

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held 10th October 2023 at Holywell Golf Club.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O’Hare – Chairman
Councillor N. Acott
Councillor P. Davies
Councillor L. Greenough
Councillor A. Hughes
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 Andy Hughes who had been co-opted onto the Council at the September meeting.

67/23 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL’S MEETING AGENDA

The Chairman welcomed Mr M. Payne and I. Payne to the meeting , who had requested to attend the meeting following receipt of the Council’s letter that was sent out to graziers on Brynford common.

The letter was seeking the co-operation of graziers to ensure that grazing sheep were returned to farmsteads each evening, following complaints being made by residents over the amount of sheep excrement being deposited on pavements and car parks.

The Chairman advised that sheep were congregating during the night time outside Brynford C. P. School and the pavements around the village green.

Mr M. Payne advised that his sheep were returned to his homestead each evening.

However, the common was plagued by off-road motor bikes each evening, driving the sheep back onto the common. This issue has been reported to the police on several occasions with no response or actions forthcoming.

Mr Payne further advised that he was aware that sheep were migrating down Pen Y Ball Hill. He was in the process of developing plans to install a cattle grid to help reduce this problem. However, following many attempts to communicate with Flintshire County Council, he had not been able to obtain a response.

The Chairman advised that the issue of North Wales Police not responding to reports of motor bikes on the common was an ongoing issue that the Council is actively pursuing. Regarding communication with Flintshire County Council, if you could copy the communication to the Council Clerk, the Council would try to assist with obtaining a response.

The Chairman thanked both gentlemen for attending the meeting.

68/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

69/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor P. Davies and seconded by Councillor P. Wahl, the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

70/23 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Members reported the following issues: -

- Road name Maes Cynfaen, Calcoed, needed replacing.
- Brynford Hill – Reports had been received that the road surface repairs being carried out had not been adequately signed with traffic warning signs. The Clerk reported that on contacting the Highways Department, the Council had been informed that sufficient signs were in place. The works were due to be completed by the 11th October.
- Glan yr Afon Lane, Layby, Milwr – The road material tipped by the Highways Department needed removing.
- The Give-Way Road surfacing markings at the junction needed repainting.

71/23 VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Following the Council meeting held at Holywell Golf Club Mr R. Gittings, Golf Club Secretary, had advised that the venue would be available during the winter months. Members agreed that the Council would hold its meetings at the Golf Club, returning to Brynford C.P. School in April.XXX

72/23 PROVISION OF ROYAL MAIL LETTER BOX – BRYN SANNAN ROAD, BRYNFORD

The Chairman reported that the replacement letter box had been installed by Royal Mail on the highway verge by Bryn Grian. However, the resident had reported that the letter box location had encroached over her property boundary, impeding the erection of a new boundary fence.

Members expressed their disbelief regarding the actions of Royal Mail, citing that this problem had been foreseen and could have been avoided had Royal Mail communicated with the Council.

RESOLVED:

That this matter be referred to Mr R. Roberts MP, seeking his assistance with communication with Royal Mail.

73/23 GRAZING OF SHEEP ON BRYNFORD COMMON

Further to Minute No 58/23, the Clerk reported that the Council had received confirmation from all parties that they would attend a meeting to discuss the issue. The Council was in the process of confirming a mutual agreeable date and time.

74/23 MULTI USE BALL COURT - BRYNFORD C. P. SCHOOL

Councillor L. Greenough reported that the tennis court sockets, post and nets had been installed on the court. However, the court playing surface was very slippery due to algae growth. Also, there was a request for basketball hoops be provided. Members requested that this matter be reported to Aura Leisure for consideration.

75/23 DAMAGE TO CONIFERS – REAR OF FORMER BRYNFORD POST OFFICE

The Council had received a request for the damaged conifers to the rear of the former Post Office to be removed. Members requested that this matter be referred to Grosvenor Estates Department as the trees were planted on common land.

76/23 EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2022/23

The Clerk stated that the External Audit had been completed and approved with no findings to be reported to the Council. The Annual Return and Audit Report had been posted on the Council website.

77/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A) **One Voice Wales – Training Schedule September/October.**
- B) **One Voice Wales – Area Committee meeting Tuesday 26th September 2023.**
- C) **Joint Meeting of the Standards Committee and Town and Community Councils – Monday 6th November 2023 for 6.00pm.**
Councillor P. Davies advised that she would be attending the meeting.

D) Remembrance Services November 2023.

The Remembrance Services would be held on Saturday the 11th November, 10.45am at St. Michael's Church, Brynford. The Chairman advised that she would be laying a wreath on behalf of the Council and invited all members to support the event.

E) Notice of amended Public Car Parking Tariffs from 1st October 2023.

F) NRW Engagement Event for Proposed Fourth National Park.

G) Welsh Air Ambulance Services – Notice of Consultation Period.

H) D-Day 80th Anniversary 6th June 2024.

The Council had received an invitation to participate in the anniversary event. Members agreed that this matter be referred to the Events Working Group, to consider and report back to the Council.

78/23 COMMEMORATIVE PLANTING OF TREES – KING CHARLES INVESTITURE

The Chairman reported that Mr John Ward, Brynford Pet Cemetery had agreed to assist with the preparation for the planting of the trees. An additional cost to the scheme would be the provision of commemorative plaques which Mr Ward was sourcing.

Proposed locations: -

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

79/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A) FUL/000830/23

Proposed Refurbishment of Existing Outbuilding and Raising of the Eaves Height to provide Secure Garage and Workshop. Re-roofing of existing stables. Naid Y March Farm, Naid Y March, Brynford, Holywell.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

80/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor L. O'Hare reported on the meeting of West Flintshire Town & Community Council Working Group meeting held on the 9th October. Andy Dunbobbin, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales, was being invited to attend the next meeting of the group in February 2024.

It was agreed that the Council would request that the issue of off-road motor bikes on the common and the lack of appropriate policing response be placed on the agenda for the meeting.

81/23 EVENTS WORKING GROUP MEETING 14th SEPTEMBER 2023

Councillors Patrica Davies and Linda O’Hare reported on the September meeting stating that organisation for the Christmas illumination event was ongoing. The rain water guttering on the village green bus shelter had been installed by the Pet Cemetery staff. It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to Mr Ward. Councillor P. Wahl reported that several slates on the roof of the shelter needed refixing. Councillor D. Jones agreed to undertake the work. A request to consider providing a Christmas function for the elderly in the community at Holywell Golf Club had been received. The Council agreed to support the event and the working group would liaise with B. Frost (social officer) and Holywell Golf Club to develop the proposal and report back to the Council.

82/23 RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR PATRICK WAHL

Councillor Patrick Wall advised that, following 24 years of service as a member of Brynford Community Council, he had decided to retire. Pat advised that he had very much enjoyed representing Brynford constituents and supporting the work of the Council. He wished his fellow colleagues every success with the work of the Council. The Chairman, Linda O’Hare, thanked Pat for his continued support over many years as a councillor. His local community knowledge would be greatly missed during deliberations by the Council. All members wished Pat a long and happy retirement.

83/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

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| 1894) A. Roberts – Vodafone Fees April – September 2023 | £37.74 |
| 1895) Cool Kidz Club – Grant | £150.00 |
| 1896) A. Roberts – Microsoft Fees September | £66.95 |
| 1897) Canon UK Ltd – Copy Fees | £33.64 |
| 1898) Scottish Power Ltd – Energy Fees Changing Rooms | £183.20 |
| 1899) P. Jones : Computer / IT Support | £15.00 |

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| 1900) Scottish Power Ltd – Street Lighting Energy Charges | £1,719.97 |
| 1901) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary & Establishment Allowance | £873.73 |
| 1902) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE | £253.56 |
| 1903) Royal British Legion – Supply of wreath | £50.00 |

84/23 DURATION OF THE MEETING

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

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at Holywell Golf Club, commencing at 7.00pm.

CHAIRMAN _____