

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held virtually 14th September 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Davies – Chairman

Councillor T. Alcock

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor L. Rosedale

Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor W. Beaumont

Councillor L. O’Hare

Councillor T. Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

No members of the public in attendance.

49/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

50/21 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the virtual meeting held the 13th July 2021 were approved as a correct record.

51/21 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Members reported the following issues: -

Verge vegetation obstructing visibility at Glan Yr Afon junction, Milwr Road
And Calcoed Lane, Brynford.

52/21 FILLING OF VACANCY ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Further to Minute No 42/21, the Clerk reported that the Notice Under Local Government Act, 1972 (Section 87 (2)), the advertisement for the vacancy had been posted. The Returning Officer, Flintshire County Council had notified the Council that the vacancy could be filled by co-option.

Members agreed to invite candidates to submit their applications in writing.

53/21 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND

A) Changing room electrical safety inspection.

Councillor P. Wahl reported that he had met with the Electrician on Monday and that, following the inspection, the Safety Report would be sent to the Clerk.

B) Repairs to Home and Away Dugouts

Councillor P. Wahl reported that the repairs to the dugout roof was ongoing and hoped to have it completed in the next couple of weeks.

C) Grass Cutting of Recreation Ground

Councillor J. Davies reported that, during the summer, Mr David Parry had undertaken the grass cutting of the recreation ground.

A letter of thanks had been sent to Mr Parry from the Council.

54/21 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES TO BRYNFORD VILLAGE ROAD

Further to Minute No 44/21, the Clerk reported that he had received confirmation that the Go Safe traffic speed mobile camera would be stationed at the cattle grid near the Pet Cemetery for a trial period.

55/21 PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE DECEMBER 2021

The Clerk advised that Grosvenor Estates had agreed to provide the tree but this would be the 3rd and final year.

Members agreed to proceed with this year's tree and that it would go up on Friday the 4th December.

56/21 SHEEP CONGREGATING ON HIGHWAY, PEDESTRIAN PATHS AND BRYNFORD CROSSROADS

Councillor J. Davies reported that the congregation of sheep at the crossroads was becoming a traffic and pedestrian nuisance. The footpaths had been so badly fouled by sheep droppings that she had arranged for the paths to be cleaned by Streetscene Services.

During the summer recess she had instructed the Clerk to write to Halkyn Mountain Commoners and Graziers Association (HMCGA) Chairman about the issue.

The Clerk reported that the chairman had informed the Council that this matter had been reported to Grosvenor Estates (landlord of the common) but that no response had been received.

Members requested that the Council writes the Grosvenor Estates on this matter.

57/21 PROPOSED RESURFACING OF BRIDLEWAY TRACK NAID Y MARCH

Further to Minute No 29/21, the clerk reported that no response had been received from the Rights of Way Department, Flintshire County Council.

Members requested that a further request be made.

58/21 PROPOSED PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH BRYN SANNAN ROAD BRYNFORD

The Council has received budgetary estimation of £30,000. Whilst the Council did not hold such financial reserves, the clerk advised that the Council may wish to look for match funding opportunities on a phased approach over the coming years.

59/21 REVIEW OF THE REMUNERATION FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Members had received a copy of the consultation paper setting out the proposals and noted that the Council would be in Category 5. It was agreed that only mandatory allowances would apply for members.

RESOLVED:

That the information be received.

60/21 LICENCING ACT 2003: STATEMENT OF LICENCING POLICY CONSULTATION.

The Licensing Authority Flintshire County Council had written to the council advising that the above policy was being reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

Copy of the draft policy has been sent to all members of the council.

RESOLVED:

That the information be received.

61/21 MULTI LOCATION MEETINGS

Welsh Government had issued a briefing note setting out guidance for local councils in Wales. It provides information on how to support wider accessibility to council proceedings in line with the provisions within Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Councillor L. Rosedale reported that he and the Chairman had looked at the IT facilities at Brynford C.P. School which could be utilized upon the completion of the building.

The Clerk advised that the council did not currently own the IT equipment required to operate a hybrid meeting from a remote setting. Whilst the majority of Community Councils in Wales are in similar circumstances, the Welsh Government have advised that a further update and guidance to Section 48 (47) (Participation at Meetings of Community Council) will be issued in the autumn.

The Clerk further advised that in accordance with the Act, the council will need to amend its Standing Orders to reflect the hybrid meetings arrangements.

62/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A) 063244

Glan Yr Afon Inn, Milwr, Holywell CH8 8HE
Siting of static caravan to use as extra accommodation.

B) 063355

Ebenezer Chapel, Milwr, Holywell, CH8 8HE
Erection of garage with hay loft above.

RESOLVED:

That the council has no objections to the above two applications.

C) 063370

Pant Isa, Babell, Holywell, CH8 8PY
Conversion of existing garage to annex accommodation.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections subject to the annex remaining as part of the existing curtilage of Pant Isa and not a separate dwelling.

63/21 COMMUNITY POLICING

Councillor J. Davies reported that she and the Clerk had attended a meeting with PCSO Conner Freel and PCSO Cleo Milburn who had been appointed to Conner's team for this community.

Members were pleased to learn of the appointment and looked forward to meeting Cleo soon.

Members again raised their disappointment and frustration regarding the cessation of the monthly community crime report provided by North Wales Police.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to H. Blythyn A.M. requesting if she could raise this issue with the appropriate body on behalf of the Council.

64/21 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Brynford C. P. School

The Chairman of Governors, Mr Clive Bracewell, had written to the council seeking financial support towards the cost of completing community facilities.

Councillor J. Davies advised that she had arranged for her and the Clerk to meet with the Headteacher to look at the funding requirements and then report back to members at the next meeting.

65/21 HAFOD Y BRYN GARDENING CLUB

Councillor J. Davies reported that following the cessation of the club, the Chairman, Mr John Ennis, had returned the Council's grant payment of £125 to the council. Members reported that they were very sorry to learn that the club was not continuing given the tremendous efforts and success it had made in the past years.

66/21 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

In accordance with the audit requirements the Clerk had prepared and presented a six-month budget income and expenditure report for members' consideration. The report set out the budgeted expenditure together with the actual and anticipated expenditure and income up to the financial year end.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

67/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1691) Scottish Power - Energy Charges (P.C.A.1957s111)	£374.35
1692) A. Roberts – Clerk's Salary (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	£745.33
1693) H.M. Revenue & Customs PAYE (L.G.A.1972s112)	£202.21
1694) Deeco Lighting – Lighting maintenance and repairs (P.C.A.1957s111)	£900.00
1695) Canon UK Ltd – Lease of photocopy machine (L.G.A.1972s111)	£6.52
1696) Canon UK Ltd – Lease of photocopy machine. (L.G.A.1972s111)	£33.64
1697) Viking Direct Ltd – Supply of stationery (L.G.A.1972,111)	£139.68
1698) Brynford Rams Football Club Grant	£50.00
1699) Scottish Power Ltd – Energy Fees Changing Rooms (L.G.(M.P.) A.1953 S.4	£43.58

68/21 DURATION OF THE MEETING

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