

**Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Bronington Community Council
held at the Barry Barlow Play Area, Maesllwyn Close, Bronington
on Wednesday 3rd August 7pm**

present	Councillors Ryan Adams, Sue Clarke (Acting Clerk), Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairman), Steve Swinden.
1. Apologies	Cllrs Vanessa Brodie, Dave Evans, Anna Edwards, Robert Millington, Mark Watson, Annemarie Warren.
2. Declarations of interest	No interests were declared.
3. Open Forum	There was no consideration of this item.
4. Barry Barlow Play Area	<p>4.1. <u>2022 Annual Play Inspection Report findings in relation to the multi use play equipment.</u> BM reported that the 'Low Moderate' risk score from the inspection for the multi use play equipment had not changed since the 2021 report findings, however the damage was reported as worsening. Wrexham Council had again stated in their feedback that action required was advisory and not mandatory. BCC's response to the 2021 report was to effect no repair.</p> <p>4.2. <u>Consideration of immediate action regarding the multi use play equipment.</u> The views of Councillors present and absent were now discussed and were as follows:</p> <p>Mark Watson - Bronington Community Council cannot justify replacing the equipment at present. The multi use play equipment should be repaired. He does not see the need to close off the equipment.</p> <p>Rob Millington - Re-open use of the play equipment and explore repairing the damage.</p> <p>Vanessa Brodie - The equipment should be closed off, removed and replaced.</p> <p>Annemarie Warren - Concerned about the potential litigious aspects of keeping the equipment open and the potential effect on our insurance.</p> <p>Dave Evans - Favoured repair of the equipment.</p> <p>Anna Edwards - No view expressed prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Steve Swinden - Keep equipment open and carry out regular risk assessment.</p> <p>Sue Clarke - Keep open, monitor regularly and look to repair.</p> <p>Louise Lindsay - Inspect regularly, keep open and repair.</p> <p>Ryan Adams - Inspect regularly, keep open and repair.</p> <p>Ben Martin - Inspect regularly, keep open and repair.</p> <p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed that after due process of regular bi-weekly inspections/monitoring of the multi-use equipment it be re-opened for use. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Hill. Unanimously agreed by those present.</p>

	<p><u>4.3. Consideration of replacement or repair of multi use play equipment and the actions necessary and required to obtain quotes.</u> BM outlined that replacing the unit will cost more money than Bronington Community Council has available or has been budgeted for. Lottery or other funding could be a possibility but it had not yet been secured.</p> <p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed that in the short term we should look to cost-effective repair of the multi use play equipment. Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Clarke. Unanimously agreed by those present.</p> <p>Two methods of repair were discussed :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timber post replacement - there is an 8 week lead time for delivery from timber merchants. It was also noted that the timber must be appropriate for use in play areas. 2. Steel encasement of the existing posts although the safety aspect of using metal would need to be checked. <p>Action: BM to contact the Playground Inspection Company for further guidance. Action: BM to contact Phil Robinson for more information on steel encasements.</p> <p>Once relevant information has been obtained and agreed, quotes will also need to be obtained for the work to be carried out.</p> <p><u>4.4 Communication updates for the community regarding The Barry Barlow Play Area.</u> BM agreed to write a post for The Bronington Facebook page and will circulate this prior to posting for Councillors' approval. The post will explain Bronington Community Council's actions and decisions and will actively canvass opinions and views from the community.</p> <p><u>4.5 Consideration of the purchase of new play equipment.</u></p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the longer term position of replacing play equipment at the play area. These discussions included looking in the future to redesigning the look and experience of the play area completely. Clearly this would have to be budgeted and/or funds raised for but it was felt that it should be looked at in the forthcoming plans of the Bronington Community Council.</p> <p>In the shorter term the purchase of a storage box containing bats, balls, games and additional small play equipment (which it is understood may have a short shelf life) was proposed.</p> <p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to purchase immediate play equipment. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Hill. Unanimously agreed by those present.</p> <p>Action: BM and RA to source relevant items with prices.</p>
<p>5. AOB</p>	<p>1. Play area signage/ Noticeboard Councillors suggested that we look into putting a sign up at the entrance to the play area that more clearly deals with Bronington Community Council's liability for the play area and possibly a noticeboard for members of the community who do not have access to Facebook and the internet who would like to be kept informed.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.20pm