

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th February 2023 at Brynford CP School

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O'Hare – Chairman

Councillor N. Acott

Councillor P. Davies

Councillor N. Hughes

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor L. Rosedale

Councillor T. Stephenson

Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J. Davies

Councillor D. Jones

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

127/23 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA

No members of the public were in attendance.

128/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor N. Hughes declared an interest in agenda item 4.F - Removal of trees at Maes Cynfaen.

Councillor L. O'Hare declared an interest in agenda item 6.B - Planning application 0066/23.

129/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor P. Wahl and seconded by Councillor T. Stephenson the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

130/23 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Members reported the following issues: -

- A55 layby backing on to Milwr Road – Although this item had been reported to the services area, no action had been undertaken.
- Brynford Village Road – Road surface potholes require repairing. Members reported that extensive repairs had been undertaken.
- Streetscene operatives had undertaken de-littering of the highway verge at Naid Y March. The Chairman requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Services Area.

RESOLVED:

That the above issues be reported to Streetscene Services.

131/23 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND CHANGING ROOMS BUSINESS RATE CHARGES

Further to Minute No. 115/23, the Clerk reported that Flintshire County Council had advised that there was no financial assistance that they could provide. However, the matter could be raised by the Council with the Rating Evaluations Department, seeking a re-assessment of the rating fees.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk would make further enquires on this matter.

132/23 ROAD SURFACE REPAIRS NARROW LANE CALCOED

Further to Minute No 116/23, the Chairman reported that she had spoken with residents, Mr Brown and Mrs Green, who stated that a residents' community meeting was going to be called to establish an agreed approach to the proposed works to repair the track.

The Clerk advised that, following the council enquiry, Cemex Quarry had provided a grant application to apply for quarry materials towards the scheme.

133/23 REMOVAL OF TREES AT MAES CYNFAEN CALCOED, BRYNFORD

Following the removal of trees at Maes Cynfaen, for transparency and the integrity of the council, the Chairman invited Councillor P. Davies to respond to the allegations that she had requested their removal. Councillor Davies advised that she had nothing to say on the matter.

134/23 PROVISION OF 'NO MOTOR VEHICLE' SIGNS ON THE COMMON

Following Councillor S. Jones reporting that a number of complaints had been received from constituents regarding the riding of motorbikes on the common. The Chairman reported that the above councillor, A. Farbon of Grosvenor Estates, Officers from Natural Resources Wales and the Clerk had attended a site meeting. The meeting was held on the common near the Crooked Horn Inn, where many vehicles park after transporting motor bikes to the common. It was agreed that the

parties would look at providing information signs at three locations on the common warning that it was an offence to ride vehicles on the common.

135/23 BYWAY NAID Y MARCH, BRYNFORD - CHANGE OF DESIGNATION TO BRIDLEWAY

The Chairman reported that she had attended a site meeting with a Rights of Way Officer (Flintshire County Council), A. Farbon from Grosvenor Estates, Officers from Natural Resources Wales and the Clerk. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the condition of the byway following its use by off-road 4x4 vehicles. The byway was found to be irreparably damaged and therefore not suitable for horse riders or pedestrians.

The Rights of Way Officer advised that consideration was to be given for the redesignation of the byway as a bridleway thus making it unlawful to ride motor vehicles on the track.

The Chairman further advised that should this proposed action be agreed, a 3 month consultation period would be required.

136/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A) Consultation By Welsh Government -Written Statement: Ministerial Review of Play: Publication of the Steering Group Report.

B) Consultation By Welsh Government A.M. – Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill.

C) Notice of meeting- West Flintshire Group Councils.

D) Community use of Brynford CP School Facilities

The Chairman of Brynford CP School Governors, Mr Clive Bracewell, had written to the Council setting out the school's policy for community use of its facilities.

Members considered the information that had been received and agreed that a further meeting should be convened between both Chairmen to discuss this policy in more detail.

137/23 PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATIONS

A) 0030/23
Engineering Works – Stone Face Retaining Wall.
The Crooked Horn Inn, Brynford CH8 8AX.

B) 0066/23
Proposed Side Extension to Existing Semi Detached Dwelling.
Fernside, Naid Y March, Junction to Chapel Junction, Calcot, CH8 8LG.

To consider any Planning Applications received following the despatch of the agenda.

- c) 0057/23
Demolition of Storage Shed and Erection of New Swimming Pool, Extension of Building.
Ty Coch Farm, Naid Y March Junction to Chapel Junction, Calcot, CH8 8LE.

RESOLVED:

That the Council had no objections to the above three applications.

138/23COMMUNITY POLICING

- Members reported that since the appointment of the new Chief Inspector, a number of community policing engagements had been taken across Flintshire. Most of these were in urban settlements. It was agreed that a request would be made for rural locations for these engagements to be considered.
- Given the ongoing concerns being raised by residents regarding the riding of motorbikes on the common, could a meeting with the Police Rural Crime team be convened.

139/23REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor G. Legg reported that he and the Chairman had attended a meeting of the Aberdo Quarry Liaison Committee. The meeting had been very informative setting out the development and impact plans for the development of the quarry. A scheme to relocate quarry machinery and washing plant at the base of the quarry was in hand and would be completed in the next few months. It was the intention to hold further meetings every six months.

140/23APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

A copy of the current appointments had been provided to members. The Chairman requested that Members view the list and report back their preferred options for discussion at the March meeting of the Council.

141/23COMMUNITY LITTER PICK - BRYNFORD COMMON APRIL 2023

The Chairman advised that Councillor D. Jones had requested that the council consider holding the community litter pick event this April. The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the secretary of Holywell Golf Club who had confirmed that, as in past years, refreshment would be made available for volunteers.

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Golf Club Secretary as to the most convenient date, and arrange for a banner advertising the event to be displayed at the village green.

Members requested that invitations be sent to the Army Cadets Core Holywell and Whitford Young Farmers seeking their support.

142/23 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A) St Kentigern Hospice – That a grant of £250 was approved.

143/23 RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT 2023

The Clerk reported that the Council is required to undertake an annual risk assessment regarding the council and its ability to delivery services and put in place procedures to minimise any such risks.

The Risk Assessment has been completed setting out potential risks and measures being taken. The Council is requested to consider and approve the Risk Assessment Report.

RESOLVED:

That the Risk Assessment for 2023 was approved.

144/23 SUMMER PLAYScheme 2023

The Council had received a request to participate in the 3 week summer playscheme provided by Flintshire County Council. Members advised that the attendance over the past years on the recreation ground had been disappointing. Members recalled that it had been well supported at Brynford School and it was agreed that a request be made to the School Governing Body looking into it taking place within the school grounds again.

145/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1821) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary & Establishment Allowance	£849.34
1822) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£246.64
1823) Deeco Lighting – Festoon Lighting Christmas Tree	£336.00
1824) Flintshire Fabrications Ltd – supply of equipment for illumination event	£138.36
1825) Halkyn Mountain News – Production Grant	£600.00
1826) A. Roberts - Microsoft Licence Fees	£61.67

146/23 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 8.40pm.

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

CHAIRMAN
