

**BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNFFORDD**

Minutes of the Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Holywell Golf Club

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor L. O’Hare – Chairman**

**Councillor N. Acott**

**Councillor P. Davies**

**Councillor L. Greenough**

**Councillor D. Jones**

**Councillor L. Rosedale**

**Councillor T. Stephenson**

**Councillor P. Wahl**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**County Councillor S. Jones**

**Councillor G. Legg**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

Before the commencement of the meeting the Chairman welcomed to the meeting Councillor Linda Greenough who had been co-opted onto the Council at the July meeting of the Council.

Linda thanked Members for providing her the opportunity to join the Council stating that she had lived in Brynford all her life and had been employed at Brynford C.P. School for many years.

**49/23 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL’S MEETING AGENDA**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Beccy Frost, Social Officer for Holywell Golf Club. Beccy thanked Members for agreeing to hold the Council meeting at the Club and provided an outline of the facilities the club could offer.

Beccy advised that the purpose of her attendance was to explain the club’s intentions to continue to work with the community encouraging members to join both as playing and social members. Currently the club provides free membership and coaching to youth members.

Moving forward, the Club wished to become a venue for community use and provide social and charitable events. With this in mind it was hoped that the club could work with the Council on any future community initiatives.

Members confirmed that this would be a tremendous asset for community use and would provide existing opportunities for developing community engagement. The Chairman thanked Beccy for her time and for allowing the Council to use the club for its meeting venue.

**50/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

**51/23 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

Proposed by Councillor D. Jones and seconded by Councillor P. Wahl, the minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

**52/23 STREETSCENE SERVICES**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Neil Hickie, Streetscene Area Co-Ordinator, Flintshire County Council.

Neil provided an update on the Highways works maintenance schedule and the deployment of the new 20mph speed limit legislation introduced by the Welsh Government for the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Members reported the following issues: -

- 30mph Traffic sign Brynford Hill – Overhanging tree branches obstructing view.
- Brynford Crossroads – Highway gullies in need of cleaning.
- Hafod Y Bryn, Brynford – Gully has sunk.
- Glan yr Afon Lane, Milwr – Highway hedges in need of cutting.

The Chairman thanked Neil for his attendance.

**53/23 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND – USE FOR SUNDAY FOOTBALL**

The Council had received a request from Mr T. Doyle, Manager of the Youth Football Team, to use the recreation ground for girls under 11s football matches on Sundays. Members rejected the application, for not wanting to disturb adjacent residents and ensuring the facility is available for informal community use.

The Clerk further advised that a complaint on the amount of litter around the football field had also been received. Members agreed to enquire about the provision of an additional litter bin.

**54/23 DRYLL, MILWR ROAD – CONDITION OF EMPTY PROPERTY**

Further to Minute No 44/23, the Council had been informed by the Empty Homes Development Officer, Flintshire County Council, that the property had been inspected. It had been established that following the death of the owner, his son had inherited the property. Officers were in the process of contacting the son and would keep the Council updated.

**55/23 SUMMER PLAYScheme 24<sup>th</sup> JULY – 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

The Clerk reported that at 4.00pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July the Council had been informed by the Playscheme Co-ordinator that due to unforeseen staffing issues, the date for the commencement of the scheme had been moved to the 14<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

Members expressed their concerns as to the detrimental impact this may have on attendance figures for the scheme. It was agreed that attendance figures be obtained and that due consideration be given as to participating in future schemes.

**56/23 UNAUTHORISED ERECTION OF STONE PILLARS ON COMMON LAND - PEN YR HWYLFA**

Further to the Council's previous discussion regarding the above matter, the Council has been informed that Grosvenor Estates would not be undertaking any action to remove the stone pillars. However, the owner had been advised that any further development including the erection of gates on the pillars will not be permitted.

**57/23 CONDITION OF BRIDLEWAY PEN Y BALL TO CALCOED BRYNFORD**

Further to Minute No. 07/23, Mr Stuart Jones, Rights of Way Officer Flintshire County Council, had written to the Council providing details of the cost to undertake repairs to the bridleway. Mr Jones further advised that he was enquiring if the Council was in a position to match fund the proposed costs.

Members considered the request. However, given that no budget allocation had been made for the scheme and the existing budget was under considerable pressure, it was agreed that the Council was unable to participate on this occasion.

**58/23 GRAZING OF SHEEP ON BRYNFORD COMMON**

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a letter on behalf of local residents regarding the excessive number of sheep on the common and the nuisance the excrement was causing residents. Sheep were not being returned to farmers small holdings at night time resulting in them gathering outside Brynford School car park and fouling the pavements. The Chairman also advised that the Council had received representation from both the School and the Golf Club on this matter. Members advised that the health and condition of the sheep had also been brought to their attention.

