

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th January 2024 at Holywell Golf Club.

PRESENT:

Councillor L. O’Hare – Chairman
Councillor N. Acott
Councillor A. Davies
Councillor P. Davies
Councillor L. Greenough
Councillor A. Hughes
Councillor D. Jones
Councillor G. Legg
Councillor L. Rosedale

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor T. Stephenson
County Councillor S. Jones

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

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

No members of the public were present.

119/24 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR ALED DAVIES ONTO THE COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Aled Davies who had been co-opted onto the Council at its December meeting. He duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance form and stated that he was looking forward to representing the community and working with the Council.

120/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

121/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

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

122/24 NATURAL RESOURCES WALES (NRW)

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Rachel Gough, the NRW Area Officer. Rachel advised that she was newly appointed to the area and looking forward to working with all the communities on Halkyn Common. She was in the process of visiting as many community groups as possible in order to seek a better understanding of common interests and priorities.

A project to re-establish the Halkyn Common Joint Consultative Board was an initiative which was gaining support from interested parties.

The Chairman confirmed that this would have the support of the Community Council.

123/24 STREETSCENE SERVICES

Councillor L. Greenough advised that she had reported of a damaged manhole cover to Welsh Water. However this is the responsibility of Flintshire Highways and therefore reported to Streetscene.

Potholes at Hafod Y Bryn Junction had not been repaired.

124/23 PROVISION OF COMMEMORATIVE SEAT AT BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND

Further to Minute No. 96/23, the Clerk reported that a seat had been sourced and agreed by the resident. The base and seat would be installed at the recreation ground in the next few weeks. xxx

125/24 PROVISION OF SUMMER PLAYScheme 2024

Further to Minute No. 109/23, the Chairman invited comments regarding this year's provision. Members expressed their disappointment over the delivery and attendance at the 2023 scheme. Under the current delivery model, it did not appear to be appealing to the children within the community and was not providing value for money.

It was agreed that the Council would not participate in this year's scheme. However, it would explore other avenues of supporting children's facilities in the community.

126/24 HIRE OF BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND

Mr Tony Doyle, Manager of Ysceifiog Senior Football Team, had requested to hire the Recreation Ground for the summer football season (March – August 2024).

RESOLVED:

That the facility be hired subject to the signing of the Hire Agreement by the Club.

127/24 HOLYWELL GOLF CLUB – PROPOSED ERECTION OF FENCE

The Secretary of Holywell Golf Club had written to the Council advising of the club's draft proposal to erect a fence around the practice putting green.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections subject to the Club having lawful consent from the land owner.

128/24 NATWEST BANK – UPDATING OF BANKING MANDATE

The Clerk advised that the banking signature mandate for the Council accounts held with NatWest Bank needed updating following the retirement of Councillors.

RESOLVED:

That Councillors A. Hughes, P. Davies, L. Greenough, L. O'Hare and L. Rosedale were appointed as additional signatories.

129/24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A) Register of Electors – 2024.
- B) One Voice Wales Training Module Schedule – January, February and March 2024.
- C) Standards Committee – Notice of vacancy for a Town and Community Council Representative.
- D) Independent Remuneration Panel Wales – Annual Report.

RESOLVED:

That the above correspondence be received.

130/24 BOD ELFYW, WAEN Y BRODLAS, BRYNFORD

Further to Minute No. 112/23, the Council had received a response from Natural Resources Wales advising that further investigations into this matter would be conducted.

131/24 SETTING OF BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/25

The Chairman reported that following a number of draft budget meetings with the Clerk, a draft budget and precept option report had been provided for member's consideration.

The Clerk advised that due to increasing energy and running costs together with diminishing reserves held by the Council, some budgetary provision had been reduced or deferred for the fiscal year.

Members agreed that any precept increase needed to be kept as low as possible.

RESOLVED:

- That the draft budget for 2024/25 was approved.
- That the precept for 2024/25 be set at £35,175 making a Band D property charge for 2024/25 fiscal year of £74.44.
- That the Clerk's salary for 2024/25 be set at £12,494.

- That the Clerk's Establishment Allowance for 2024/25 be set at £1,000.

132/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved for payment: -

1919) Canon UK Ltd – Copy Fees	£33.64
1920) A. Roberts – Clerk's Salary & Establishment Allowance	£873.73
1921) H.M. Revenue & Customs - PAYE	£253.56
1922) Holywell Golf Club – Christmas Carol Event	£30.00
1923) Livetech – Webhosting Design Fees	£75.60
1924) P. Jones Computers – IT Support	£35.00
1925) A. Roberts – Microsoft Fees	£67.20
1926) A. Roberts – Clerk's Salary Back Pay Award 2023/24	£454.00
1927) Deeco Lighting – Festoon Lighting	£336.00

133/24 VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Holywell Golf Club on the 13th February 2024 commencing at 7.00pm.

134/24 DURATION OF THE MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and was closed at 9.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN
