

BRYNFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Brynford Community Council held 10th January, 2017 at Brynford C.P. School.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Jones – Chairman

Councillor J. Davies

Councillor W. Beaumont

Councillor M. Flynn

Councillor G. Legg

Councillor T. Stephenson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor L. O’Hare

Councillor P. Wahl

Councillor M. Wright – Flintshire County Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. A. Roberts – Clerk to the Council

106/17 ITEMS RAISED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mrs. L. Astbury and invited her to speak on issues relating to Council business.

Mrs. Astbury provided a report on past and upcoming events to be held at St. Michael’s Church, Brynford.

Mrs. Astbury enquired as to the progress being made in the provision of dog waste bins, repairs to footpaths from Brynford Crossroads and the cleaning of road gullies as road surface water was causing problems during heavy rain.

The road markings from Brynford to Pantasaph were in need of re-painting and that road surface water was also a problem at the junction with Hafod-Y-Bryn, Brynford.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Astbury for her attendance.

107/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None were declared in relation to Council business.

108/17MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 13th December, 2016 were approved as a correct record.

109/17STREETSCENE SERVICES

Mr. Ian Williams Streetscene Area Co-ordinator was present and provided an update on ongoing maintenance issues.

Members reported the following issues:-

Deterioration of layby road surface at the junction of Dolphin.

Repairs to potholes at Calcoed Lane and road from Glan-Yr-Afon to Dolphin junction.

Gully cleaning at Calcoed Lane, Brynford Crossroads and Hafod-Y-Bryn Junction Brynford.

Parking of vehicles on restricted highway near the traffic lights at the bottom of Brynford Hill.

Refurbishment of gateway road surface markings to Brynford.

Provision of dog fouling bin on the lane to changing rooms, Brynford Recreation Ground.

Ian agreed to look at the above reported issues and report back to the next Council Meeting.

110/17COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION CONSULTATION

Councillor J. Davies reported that she was still collecting the survey forms from local residents and that she and Councillor L. O'Hare were trying to organise a community drop in event at St. Michael's Church for the end of January/beginning of February.

There would be room hire fee and a charge for providing light refreshments.

RESOLVED:

That the Council would pay the above fees.

111/17 BRYNFORD VILLAGE GREEN HERITAGE PROJECT

Councillor D. Jones reported that Mrs. Lorna Jenner had written to the Council advising that Halkyn Community Council had indicated that they would not be participating in the i-beacon project. The match funding fees of £750, which was to be split by the 2 Councils, will need to be met by Brynford Community Council. Lorna further advised that she had been speaking with Rachel Watson, the Halkyn Mountain Ranger, who had confirmed that she could easily identify at least 10 key points around Brynford to merit a whole trail and had offered to assist with the project.

There was now a need to move the funding application forward and, with the Council's agreement, would be contacting the Headteacher of Brynford C.P. School to discuss ideas in more detail.

The Clerk reported that he had responded on behalf of the Council confirming that the match funding contribution would be met by the Council and for Lorna to proceed with the application as outlined in the presentation she had given to the Council at its October meeting.

112/17 ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH EXTERNAL LIGHTING PROJECT

The Chairman reported that a site meeting to determine the location of the external lights would be taking place on Tuesday 17th January, 2017 for 7.00pm with the lighting contractor.

113/17 FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL BY CO-OPTION

The chairman invited nominations for the filling of the vacancy. Councillor T. Stephenson nominated Mr. Dewi Redfern- Lloyd Jones, Hefin, Ffrith Farm, Brynford which was duly seconded by Councillor W. Beaumont.

RESOLVED:

That Mr. D. Jones was unanimously co-opted onto the Council.

114/17 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR ALWYN DAVIES

The Clerk reported that a letter of Resignation had been received from Councillor A. Davies. Members expressed their thanks and gratitude for the many years of service Alwyn had given to the community.

RESOLVED:

That the Resignation be accepted and that a letter of thanks be sent to Alwyn on behalf of the Council.

115/17 PROVISION OF VEHICLE BARRIER – FFRITH LANE, BRYNFORD

Further to the Council's enquiry, a response had been received from Sarah Dawson, Grosvenor Estates Team advising on roles and responsibilities for the project advising:-

1. The Estate will fund the project to provide the barrier.
2. The future maintenance and the management of the barrier will be the responsibility of the Community Council.
3. The Estate will obtain appropriate consent prior to works commencing.

Members welcomed the clarification of responsibilities and agreed that, to reduce the maintenance burden on the Council, a letter be sent to the Estate requesting that all the metal work used for the construction be galvanised.

116/17 BRYNFORD RECREATION GROUND – ERECTION OF ADVERTISEMENT HOARDINGS

The Clerk reported that a resident living along Bryn Sannan Road, Brynford had expressed concerns as to the number of advertising hoardings, their lack of maintenance and also complained that they had blown against the fence and gates on a number of occasions.

Councillor Beaumont enquired if the football club had responded to the terms and conditions of use for the recreation ground that the Council had sent the club in October. The Clerk confirmed that no response had been received.

Members further reported that there was also an issue of litter not being removed following football matches. The Clerk confirmed that no response had been received.

RESOLVED:

That a further letter be sent to the Chairman of the club advising that the advertising barriers be removed and that a response be provided as to the Club's Agreement to the Conditions of Use of the recreation ground.

117/17 APPLICATIONS FOR A FINANCIAL GRANT

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received seeking clarification as to the procedure for applying for grants on behalf of the Brynford OAP Resident's Luncheon Club.

The Clerk reported that a written response had been provided.

118/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A) Citizens Advice – Annual Report.
- B) The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
Notice of Meeting – Round Table Discussion Event on its Remuneration.
Framework for Community and Town Councils.
- C) Cynfaen Memorial Chapel – Letter of thanks for grant.

119/17 PLANNING APPLICATION

Ferndale, Pwll Clai, Brynford CH8 8BB.
Erection of a replacement dwelling.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objections.

**120/17 DEVELOPMENT OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE A5026 AND A55 SLIP ROAD
THE NANT, BRYNFORD.**

Councillor T. Stephenson enquired if the Council had received a response from the Planning Authority, to its letter dated 20th October, 2016 regarding the above development. The Clerk reported that to date no response had been received. However a copy letter, setting out concerns sent to the Planning Authority dated 9th January, 2017 from Halkyn Community Council had been received.

RESOLVED:

That this matter be referred to Mr. D. Hanson M.P. requesting that he pursues the Planning Authority for an appropriate response on this matter.

121/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts were approved:-

1364) Cynfaen Chapel, Calcoed (L.G.A.1972s214)	Grant	£550.00
1365) Viking (L.G.A. 1972s144)	Supply of Stationery	£141.63
1366) Nightingale House Hospice (L.G.A.1972s137)	Grant	£100.00
1367) Denbigh and Flintshire Agricultural Show 2017 (L.G.A.1972s144)	Grant	£150.00
1368) A. Roberts (L.G.A.1972s112,131)	Clerk's salary	£395.45
1369) H.M. Revenue and Customs	P.A.Y.E.	£99.09

122/17 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND PRECEPT OPTIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

1ST APRIL, 2017 TO 31ST MARCH, 2018.

The Clerk presented a current and proposed budget of expenditure report setting out the Council's financial consideration for the above year.

RESOLVED:

- A) That the Council approved a budget of £24,755 for the year 2017/18.
- B) That the Clerk's salary was approved at £5,550.

The Clerk presented a further report setting out precept options for the Council's consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the Precept for 2017/18 be reduced by 0.40% making the precept for a band "D" property £34.91 and resulting in a total precept of £16,650 for the community council.

123/17 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and closed at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN _____