

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held 10th January 2023 at Brynford CP School.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O’Hare – Chairman

Councillor N. Hughes

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor L. Rosedale

Councillor T. Stephenson

Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor N. Acott

Councillor J. Davies

Councillor P. Davies

Councillor G. Legg

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

111/23 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL’S MEETING AGENDA

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr M. Dailey, who advised the council that he was the new owner of the site known as Paradise Park. Mr Dailey further advised that he intended to use the site as his depot for his driveway business. He was currently in the process of tidying up the area recycling material that had been deposited by the previous owner.

Members advised Mr Dailey of the previous owners planning infringements on the development of the site and advised Mr Dailey to contact the Local Planning Authority, to clarify the current situation.

The Chairman thanked Mr Dailey for attending the meeting.

112/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

113/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor P. Wahl and seconded by Councillor T. Stephenson the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2022 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

114/23 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Members reported the following issues: -

- A55 layby backing on to Milwr Road – In need of de-littering.
- Brynford Village Road – Road surface potholes require repairing.

RESOLVED:

That the above issues be reported to Streetscene Services.

115/23 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND CHANGING ROOMS BUSINESS RATE

NOTIFICATION

Further to Minute No. 100/22, Councillor S. Jones reported that he had raised the issue regarding rate relief with the Leader of Flintshire County Council and would report back to the council when a response had been received.

116/23 ROAD SURFACE REPAIRS NARROW LANE CALCOED

Further to Minute No. 95/22, the Clerk reported that he had spoken with Mr C. Bevan regarding the use of a machine by residents to undertake repairs to the lane. Mr Bevan had kindly agreed to provide a machine without any charge.

The Chairman advised that she had spoken to Mr Brown and Ms Green of the offer and that they would need to liaise with fellow residents and the local machine operative to progress the proposal.

It was agreed that the Council would make a request to local quarries to provide stone materials to assist with the repairs for both Narrow Lane and Ffrith Lane.

117/23 REMOVAL OF TREES AT MAES CYNFAEN, CALCOED, BRYNFORD

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a letter from a resident advising that three trees had been felled from an amenity green space at Maes Cynfaen. The resident believed that the area was maintained by the council and asked if replacement trees be replanted.

Members advised that the area of land belonged to Mr R. Parry, the developer of the estate. The land was being maintained by Flintshire County Council. It was agreed that the resident be advised that the council have no objections to trees being replanted but as the land was not in the ownership of the council, it could not undertake this request.

118/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- One Voice Wales – Training Schedule for January, February and March 2023.
- Welsh Government Consultation - Modernising Electoral Administration and Wider Electoral Reform in Wales.
- Receipt of Register of Electors 2023.

119/23 PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATIONS

- 000771/22
Demolition of existing single storey lean-to section and replacement with extension, raising section of ridge height to roof.
Cabin Y Gwynt, Narrow Lane, Calcot, Holywell, CH8 8LG

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

120/23 DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FOR USE BY THE COUNCIL

Councillor L. O'Hare advised that they should consider engaging in a social media platform to promote the awareness of council and community activities. It was agreed that she and Councillor L. Rosedale would prepare a draft policy and plan for the Council's further consideration.

121/23 DISSOLVING OF FORMER COMMUNITY HALL FACILITY COMMITTEE

Councillor P. Wahl enquired if any further information had been received as to the dissolving of the above committee. Councillor D. Jones advised that an initial meeting to discuss the proposal by former committee members had taken place and that a further meeting had been scheduled.

122/23 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- A) Halkyn Mountain News – That a grant of £600 was approved.
- B) Brynford C.P. School – Provision of a P.A. System.

That an invitation be sent to the Chairman of School Governors to attend a future meeting of the council to discuss the application and community use of the school.

123/23 SETTING OF DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24

Further to Minute No. 107/22, the Clerk reported that following consultation with the Chairman, the draft budget and precept options report had been prepared for consideration and approval.

The Clerk further advised that due to significant increases in some budget headings and to keep any uplift in the precept to a minimum, the Match Funding Scheme for the Children's Play Areas would be deferred to 2023/24.

Following a discussion by Members, it was agreed that budget option "A" was approved thus setting the budget for the fiscal year 2023/24 at £41,778.

The precept option “B” was approved at £31,175 making the band D property charge of £64.62 for 2023/24.

The Clerk reported that the Council had been informed that national pay award for public sector employees for 2022/23 had been agreed by the employers and trade unions.

The Clerk’s salary for 2022/23 increases to £11,762.

In 2023/24 it will be £12,038.

The establishment allowance paid to the Clerk was set at £990 per annum.

124/23 DRAFT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

ANNUAL TRAINING PLAN

Following the introduction of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 Section (67), all Councils in Wales are required to adopt and publish an annual training plan to decide what it proposes to do to address the training needs of its councillors and staff.

Following a consultation by the Clerk with the Chairman, the draft Training Policy and Training Plan has been produced by the Clerk for consideration and adoption by the Council.

The Clerk further advised that within the Training Policy, One Voice Wales had been identified as a training provider and a recommendation being made was for the council to become a member of the association.

In terms of training needs the Training Plan identified for the Council to gain further knowledge of Local Government Finance Regulations.

Members considered the documents and agreed that the priority areas identified would be prioritised for this year.

125/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1810) St. Michael’s Church, Brynford – Hire of facilities	£200.00
1811) Canon UK Ltd - Copy Fees	£33.64
1812) Scottish Power Ltd – Changing Rooms Energy Charges	£140.83
1813) Philip Jones Computers – IT Fees	£228.00
1816) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary & Establishment Allowance	£832.00

1817) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£239.05
1818) A. Roberts - Microsoft Licence Fees	£61.67
1820) Livetech Ltd – Webhosting Fees	£204.00

126/23 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 9.22 pm.

The next meeting of the council will be Tuesday 14th February 2023 at Brynford CP School commencing at 7.00 PM.

CHAIRMAN