The Council agreed the following actions: -

- That a letter be sent to small holding farmers seeking their co-operation in ensuring animals are returned to small holdings at night time.
- That a meeting be convened with representatives of Grosvenor Estates, Natural Resources Wales, Brynford CP School and Holywell Golf Club to discuss the issue.
- That the issue of animal welfare be reported to the appropriate bodies.

- That an article be placed in the next issue of the Halkyn Mountain News regarding the concerns being raised by residents.

**59/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- A) One Voice Wales – Training Schedule August / September.**
- B) Ombudsman Wales Annual Report for 2022/23.** Members have received the link to view the annual report via email.
- C) Introduction of 20mph Regulations 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Flintshire County Council.**  
During the Council recess, information received from Flintshire County Council regarding this matter has been shared with Members.
- D) Environmental Protection Act 1990 – Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy.**  
The Council has received notice that Flintshire County Council has revised the above strategy considering new legislation that has been introduced since its last review in 2019.
- E) Mobile Post Office Services Lixwm**  
Notice has been received that amendments have been made to the times that the services is provided at Lixwm.
- F) One Voice Wales – Annual Conference Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**
- G) Annual North Wales Police Report – 2020-23**
- H) Town & Community Council visits by Independent Members of the Standards Committee**
- I) Joint One Voice Wales and Society of Local Council Clerks Conference Event 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**RESOLVED:**

That the above correspondence be received.

**D) COMMEMORATIVE PLANTING OF TREES – KING CHARLES INVESTITURE**

Further to Minute No. 43/23/D, the clerk reported that he had site meetings with the landowners who had agreed to support the scheme. The cost of a standard tree including post ties and protective guard would be in the region of £100 each.

Proposed locations: -

- Brynford CP School
- St. Michael's Church Cemetery
- Recreation Ground
- Brynford Pet Cemetery
- Calcoed Amenity Area

#### **60/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**A) 000761/23**

Proposed Two Storey Side and rear Extension to Existing Dwelling House.  
Cartref, Brynford, Holywell, CH8 8LQ.

**B) 000777/23**

Demolition of Existing Front Porch and Construction of New Single Storey Front Porch Extension, Annex Building:  
Construction of Single Storey Kitchen Extension to Rear, Link to Garage to Provide New Office for working from home and Utility Space for Main House.  
Bryn Gwyn, Waen Y Brodwas, Brynford, Nr Holywell, CH 8LS.

**C) COU/000799/23**

Retrospective Change of Use of Land to Car Park and Widening of Existing Access  
Pet Cemetery, Brynford Hill, Nr Holywell CH8 8AD.

**RESOLVED:**

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

#### **61/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE COUNCIL RECESS**

**D) FUL/000633/23**

Construction and Operation of the Three Block Valve Station (BVS) at Cornist Lane, Flint, Pentre Halkyn and Land off Racecourse Lane, Babell. This is in connection with the Hynet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Proposal.  
Land adjacent to Cornist Lane Flint, Pentre Halkyn and Babell.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council request further mitigation measures be undertaken to reduce the visual and noise impact to adjacent dwellings.

#### **62/23 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**A) Cool Kids Club, Brynford C.P. School.**

**RESOLVED:**

Proposed by Councillor P. Davies and seconded by T. Stephenson, a grant of £150 was approved.

**63/23 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL BY CO-OPTION**

The Chairman invited nominations for the filling of a vacancy on the Council. Proposed by Councillor T. Stephenson and seconded by Councillor D. Jones, Mr Andrew Hughes, Ty Rhos, Penyrhwylfa, Brynford was unanimously co-opted onto the Council.

**64/23 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023**

Following consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk advised that a budget monitoring report had been prepared for the Council's consideration. The report set out the Council's proposed budget and expenditure for the fiscal year 2023/24 against actual and anticipated expenditure up to September 2023 and March 2024. The Chairman advised that no budget provision had been allocated for the Children's Play Area Match Funding Programme. However, given the anticipated level of expenditure for this fiscal year, the cost of £5,000 could be accommodated in this year's budget.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council would approve the expenditure of the match funding scheme. That the Budget Monitoring Report be approved as a statement of the current budgetary position of the Council.

**65/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1883) A. Roberts – Clerk's Salary & Establishment Allowance	£873.73
1884) National Military Working Dogs Memorial – Supply of Guttering	£200.00
1885) A. Roberts – Norton Subscription Fees	£54.99
1886) P. Davies - Members Allowance	£208.00
1887) N. Acott – Member's Allowance	£208.00
1888) A. Roberts – Microsoft Fees July	£66.95
1889) Treetops Environmental – Grass Cutting	£100.00

1890) A. Roberts – Microsoft Fees August	£66.95
1891) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£253.56
1892) Canon UK Ltd – Copy Fees	£35.80
1893) Flintshire County Council – Summer Playscheme	£1,595.80

**66/23 DURATION OF THE MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 7.00.pm and was closed at 9.15 pm.

The next meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday 10th October 2023 at Holywell Golf Club commencing at 7.00 PM.

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_