

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council
held at Community Room, Bronington
on Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 7.00 pm**

Present`	Cllrs Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin, (Chairperson), Robert Millington Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden, The Clerk. One member of the public attended.																																											
1- Apologies	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Ethna Norris, Mark Watson.																																											
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Rowley declared a pecuniary interest in item 16 of the minutes.																																											
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously.																																											
4- Open Forum	Grant Purcell, Community Agent, spoke to the meeting about the role of the Community Agent in the community and what they can do do to help residents' well being. Cllr Martin suggested that he attend the coffee mornings that are held in Bronington and Whitewell.																																											
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on 20th November 2024. Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.																																											
6- Matters Arising	Cllr Martin advised he will circulate the proposed response to the school's federation proposal.																																											
7- Corres.	List previously circulated. Cllr Martin spoke about the bus service and suggested contacting the bus company to look into ways to promote the service in the local community to increase usage.																																											
8- Accounts	<p>8.1 <u>Financial Year 2024 – 2025:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1st December 2024 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 24,720.95</p> <p>8.2 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:-</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Chq</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Running Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 90.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Little Red Tractor Company (Oct and Nov 24)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 525.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Bronington Primary School Rent 01/03/24 – 30/11/24</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 517.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>DLS Technologies – domain renewal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Whitewell Parish Rooms (rent for 2024 meetings)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>R Clorley- Upkeep of War Memorials</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 165.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>DONATION:- Coffee morning (Oct 2024 - match funded) – Bronington Friends</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 314.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Whitewell Parish Church:- Donation to churchyard upkeep</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Bronington Church:- Donation to churchyard upkeep</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Christmas event:- D Evans tree</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Christmas event:- L Lindsay costs for event</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 80.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Christmas event:- B Martin costs for event</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Christmas event:- S Clarke costs for event</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 43.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.</p>		Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 90.89	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Oct and Nov 24)	£ 525.60	Online	Bronington Primary School Rent 01/03/24 – 30/11/24	£ 517.00	Online	DLS Technologies – domain renewal	£ 60.00		Whitewell Parish Rooms (rent for 2024 meetings)	£ 180.00	Online	R Clorley- Upkeep of War Memorials	£ 165.00	Online	DONATION:- Coffee morning (Oct 2024 - match funded) – Bronington Friends	£ 314.00	Online	Whitewell Parish Church:- Donation to churchyard upkeep	£1,000.00	Online	Bronington Church:- Donation to churchyard upkeep	£1,000.00	Online	Christmas event:- D Evans tree	£ 60.00	Online	Christmas event:- L Lindsay costs for event	£ 80.88	Online	Christmas event:- B Martin costs for event	£ 200.00	Online	Christmas event:- S Clarke costs for event	£ 43.00
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	<p><u>Receipts:-</u> None received</p> <p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Millington and seconded by Cllr Rowley.</p>
9- Planning	<p>10.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> No applications have been received.</p> <p>10.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> No new applications have been received. Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding the outcome of the appeal for Higher Barns. Revised plans for Bronington Shop are due to submitted to WCBC</p> <p>10.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> <u>Granted:-</u> P/2024/1107 - Jayfield, Chapel Lane, Bronington</p>
10- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	<p>10.1 <u>Finance:-</u> Cllr Millington suggested that the Council request for revised road markings; Cllr Martin explained the benefits of having VAS's and how the data can be utilised.</p> <p>10.2 <u>Installation:-</u> Cllrs Martin, Swinden and the Clerk attended a site meeting with WCBC to discuss the proposed locations of the posts on the A495 and A525. WCBC explained what the Council can and can't do. WCBC is yet to provide the costings for four new posts and the traffic management costs to install the posts and to install the VAS's. The Clerk is to clarify the insurance cover for the VAS's (e.g. damage, theft).</p>
11- Barry Barlow Play Area	Cllr Martin spoke to the meeting regarding the idea of relocating the play area to Bronington School.
12- Community Room	<p>12.1 <u>Updates:-</u> The booking for the yoga classes at the Community Room has ended; this may impact on hire charges for the room,. It is hoped to promote the Community Room as a party venue and to look to encourage more groups / exercise classes to make use of the room.</p> <p>12.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> The following coffee mornings are to be held for the following organisations:- November - Guide Dogs for the Blind raised £282.00 to be matched by £150.00 from the Council December – Bronington Church / HomeStart Wrexham</p> <p>12.3 <u>Agreement:-</u> Cllr Martin advised there have been two changes to the Community Room Agreement Renewal:- all events are to end by 11.00 pm and the school gates are to be closed by 11.30 pm; if there is any rodent activity it is to be reported to the school.</p> <p>12.4 <u>PPL/PRS:-</u> The Clerk has completed the form and returned it to PPL/PRS to calculate the amount due.</p>
13- Christmas	The Bronington Christmas Event is to be held when the coffee morning takes place on Saturday 21 st December with the Whitewell Christmas

	Event taking place on the same evening.
14- Annual Report	The combined Annual Report for 2023 and 2024 are to be completed by February.
15- Roads Working Group	The Clerk has written to the Ward Cllr to request that the anti-skid surface be reinstated on the A495.
16- Land Opposite Bronington Shop	A document has been prepared to detail the works required. Cllr Martin is to contact the Hanmer Estate regarding the works. The Council agreed for the Clerk to obtain three quotes to carry out the works from Ian Rowley, FAC Landscapes and Martin Fryer. The Council agreed to use a matrix to assess who to award the contact to based on price, availability and quality.
17- Community Agents	The new Community Agent spoke in the Open Forum.
18- Defibrillators	Cllrs have checked the defibrillators.
19- To receive update(s) from outside organisations	There was no consideration of this item.
20- AOB	<p>20.1 Overgrown Hedges:- The Clerk is to contact Ward Cllr Newton again regarding the hedges on New Hall Lane as they still need to be cut back further.</p> <p>20.2 Static Caravan:- It has been reported to the Council that a static caravan has been installed at the back of Lily Pit Farm. The Clerk is to contact WCBC and make enquiries.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm