

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held 14th November 2023 at Holywell Golf Club.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O'Hare – Chairman

Councillor N. Acott

Councillor P. Davies

Councillor L. Greenough

Councillor A. Hughes

Councillor L. Rosedale

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor D. Jones

Councillor T. Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor S. Jones

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

85/23 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE BUSINESS ON THE COUNCIL'S MEETING AGENDA

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr and Mrs Love, who had recently moved in to Cartref, Frith Lane, Brynford. Mr Love advised that the track leading to the property needed surface repairs. The Chairman advised that the maintenance of tracks over the common rests with owners of the properties that the track served. However, any major renovation or engineering works to the track would be best shared with Grosvenor Estates and owners of the common. The Clerk advised that he would forward the contact information to Mr Love.

86/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

87/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor P. Davies and seconded by Councillor N. Acott, the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th October 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record.

88/23 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Members reported the following issues: -

- Hafod Y Bryn, Brynford. – Road surface water flooding junction.
- B5121 Brynford Village Road, Near Woodcroft – Road Gully in need of re-setting.
- Near No. 2 Hafod Y Bryn, Brynford – Manhole cover and frame broken.
- Slip road from A55 to A5026 near Paradise Pride. Highway sign broken and in need of replacing.

89/23 PROVISION OF ROYAL MAIL LETTER BOX – BRYN SANNAN ROAD BRYNFORD

The Chairman reported that no response had been received from Royal Mail on this issue. Councillor Rosedale suggested that a freedom of information request should be made to Royal Mail requesting a copy of the site location Risk Assessment Report. The Clerk was instructed to make the request to Royal Mail.

90/23 GRAZING OF SHEEP ON BRYNFORD COMMON

Further to Minute No 67/23, the Clerk reported that the Council had contacted the police regarding the issue of motorbikes on the common. Sergeant Kerry Nash had advised that during the past six months only two reports had been logged onto the police database. Members advised that they were aware of additional reports that had been made but did not appear to have been recorded on the information received from Sgt. Nash. Members agreed to forward the reports that had been made to the Clerk. Sgt Nash also advised that she would try to attend the December meeting of the Council.

The Chairman confirmed that the issue of motorbikes on the common, and the non-communication from Officers of Flintshire County Council, had been placed on the agenda for the February meeting of West Flintshire Town and Community Council Working Group.

The Clerk advised that a further request had been made to Mr M. Payne for further information regarding the proposed cattle grid at Pen Y Ball Hill. But no further information had been received for the Council meeting.

91/23 REDESIGNATION OF BYWAY : NAID Y MARCH / GRIANA LANE, BRYNFORD

Following a request for a progress report on the above matter, the Rights of Way Officer, Flintshire County Council had advised that due to staffing resource issues, the issue had not been able to be progressed. The Chairman requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for the February meeting of the Council.

92/23 MULTI USE BALL COURT - BRYNFORD C. P. SCHOOL

Further to Minute No. 74/23, the Clerk reported that an Officer from Aura Leisure, had advised that: -

- The court had been sprayed with a moss killer.
- That basket hoops could be installed, but this would be subject to a match funding scheme being in place for 2024/25.
- Also, the Council may wish to include re-painting and lining of the playing surface as part of the scheme.

Councillor L. Greenough advised whilst the court had been sprayed, the surface was still very slippery where leaves had fallen. The Clerk advised that this would be reported to the Aura Officer.

93/23 PROPOSED REINSTATEMENT OF HALKYN COMMON JOINT CONSULTATIVE BOARD

Councillor N. Acott reported that NRW Officers had advised that the response from community councils had been very supportive. Discussions were on going with Officers of Flintshire County Council and Grosvenor Estates Department, regarding the progress of the proposal.

94/23 SUMMER PLAYScheme REPORT 2023

Mr Darren Morris, Manager of the services had written to the Council providing a report of this year's scheme. Members noted that the attendance figures were very low compared to previous years. It was agreed that Mr Morris be invited to attend the December meeting of the Council to discuss the future of the scheme.

95/23 HMRC GUIDANCE – COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCE – HOMEWORKING ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSUMABLES

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has received guidance from HMRC in relation to payment made to an employee in respect of reasonable additional household expenses which the employee incurs in carrying out duties of employment at home under homeworking arrangements. The exemption only applies to the £156 payment made under the Determination of the Independent Remuneration Panel and, from the 5th April 2023, to the flat rate reimbursement of £52. It does not exempt any additional household expenses that a Councillor may seek to claim.

The Clerk advised that amendments would be made to the allowance claimant form requesting Councillors to confirm home working arrangements when claiming any of the above allowance.

96/23 PROPOSED PROVISION OF COMMEMORATIVE BENCH BRYNFORD RECREATION

GROUND

The Council had received a request for a bench seat to be provided in remembrance of the late Mr Joseph Hughes, a former resident and pupil of Brynford C. P. School. The resident had agreed to meet the cost of the provision.

Members considered the request and agreed to grant permission subject to the specification being approved by the applicant and the Council.

97/23 COMMEMORATIVE PLANTING OF TREES – KING CHARLES INVESTITURE

Further to Minute No. 78/23, 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 at a cost of £60 each which Mr Ward was sourcing.

Proposed locations: -

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

Members requested that a sample of the type of plaque be provided for further consideration.

98/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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Cab Y Gwynt, Narrow Lane, Calcot, Holywell, CH8 8LG

Demolition of existing single storey lean-to section and replacement with extension, raising section of ridge height to roof.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

99/23 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Chairman requested that, given there may be an Officer in attendance at the December meeting, Members advise the Clerk of any policing matters that they wish to be discussed.

100/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor L. O'Hare reported that she, Councillors P. Davies, L. Greenough and the Clerk had attended and laid a wreath on behalf of the Council at the Remembrance Service at St. Michael's Church, Brynford. She also thanked Councillor Linda Greenough for the artwork of remembrance that had been made by children of the Cool Kidz Club.

Councillor Simon Jones advised Members of the issues that he had reported on behalf of residents.

Budgetary meetings were being undertaken by Flintshire County Council, advising that significant savings would be required to meet the current forecast settlement figures.

Following an incident involving a refuse collection vehicle on an unadopted road, officers were considering a proposal to reduce the collection service to some households on safety grounds. Further meetings were being held before a recommendation would be made.

101/23 EVENTS WORKING GROUP MEETING 12th OCTOBER 2023

ILLUMINATION EVENT 8th DECEMBER 2023

The Chairman reported that all the arrangements were in place for the event. Holywell Army Cadets would be in attendance as First Aid Officers.

HOLYWELL GOLF CLUB EVENT 4pm MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023

Ms B. Frost had confirmed that a community event for the senior citizens of the community would be held at the Golf Club with Carol singing and refreshments provided free of charge. A raffle to support St. Michael's Church and the Working Military Dogs Memorial was being organised with prizes being donated by Holywell Golf Club, Brynford Pet Cemetery and the Council. Prizes be drawn at the event.

The next meeting of the working group would be held on Thursday 16th November 2023.

102/23 ANNUAL DRAFT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2023

In accordance with the Local Council & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Section 52), the Council is required to prepare and adopt an annual report. Upon approval, the report is to be published on the Council website.

The Clerk had prepared the report for members' approval.

RESOLVED:

That the draft report was approved.

103/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1904) Welsh Water – Fees Recreation Ground	£153.69
1905) A. Roberts – Microsoft Fees September	£67.20

1906) A. Roberts – Clerk’s Salary & Establishment Allowance £873.73

1907) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE £253.56

104/23 VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman advised that the December meeting of the Council would be held at Brynford C. P. School commencing at 6.00pm.

105/23 DURATION OF THE MEETING

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

CHAIRMAN _____