engage with as many councils as possible in his constituency.

**95/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

**96/21 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**97/21 PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR : BT KIOSK NEAR BRYNFORD CP SCHOOL**

Further to Minute No. 77/21, Councillor D. Jones reported that the work to undertake repairs to the kiosk had been completed.

Following the information that had been provided by Mr Rob Roberts, the Clerk had contacted the Welsh Hearts Organisation with regard to the provision and installation of the defib box and its branding. Confirmation had been received that the project could be delivered at a reduced cost of £590.

The Clerk further advised that the Welsh Ambulance Services had kindly refunded the Council's previous payment for this project.

The Chairman thanked Mr R. Roberts for his assistance and direction for this project together with the financial savings that had been made.

**RESOLVED :**

That the Clerk proceeds with the project, giving formal instruction to Welsh Hearts.

**98/21 PROVISION OF CATTLE GRIDS B5121 BRYNFORD VILLAGE ROAD**

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

In order to have an understanding of the issues being reported, a site meeting had been arranged for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**RESOLVED:**

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

**99/21 STREETSCENE SERVICES**

Members reported the following issues: -

Pothole repairs Brynford Village Road.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the clerk would report the above issues.

**100/21 INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS 2020/21**

JDH Business Services Ltd, the council appointed internal auditor, had written to the council advising that the Internal Audit would be undertaken on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The Clerk advised that he had completed the Annual Audit Return and submitted the required information to the auditor. The Audit Finding Report would be presented to members at the next meeting of the council.

### **101/21 STREET LIGHTING UPGRADING PROGRAM**

The Clerk reported that a further 3 amenity lights, located in the community of Pen Y Ball, had been upgraded to LED. This brought the existing lighting stock to 28 LED lights out of a total of 52.

The Council had a remaining budget provision for a further 7 lighting upgrades this year.

### **102/21 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 the 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 the facility is required, undertake a local consultation with residents.

Abby Taylor, Transport Area Coordinator, Flintshire County Council, had written to the Council advising that consideration had been given to the council's request. However, the site at Ffrith Lane is currently only served by a school bus during school term time.

As a result of this, the request does not meet the current criteria for such provision and could not be supported.

Members expressed their disappointment on learning this. However, members advised that there was an existing bus shelter on the Village Green some 50 metres away. This could be used during inclement weather conditions.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk inform the residents of the outcome of the council's enquires on this matter.

### **103/21 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

Further to Minute No 89/21, PCSO Conner Freeland had written to the Council requesting members to advise of any community policing issues.

Members again expressed their frustration of the withdrawal of the monthly crime report provided by North Wales Police. The report provided a valuable insight into local and neighbouring community policing issues.

Mr Rob Roberts advised that he had regular meetings with the Chief Constable and, if instructed, he could raise this matter on behalf of the council.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk would write to Mr Roberts requesting his assistance on this matter.

**104/21 GLAN YR AFON INN DOLPHIN – SITING OF STATIC CARAVAN**

Members had 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.

The Clerk reported that following reporting the above matter to the Planning Authority, acknowledgment had been received from Planning Enforcement that the matter would be investigated.

**105/21 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 Clerk reported that a second stage grant application had been submitted. However, the War Memorial Trust had advised that the Church was a Grade 11 listed building and that confirmation was required if the Cenotaph was included in this listing.

The Clerk further advised that he had written to the Secretary of St. Michael's Parochial Church Council, who had advised that she was pursuing this clarification with the Diocese Architect at St. Asaph.

**106/21 DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT THE CROOKED HORN INN, BRYNFORD**

The council had received a letter representing residents advising that they had raised a number of concerns with the Planning Authority over the ongoing development at the Crooked Horn Inn.

Despite writing to the Planning Officers and the Chief Executive of Flintshire County Council on several occasions, no response had been received.

The Clerk reported that the Council had previously made representations to the Planning Authority on this matter and no response has been received.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk write to the Planning Authority again on this matter. Also, that a request be made to Mr R. Roberts MP seeking his support in obtaining a Planning Conformity Appraisal on the ongoing development of the Crooked Horn Inn.

**107/21 PROVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC WARNING SIGNS – ANIMALS GRAZING ON BRYNFORD COMMON**

Councillor J. Davies reported that she had been approached by a local grazier advising that a number of sheep had been killed by vehicles on the highway in the Brynford area. Could Highway Traffic Warning Signs be erected to advise drivers of animals grazing? Members agreed that a letter be sent to the Highway Authority regarding this request.

**108/21 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR D. REDFERN-LLOYDJONES**

Councillor Dewi Redfern-Lloydjones advised the council that, due to continuing health problems, he was retiring from the council. He thanked members for all the support that they had given him over the past years.

The Chairman and fellow members paid tribute to Dewi for all the assistance and local knowledge that he had provided to the council and hoped that his health issues would improve in due course.

**109/21 RESUMPTION OF COUNCIL FORMAL FACE TO FACE MEETINGS**

The Clerk advised that with the continuation of proposed easing of Covid-19 Government restrictions, it may be possible to resume formal face to face meetings of the council in the near future. However, this would be subject to locating a suitable venue that will meet current safety measures.

Councillor L. Rosedale advised that the current venue, Brynford CP School, was having structural building improvements undertaken. Within the improvement project a community room was being provided that may be suitable for future meetings.

Members agreed that the council would continue to meet virtually and review the situation again in September 2021.

**110/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1663) Information Commissioner – Registration Fees (L.G.A.1972s11)	£40.00
1664) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	£780.03
1665) H.M. Revenue & Customs PAYE (L.G.A.1972s112)	£165.73
1666) Scottish Power – Energy Fees (L.G.(M.P.) A.1953 S.4)	£49.42

1221) Notice Board Company UK LTD – Supply of 3 No Notice Boards (L.G.A.1972. S144)	£4256.00
1667) Deeco Lighting – Lighting maintenance and repairs (P.C.A.1957s111)	£900.00
1668) Shaw & Sons Ltd – Supply of Stationery (L.G.A.1972,111)	£78.00

**111/21 DURATION OF THE MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 8.20pm.

**CHAIRMAN**

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