

**BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNFFORDD**

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Brynford CP School.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor L. O’Hare – Chairman**

**Councillor N. Acott**

**Councillor P. Davies**

**Councillor D. Jones**

**Councillor T. Stephenson**

**Councillor P. Wahl**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Councillor J. Davies**

**Councillor G. Legg**

**Councillor L. Rosedale**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**County Councillor S. Jones**

**Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council**

**147/23 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL’S MEETING AGENDA**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**148/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were reported in respect of the agenda for the meeting.

**149/23 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

Proposed by Councillor T. Stephenson and seconded by Councillor N. Acott, the minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

### **150/23 STREETSCENE SERVICES**

Members reported the following issues: -

- Narrow Lane, Calcoed. – Mud on lane. The issue has been reported to the Streetscene Area Supervisor, who had informed the contractor who had been spreading manure on the fields, that it was their responsibility to have the road cleaned. Members reported that the road had not been cleaned.
- It was reported that during the recent cold weather, the snow clearing and gritting of local roads had been undertaken to an extremely high standard. Members requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Streetscene Services and the Housing Department.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the above issues be reported to Streetscene Services.

### **151/23 PROVISION OF NO - MOTOR VEHICLE SIGNS - ON THE COMMON**

Further to Minute No. 134/23 Councillor S. Jones reported that draft designs had been provided by Grosvenor Estates and Natural Resource Wales. A copy of which had been received by the Council. Three locations had been identified for the signs locations.

Councillor Jones further advised that motorcycles on the common continued to be a nuisance. He had recently provided photographic evidence to the police who had taken appropriate action.

The Clerk reported that following the request made by the Council, C.P.S.O Conner Freel and the Rural Policing Team would be in attendance at the Council meeting in May 2023.

### **152/23 BRIDLEWAY : PEN Y BALL TO CALCOED, BRYNFORD – CONDITION OF TRACK SURFACE**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a complaint regarding the condition of the above track. The chairman advised that the responsibility for the maintenance of the track rests with the properties the track serves and Flintshire Rights of Way Department, as the track is a designated bridleway. The Chairman further advised that the Council has no responsibility for maintaining any of the tracks servicing properties on the common. It may be helpful if information could be provided on the Council's website advising residents of this situation and where assistance may be available.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That this matter be reported to the Rights of Way Department.

### **153/23) BRYNFORD CP SCHOOL LETTING POLICY**

Further to Minute No. 136/23, the Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had attended a meeting with the Chairman of the School Governors, Mr Clive Bracewell and the Head Teacher, Rachel Critchell on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the letting policy for the school hall.

Clive advised that during the upgrading and refurbishing of the school, the Governing Body requested that the proposed plans be amended to provide independent access to the hall and small kitchen facilities without the need to enter the school building. The purpose of this was to see if the hall could be let to organised groups who meet the criteria of the education lettings policy which the Governing Body have to adhere to. Clive reiterated that the hall was never intended to be a community facility managed by a committee, but would look into the possibility of it being used for organised groups.

The Chairman further advised that Councillor Rosedale had been in discussion with Insurance Officers of Flintshire County Council who had advised that it may be possible that some adjustments could be made to the lettings policy to the satisfaction of both parties.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

### **154/23 REMOVAL OF POST OFFICE LETTER BOX - FORMER POST OFFICE BRYNFORD**

The Council had received an enquiry regarding the disuse of the above letter box. The Clerk reported that upon making enquiries with the manager of the former post office, he had been advised that an application had been made to remove the box from the wall, and that permission had been approved by Royal Mail Services to seal up the letter box. The Clerk further advised that he had contacted Royal Mail requesting that a replacement letter box be provided as soon as possible.

Members advised that a suitable location for siting the box would be next to the public notice board in front of the Wendy House, Brynford Village Road. xxx

### **155/23 COMMUNITY LITTER PICK - BRYNFORD COMMON 22nd APRIL 2023**

Further to Minute No. 141/23 the Clerk reported that following consultations with the Secretary of Holywell Golf Club and the Chairman, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April had been agreed.

Confirmation had been received from the Army Cadets Core, that up to twelve cadets would be in attendance. Also, Councillor D. Jones advised that five members from Whitford Young Farmers would support the event.

### **156/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- A) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report, February 2023.
- B) One Voice Wales – Training Needs Survey.
- C) Adoption of the Flintshire Local Development Plan (LPD).
- D) Visit to Town & Community Council meetings by Independent Members of the Standards Committee.
- E) North Wales Community Health Council - Health Watchdog – Online meeting events

### **157/23 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Chairman advised that members need to review the appointment list of outside bodies and advise the Clerk of their preferred options.

### **158/23 CELEBRATION OF KING CHARLES' CORONATION EVENT 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**

The Chairman reported that the Council should consider if it wished to hold a commemorative event to celebrate the above event. Following extensive discussions, it was agreed that the Council would look at a tree planting scheme in the autumn.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, a village picnic will be held on the Brynford Village Green. A working group was formed: - Councillors L. O'Hare, D. Jones, P. Davies, and T. Stephenson to work on the project.

### **159/23 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR N. HUGHES**

Councillor N. Hughes has informed the Council that due to her employment changes, she could not currently continue with her role as an elected member. The Chairman thanked Councillor Hughes for her past services.

### **160/23 BEST KEPT COMMUNITY COMPETITION 2023**

Councillor L. O'Hare enquired if members would support this year's competition. Members agreed to organise a working group meeting to progress this year's event. Councillor O'Hare suggested that local businesses could be encouraged to sponsor flower tubs which could have a plaque indicating the sponsor. It was agreed that Councillor O'Hare would coordinate a meeting of the working group.

**161/23 CONSTRUCTION WORK - PARADISE PARK, WEST OF THE A5026, NORTHOP ROAD, MILWR, HOLYWELL, CH8 8BE**

Councillor T. Stephenson reported that extensive ground work was ongoing at the above location. Whilst the work had improved the appearance of the site, residents had raised concerns that the development had not been compliant with current planning policy.

County Councillor S. Jones advised that he would raise the matter with the Planning Authority.

**162/23 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Councillor L. O'Hare requested that consideration be given for a donation to be made to Brynford Pet Cemetery towards supporting the Christmas Tree Illumination Event.

**RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £100 was approved.

**163/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1827) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary & Establishment Allowance	£849.34
1828) Canon UK Ltd - Copy Fees	£36.19
1829) St. Kentigern Hospice – Grant	£250.00
1830) Treetops Environmental – Grass Cutting	£35.00
1831) A. Roberts – Vodaphone Fees Oct – March	£33.00
1832) A. Roberts - Microsoft Licence Fees	£61.67
1833) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£246.64

**164/23 DURATION OF THE MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and was closed at 8.50 pm.

The next meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at Brynford CP School commencing at 7.00 PM.