

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on thy 8th November 2022 at Brynford CP School.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O’Hare – Chairman

Councillor N. Acott

Councillor P. Davies

Councillor N. Hughes

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor T. Stephenson

Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J. Davies

Councillor L. Rosedale

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor S. Jones – Ward County Councillor

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

Before the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Ms Gill Murgatroyd, an Observer from the Standards Committee.

74/22 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

No members of the public were in attendance.

75/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared in respect of the business of the council

76/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor P. Wahl and seconded by Councillor D. Jones, the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th September 2022 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

77/22 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Members reported the following matters: -

- Milwr Road – Highway verge near junction to Glan Yr Afon in need of cutting. The Clerk reported that the council had been informed that Streetscene Services had scheduled this request.
- Brynford Hill - Verge in need de-littering.
- B5121 Brynford Hill – Parking of vehicles on highway during restricted zone time. The council had been informed that Enforcement Officers were monitoring the area as part of their patrol. Members reported that they had seen parking penalty notices on vehicles. However, vehicles were still being parked during the restricted parking zone period and Councillor S. Jones advised that he will raise this issue with the County Member for the Holywell ward.
- Glan Yr Afon Lane to Dolphin layby. Overgrown boundary hedges in need of reducing as vehicles were being damaged.

RESOLVED:

That the above matters be reported to Streetscene Services.

78/22 ENCLOSURE OF COMMON LAND - CALCOED LANE BRYNFORD

Further to Minute Number 58/22, the Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place between Flintshire County Council Legal Services, Natural Resources Wales, Grosvenor Estates and Countryside Services.

A number of issues had been discussed relating to the common but, unfortunately, the issue of unlawful enclosure had been deferred until the next meeting of the group. An invitation to attend the next meeting had been extended to the council. Members enquired if the Halkyn Common & Graziers Association was still in existence. The Clerk would make further enquiries.

79/22 PROVISION OF NEW EMAIL ACCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Further to Minute No 59/22, some members reported that they had not completed the installation of the council's new email on their devices.

The Clerk reiterated the need for its completion and that assistance was available via the Council's IT Administrator.

Members agreed that a further update would be provided at the next meeting of the council.

80/22 PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE AND ILLUMINATION EVENT 2nd DECEMBER 2022

Further to Minute No 61/22, the Chairman reported that Grosvenor Estates had confirmed that they were unable to provide a tree on a re-chargeable basis.

As previously agreed by the council, an order had been placed for the supply of the tree with M. Turner.

The Chairman further advised that the Council had received a donation of £100 towards the illumination event from Ms C. Pierce of Brynford. A letter of thanks had been sent to Ms Pierce.

She together with Councillor D. Jones and the Clerk had attended a working group meeting on Monday 7th November with representatives from the Highways Authority, Brynford C.P. School, St. Michael's Church and Brynford Pet Cemetery. The purpose of the meeting was to finalise the arrangements for the illumination event.

Mr John Ward had agreed to provide mince pies with the council supplying other refreshments and catering equipment.

St. Michael's Church would be the venue following the illumination with Carol singing performed by the Children from Brynford C.P. School.

The Highway Authority would provide road traffic signage, bollards and hi vis bibs. Whitford Young Farmers were being deployed as safety marshals.

Members agreed that they would be in attendance supporting the event.

RESOLVED:

That the above actions were approved.

81/22 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND - CHANGING ROOMS BUSINESS RATE NOTIFICATION

The Clerk reported that the Council had received notice from the rating authority that the recreation ground and changing rooms was subject to business rates of £1,377 per year. The Clerk further advised that he had responded to the authority seeking further clarification as to what rate relief / exceptions are available.

Councillor P. Wahl reported that he had looked at the information on the rating Authority web site and exceptions were available.

82/22 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A)** One Voice Wales Training Events – October / November.
- B)** Joint Meeting of the Standards Committee and Town & Community Councils.
- C)** Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Report.
- D)** Welsh Government Consultation – Electoral Administration and Wider Electoral Reform in Wales.
- E)** Notice of Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – Community Review.
- F)** Notice of a meeting of the Cemex Quarry Liaison meeting to be held in November.
- G)** Invitation to attend a 'cost of Living' Joint Workshop with Citizens Advice & Flintshire County Council.
- H)** Holywell T.C. Civic Sunday, 4th December 2022 – Councillor L. O'Hare would attend.

