

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 9th May 2023 at Brynford CP School.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O’Hare – Chairman

Councillor P. Davies

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor P. Wahl

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor N. Acott

Councillor L. Rosedale

Councillor T. Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor S. Jones

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

01/23 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor Pat Wahl and seconded by Councillor Graham Legg, Councillor Linda O’Hare was appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.

02/23 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor Patricia Davies and seconded by Councillor David Jones, Councillor Graham Legg was appointed as Vice Charman for the ensuing year.

03/23 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.

04/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

05/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor P. Davies and seconded by Councillor P. Wahl, the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th April 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

06/23 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Further to Minute No 168/23, the Council had been advised that the village road from the A55 fly-over up to Brynford Crossroads was on the Highway Authority's resurfacing schedule for this year.

Members reported the following issues: -

- A. Brynford Village Road – Potholes and deterioration of road surface from the crossroads to Brynford CP School.
- B. Near White Gables, Milwr Road. – Deep pothole in road surface in need of repair.

RESOLVED:

That the above issues be reported to Streetscene Services.

07/23 BRIDLEWAY : PEN Y BALL TO CALCOED, BRYNFORD – CONDITION OF TRACK SURFACE

Further to Minute No 169/23, the Clerk reported that the Rights of Way Officer had advised the Council that the Bridleway had been inspected. The condition of the track surface warranted some surface repairs. However, on checking the Rights of Way mapping system, only part of the track was a Registered Bridleway. Estimates for the cost of repairing the track surface were being obtained and upon receipt, further information would be provided to the Council.

08/23 REMOVAL OF POST OFFICE LETTER BOX - FORMER POST OFFICE BRYNFORD

Further to Minute No171/23, the Clerk stated that this issue had been reported to Mr Rob Roberts MP. Confirmation had been received that the issue had been taken up on the Council's behalf with the Royal Mail. At the time of the meeting, no further information had been received.

09/23 COMMUNITY LITTER PICK DAY SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2023

The Chairman reported that the above event had been very well supported by residents on the day. The assistance provided by Holywell Army Cadets and Whitford Young Farmers ensured that large areas of the recreation ground and common had been delittered. Some seventy bags of rubbish had been collected.

Following the completion of the litter picking, Holywell Golf Club had kindly provided refreshments for all the volunteers.

The Clerk advised that letters of thanks would be sent to all the volunteer groups.

10/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A) Notice of Consultation-Mona Offshore Wind Project.
- B) One Voice Wales – Training Schedule May.
- C) HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline – Notice of changes being made to planning application.

RESOLVED:

That the above information be received.

11/23 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

Further to Minute No. 174/23, the Clerk reported that the Returning Officer had been notified of the vacancies. The closing date for the public notice was the 22nd May 2023. The Clerk further advised that notice of the vacancies had been included in the Council's article in the Halkyn Mountain Newsletter.

12/23 CELEBRATION OF KING CHARLES' CORONATION EVENT 6th MAY 2023

Further to Minute No176/23, Councillor Linda O'Hare reported on the above event with an estimated 80 persons attending bringing picnics and refreshments. The Choir, Cambrian Chords, had provided entertainment for over an hour which appeared to be very much appreciated by all those who attended.

The Charity raffle had been very well supported by local businesses who had kindly donated prizes. The raffle made £353.51 with the proceeds going to the National Military Working Dog Memorial project being located at Brynford Pet Cemetery.

It was agreed that with the support of the community, a May Day event could be provided again in 2024.

Councillor P. Davies requested that letters of thanks be sent to local businesses for supporting the event.

It was agreed that a donation of £100 be paid to Cambrian Choir towards their expenses.

13/23 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2023

Councillor L O'Hare and P. Davies advised that they had attended a further meeting of the project group. Flintshire Voluntary Services Council had confirmed that due to the lack of resources, no administration of the event would be undertaken this year. Despite this, the project group has agreed to continue with the programme encouraging residents to take an interest in the nature and fauna of the village. The next meeting of the project group would be on Thursday 25th May and all members are invited.

14/23 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- A) Caerwys Agricultural Show 10th June 2023.
Proposed by Councillor D. Jones and seconded by Councillor P. Wahl

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £150 was approved.

15/23 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting PC Dave Allen Rural Crime Team and PCSO Conner Freel. PC Allen provided an overview of the Rural Policing activities and resources covering Flintshire and Denbighshire. Members had raised the issue of off-road motor bikes on the common. PC Allen advised that this was a common theme over many parts of North Wales but policing resources were currently limited. However, additional resources were scheduled to be available from this summer at which time an operation to detect and deter the activity could be initiated. Councillor S. Jones advised that the issue appeared to be a weekend problem with vehicles driving to the common and unloading bikes and riders. PC Allen advised that the public should keep reporting the incidents on the North Wales Police complaints online system as this would assist with more resources being directed to this issue. Councillor L. O'Hare enquired if any speed awareness signs could be provided along the road from Brynford to Calcoed. PCSO Freel advised that this would be best reported via the Go Safe website who coordinate such requests. The Chairman thanked the Officers for their attendance.

16/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

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| 1843) Scottish Power – Energy Fees | £773.69 |
| 1845) Welsh Water – Changing Room Fees | £138.47 |
| 1846) A. Roberts – Microsoft Fees | £61.67 |
| 1847) Deeco Lighting – Maintenance Fees | £216.00 |
| 1848) Wall Signs (NW) Ltd – Supply of Event Banner | £85.00 |
| 1849) Flintshire County Council – Play Area Match Funding | £5,000.00 |
| 1850) Flintshire County Council – Recreation Ground Rates | £615.25 |
| 1851) One Voice Wales – Membership Fees | £85.00 |
| 1852) One Voice Wales – Training Fees | £55.00 |

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| 1853) Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership Fees | £111.00 |
| 1854) Arthur Gallagher Insurance Renewal | £1,787.34 |
| 1855) Llangollen Eisteddfod 2023 – Grant | £200.00 |
| 1856) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary & Establishment Allowance | £873.73 |
| 1857) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE | £253.56 |
| 1858) Canon UK Ltd - Copy Fees | £53.41 |
| 1859) Caerwys Agricultural Show 2023 – Grant | £150.00 |
| 1860) Cambrian Choir – Grant | £100.00 |

17/23 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00.pm and was closed at 8.20 pm.

The next meeting of the council will be held Tuesday 13th June 2023 at Brynford CP School commencing at 7.00 PM.

CHAIRMAN
