

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2022.

In the absence of Councillor J. Davies, Councillor L. O'Hare (Vice Chairman) was appointed Chairman until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O'Hare - Chairman

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor P. Davies

Councillor N. Hughes

Councillor L. Rosedale

Councillor T. Stephenson

Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor T. Alcock

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor J. Davies

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

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

No members of the public were in attendance.

129/22DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor L. O'Hare declared an interest in agenda item No. 6 - Planning Application
Ref: 064186.

130/22MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 8th February 2022 were approved as a correct record.

131/22 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Members reported that vehicles speeding through Brynford Village (B5121) and Brynford to Pantasaph road was still an issue. Members noted that traffic speed awareness monitors had been erected along Monastery Road, Pantasaph which appeared to be having a positive effect on reducing traffic speed. Councillor L. Rosedale advised that a site meeting with Highway Officers had taken place last June regarding traffic speed through the village.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk will pursue the above matters with Streetscene Services.

Parking of vehicles during restricted time zones near the Brynford Hill (B5121) traffic lights was still causing traffic congestion and road safety issues. Members requested that a further request be made to the Parking Enforcement Officer for appropriate action in order to alleviate this issue.

132/22 NARROW LANE CALCOED – OWNERSHIP OF THE ROAD

Further to Minute No. 117/22, Councillor N. Hughes reported that the ownership and maintenance was being investigated by a Legal Officer from Flintshire County Council. The findings to date indicated that part of the lane may be registered as a byway. If this is the case, the Rights of Way Department may have some maintenance responsibility.

Councillor Hughes further reported that some work had been undertaken on the lane. Stone had been provided and potholes had been filled in yesterday.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hughes for her assistance on this matter.

133/22 THE CROOKED HORN INN, BRYNFORD

Further to Minute No. 118/22 the Clerk reported that a response had been received from Flintshire County Council today following the Council's request for further information.

The Clerk further advised that the information would be forwarded to members for consideration at the April meeting of the Council.

134/22 ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING EVENTS

Further to Minute Number 120/22, Councillor P. Davies reported that she had attended the Code of Conduct training event on 3rd March and had found it to be very helpful and informative.

135/22 REGISTER OF ELECTORS 2021/22

Further to Minute No. 122/22, the Council had received a response from the Legal Services Officer following the enquiry.

The Officer advised that all the properties were registered for council tax but 2 are empty.

Members considered the information received and requested that a request be made for an up-to-date Register of Electors be provided listing the properties that have been registered.

136/22 COMMUNITY LITTER PICK BRYNFORD COMMON

Councillor D. Jones suggested that the Council should consider undertaking a community litter pick of the common. This was last undertaken some 3 years ago and had proved to be a well supported event.

Members supported the proposal and agreed that the event would be organised for Saturday the 23rd April 2022 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Councillor Jones agreed to arrange for the erection of the banner on the village green promoting the event.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact and advise the following organisations who has supported the event in the past:

Brynford Pet Cemetery
Streetscene Services
Brynford C.P. School
Countryside Services
Holywell Golf Club
Brynford Rams Football Club

137/22 VEHICLE OFF ROAD PARKING FACILITIES HAFOD Y BRYN, BRYNFORD

The Clerk reported that the Council had received an enquiry regarding a scheme being deployed by Flintshire County Council to provide off road parking facilities at Hafod Y Bryn. A resident had requested that her property be included in the scheme, but her request had been refused. The resident had been trying to obtain an explanation from the Council but without success.

It was agreed that the Clerk would make further enquiries on this matter.

138/22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

The council had received the findings of a survey on Section 47 - Multi Location Meetings of Community and Town Councils conducted by One Voice Wales.

Several concerns had been raised by councils following the introduction of legislation by the Welsh Government requiring that all council meetings should have the facility for multi-location meetings (ie remote access by the public) with effect from May 2021.

Members noted the conclusions and recommendations of the report and requested that this be brought to the attention of Hannah Blythyn AM, seeking assistance in obtaining a response from the appropriate Welsh Government Minister.

139/22 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES– ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

The Council has received the above report advising councils of several changes being made to Members' Allowances and Entitlements. Section 13 of the report refers to Town and Community Councils. Members will note that councils have been placed into 5 categories based on the size of the electoral roll of the community. Brynford has 847 persons on the Register so is placed in Category No. 5.

For Councils with an electorate of less than 1000 the requirement to offer the £150 per annum expenses allowance to each member is not mandatory. However, the Council must decide whether to adopt the payment and, if so, it must make the payment available to all members.

RESOLVED:

That the Council agreed to adopt the policy for making the payment available to all members.

140/22 COMMUNITY POLICING

Further to Minute No. 126/22, the Clerk reported that no response had been received from PCSO Freel following the Council's request for a site visit to the Heavy Goods Building Unit, Milwr Road.

Members reported that the road had again been used for offloading vehicles being transported to the unit.

It was agreed that a further request be made to PCSO Freel for assistance.

141/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A) REF: 063686

Proposal: Proposed erection of a building to the side of dwelling for beauty business.

Location: The Gables, Brynford, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 8AD.

B) Ref: 064213

Proposal: Erection of 3 single storey extensions to existing bungalow - comprising utility room, kitchen extension and ensuite extension.

Location: Beuno Cottage, Pen Y Ball, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 8SU.

RESOLVED:

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

- C) Ref: 064186
Proposal: Erection of a Steel Framed Garage and Workshop
Location: Heathercot, Calcoed Lane, Calcot, Holywell, Flintshire, CH8 8LE.

RESOLVED:

The Council requests that planning conditions be placed on the development :
that no commercial or business use be permitted at any time.

Reason:-

The development is located within an existing residential area of the community.
The access to the development is via a shared access lane, this being unadopted by
the Highway Authority.

142/22 ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Council is required to undertake an annual risk assessment to identify any potential risks that may have a detrimental impact on the business of the council. The assessment should incorporate measures to mitigate any identified or perceived risk.
The Clerk reported that he had prepared the Risk Assessment Report for 2022. The report took into account the findings of the Internal Audit Report for the year ending 2021.

RESOLVED:

That the Risk Assessment Report be approved.

143/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1729) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary & Establishment Allowance	£745.37
1730) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£202.25
1731) Viking Direct Ltd - Supply of stationery	£169.10
1732 Livetech Ltd - Web Development Training	£75.60

144/22 DURATION OF THE MEETING

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

The next meeting of the council will be Tuesday 14th April 2022 commencing at 7.00 PM.

CHAIRMAN