- I) Notice of a meeting of the County Forum to be held on the 1st December 2022 – Councillors L. O’Hare and P. Wahl to attend.
It was agreed that the withdrawal of park and ride services together with inadequate visitor car parking facilities be sent as an agenda item.
- J) Flintshire Summer Playscheme Report.

RESOLVED:

That the above correspondence be received.

83/22 CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

The council had received notice that the Monitoring Officer, Flintshire County Council was holding a further code of conduct training event on Wednesday 12th October 2022. Councillors D. Jones and L. O’Hare reported that they had attended the events. The Clerk confirmed that all Members of the Council had attended training sessions.

84/22 ERECTION OF STONE PILLARS – ENTRANCE TO PEN Y GARREG, BRYNFORD

The Council had received a letter reporting that the construction of two stone pillars at the above location may not conform to current planning policy and guidance. Public Footpath No. 18 may be infringed should any gating system be erected on them. Councillor P. Wahl advised that this matter had been reported to the Planning Authority some time ago, but no response had been received.

RESOLVED:

That this matter be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority, Rights of Way Department and the landowner, Grosvenor Estates.

85/22 REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

Councillor L. O’Hare reported that she and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Standards Committee.

86/22 CONSTRUCTION WORK - PARADISE PARK, WEST OF THE A5026, NORTHOP ROAD, MILWR, HOLYWELL, CH8 8BE

Members reported that construction work and importation of waste materials were still on going at the above location. The Clerk reported that he had spoken with the Planning Enforcement Officer who had advised that investigations wear still ongoing, and that no planning application had been approved. Councillor S. Jones advised that he make further enquiries with the Planning Officer.

87/22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ISSUES

The Clerk reported that grass cutting around the Horse's Leap Monument, Naid Y March had been cut and would be placed on the council's future maintenance schedule.

The bus shelter at Naid Y March needed some repairs and repainting.

An estimate of £90 had been received subject to the council supplying the materials.

RESOLVED:

That the above work be approved.

88/22 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND

Councillor G. Legg reported that he had inspected the recreation ground and had found it to be badly littered. The external walls of the changing rooms were looking very untidy and in need of painting. He had contacted a local tradesman who specialises in spray coating external walls with a weather resistant coating. An agreement had been reached that the work would be undertaken free of charge as a good will gesture for the community.

The only request was that permission be granted for a small acknowledgment plaque be placed on the building following the completion of the work.

RESOLVED:

That a request be made to the football team manager to ensure that the recreation ground is de-lettered after use.

That the council proceed with the spray coating of the changing rooms.

89/22 RACECOURSE FARM, BABELL, HOLYWELL, CH8 8PR-BURNING OF WASTE MATERIAL

Further to Minute Number 67/22, the Clerk reported that Natural Resources Wales, had advised the council that a warning letter had been sent to the occupier of the above property. The letter advised that the property would be monitored and should any further incidents be reported, then appropriate action would be taken.

90/22 PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATIONS

A) 000468/22

Proposed erection of a staff accommodation building.

Allerton Cottage, Naid Y March, Brynford, CH8 8LG.

RESOLVED:

That the council has no objections subject to the building being used for the purpose of the business and not for residential use.

B) HyNet North West

Pre – Application Consultation for HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline.

RESOLVED:

That the Notice be received.

91/22 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A) Holywell Swimming Club. – That a grant of £100 was approved.

B) Holywell Leisure Centre – That a grant of £1,000 was approved.

92/22 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

The Clerk reported that he had prepared a monitoring report setting out the current expenditure up to October 2022 and the forecast total expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2023. The forecast predicted that energy charges for the year end would exceed the budget allocation. The overspend would be met from budget contingences.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

93/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1789) Whitford Young Farmers – Grant	£100.00
1790) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary & Establishment Allowance	£832.00
1791) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£239.05
1792) A. Roberts – Microsoft Email Account Fees (Oct)	£59.40
1793) A. Roberts – Microsoft Email Account Fees (July)	£59.40
1794) A. Roberts – Microsoft Email Account Fees (Nov)	£59.40
1795) Canon UK Ltd – Copy Fees	£36.19
1796) Viking Direct – Supply of Stationery	£160.85
1797) Welsh Water – Water charges changing rooms	£57.09

1798) C. M. Scott Jewellers – Supply of long services awards

£61.00

94/22 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting of the council will be on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at Brynford CP School commencing at 7.00 pm.

CHAIRMAN
