

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held 13th December 2022 at Brynford CP School.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O'Hare – Chairman

Councillor N. Acott

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor T. Stephenson

Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J. Davies

Councillor P. Davies

Councillor N. Hughes

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor L. Rosedale

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

95/22 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL'S MEETING AGENDA

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting two residents from Calcoed, Brynford. They reported that the condition of the track serving properties along Narrow Lane had become very badly potholed and needed resurfacing and grading.

In the past residents had undertaken repairs using materials that had been provided by Flintshire County Council Highways Department. However, no materials had been received for a number of years.

The Chairman advised that as the lane was unadopted by the Highway Authority, responsibility for repairs rests with the residents.

Requests had been made several times to the Highway Authority for the supply of materials. However, due to the reduction in major road resurfacing work and the fact that any such work is undertaken by contractors, it was very difficult to obtain materials. It was agreed that a further request would be made.

96/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

97/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor P. Wahl and seconded by Councillor T. Stevenson, the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th November 2022 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

98/22 STREETSCENE SERVICES

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Neil Hickie, Streetscene Area Supervisor. Neil provided an update on the current maintenance programme and previous reported issues.

Pwll Melyn Layby was a fly tipping hotspot and he was trying to arrange for some additional signage to be put in place.

The issue regarding overgrown hedges along the lane to Glan- Yr –Afon was in hand and landowners were being contacted.

The Clerk reported that the Council had also received a request for materials to be provided for repairs to Ffrith Lane, Brynford. Neil advised that he would make a request to a local Highways Maintenance Contractor.

The Chairman thanked Neil for his attendance.

99/22 PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE AND ILLUMINATION EVENT 9th DECEMBER 2022

The Chairman reported that despite the need to change the date of the event from the 2nd to the 9th due to the clash with Holywell Town illumination, many people had turned out to support the event.

Members thanked all the groups and businesses who had supported the event, requesting that letters of thanks be sent from the Council.

It was agreed that a contribution of £200 be paid to St. Michael's Church for the hire of the facilities.

100/22 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND CHANGING ROOMS - BUSINESS RATE NOTIFICATION

Further to Minute No. 81/22 the Clerk reported that he had spoken with the Rating Officer, regarding the possibility of rate relief for this facility. The Officer had advised that as the Council was a statutory body, no relief was available.

The Council had received a rate demand for £735.63 payable for 2022/23.

Members requested that this matter be brought to the attention of Councillor S. Jones, seeking his assistance to establish if the County Council has any discretionary powers to reduce this payment.

101/22 ERECTION OF STONE PILLARS – ENTRANCE TO PEN Y GARREG BRYNFORD

Further to Minute No 84/22, the Council had received a response from the Planning Authority advising that, whilst this type of development technically required planning permission, it was the opinion of the Council that there is no demonstrable

harm caused to the amenity by this technical breach. As such, there is no justification for the Council to take formal action.

Notwithstanding the above, as the development was on common land, the Council's legal team was currently pursuing the matter and will be undertaking their own investigation. xxx

102/22 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor L. O'Hare reported that she together with Councillor P. Wahl and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Standards Committee, and Flintshire County Forum.

103/22 CONSTRUCTION WORKS PARADISE PARK, WEST OF THE A5026, NORTHOP ROAD, MILWR, HOLYWELL, CH8 8BE

Further to Minute No. 86/22, Planning Enforcement Officer had written to the Council advising that an Enforcement Warning Notice was served on the 23rd November 2022.

Members reported that construction work and importation of waste materials were still on going at the above location.

104/22 CHILDREN'S FIXED PLAY AREA – MATCH FUNDING 2022/23

Further to the Council agreeing to participate in this year's programme, Mr R. Roberts, Aura Services Officer, had written to the Council advising of the proposed works and costings: -

- Refurbishment of recreation ground road boundary fence.
- Provision of new entrance gates.
- Removal of bark safer surfacing and replacement with rubber surface.

RESOLVED:

That the above programme was agreed.

105/22 REMOVAL OF TREES AT MAES CYNFAEN, CALCOED, BRYNFORD

Deferred until January meeting of the Council.

106/22 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A) Halkyn Mountain News – Deferred until January meeting of the Council.

107/22 PREPARATION OF DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT REPORT 2023/24

The Council will consider the budget precept requirements at the January meeting. The Clerk advised that due to significant increase to energy charges he had prepared a draft budget setting out a number of options for consideration to minimize the potential uplift to the precept for 2023/24.

Following detailed discussion by Members, it was agreed that budget Option "A" would be approved for the preparation of the budget and precept setting at the January meeting of the Council.

108/22 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

Following the introduction of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 Section 52), all Councils in Wales are required to adopt and publish an annual report in November of each year.

Following consultations by the Clerk with the Chairman, the draft annual report has been produced by the Clerk for consideration and adoption.

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Report was adopted, a copy of which would be posted on the Council's website.

109/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1799) Holywell Swimming Club – Grant	£100.00
1800) Holywell Leisure Centre – Grant	£1000.00
1801) Scottish Power Ltd – Energy Charges	£1747.23
1802) C.M. Scott – Inscription Engraving	£22.05
1803) A. Roberts – Key Cutting Changing Rooms	£13.19
1804) Brynford C. P. School – Hire of meeting room	£200.00
1805) Chairman's Account	£300.00
1806) A. Roberts - Microsoft Licence Fees	£61.67
1807) A. Roberts – Clerk's Salary & Establishment Allowance	£832.00
1808) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£239.05
1809) Flintshire County Council – Recreation Ground Rates	£735.63

110/22**DURATION OF THE MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 6.45pm and was closed at 8.15 pm.

The next meeting of the council will be on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at Brynford CP School commencing at 7.00 PM.

CHAIRMAN
