



Bronington Community Council

serving the wards of Iscoyd, Bronington and Tybroughton

Minutes of the meeting held at the Community Room, Bronington on Wednesday 16th April 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present	Cllrs, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Robert Millington, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin, (Chairperson), Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson. The Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.																		
1- Apologies	Cllr Ryan Adams has stood down from the Council. The Clerk is to inform WCBC of the casual vacancy.																		
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Watson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10.1.1 as he is related to the applicant. Cllr Swinden declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18 as he is Chairman of the School Governors. Cllr Lindsay declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 as she sits on the Whitewell Parish Rooms committee.																		
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously. The new police inspector has written to Community Councils to outline his objectives.																		
4- Open Forum	There was no consideration of this item.																		
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on 19th March 2025. Proposed by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Evans.																		
6- Matters Arising	The Clerk advised that she met with the new Community Agent.																		
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.																		
8- Accounts	8.1 <u>Financial Year 2024 – 2025:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 31 st March 2025 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 24,112.78. 8.2 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:- <table><tr><th>Chq</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Running Costs</td><td>£ 60.97</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Little Red Tractor Company (Mar 25)</td><td>£262.80</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>One Voice Wales (subs)</td><td>£285.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Coffee Morning Donation:- Hope House</td><td>£236.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Coffee Morning Donation:- Higher Wych Charity</td><td>£364.00</td></tr></table> <p>The Clerk’s salary was paid by standing order.</p> <p><u>Receipts:-</u> None Received.</p>	Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 60.97	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Mar 25)	£262.80	Online	One Voice Wales (subs)	£285.00	Online	Coffee Morning Donation:- Hope House	£236.00	Online	Coffee Morning Donation:- Higher Wych Charity	£364.00
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	<p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.</p>		
9- Grant Application Process	<p>Grant Application Process The Council received the following grant applications:-</p>		
	Organisation	Details	Amount Requested
	Whitewell Parish Rooms	Install Outside and Emergency Lighting	£ 260.83
	St Marys Parochial Church Council	Maintenance of the church yard at St Marys Whitewell	£2,500.00
	Bronington Guides	To purchase hoodies and unit neckers for trip to London and to purchase Hi viz vests	£ 815.20
	Nightingale House Hospice	Patient support	£ 500.00
	TOTAL		£4,076.03
	<p>The Council agreed to invite St Marys Parochial Church Council to the May meeting to provide further details on the maintenance costs. The Council agreed to write to Bronington Guides and request that they complete a Grant Application form. The Council agreed to write to Nightingale House Hospice to advise that they value all the good works they do and that the grant process is aimed towards local voluntary organisations within the ward; therefore the Council will not consider their grant application but agreed to offer to raise funds at a future coffee morning.</p>		
10- Planning	<p>10.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> 10.1.1 P/2025/0163 - erection of storage building ancillary to haulage yard at Lloyd Watson Haulage Ltd, The Boundary Garage, Ellesmere Road, Bronington Observations:- The Council support the application. 10.1.2 P/2025/0192 – change of use of building from workshop to living accommodation at High Ash, Little Green, Bronington Observations:- The Council support the application. 10.1.3 P/2025/0278 – erection of manure store at Land at Higher Lanes, Iscoyd Observations:- The Council support the application. Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the above observations. Proposed by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p>		
	<p>10.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> No new applications have been received.</p>		
	<p>10.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> No updates</p>		
11- Vehicle	<p>Cllr Martin advised the meeting that three of the four of the posts have now</p>		

Activated Signage (VAS)	<p>been installed as previously agreed.</p> <p>The two VAS's are to be sited on the A525 at the Chequer and on the A495 at the Church end corner.</p> <p>The Clerk is to contact both TWM and WCBC to ask them to make the arrangements to install the VAS's.</p>
12- Barry Barlow Play Area	<p>Work to the remaining posts of the multi use play equipment is due to be carried out at the end of April. Cllr Martin is to contact Ryan Adams regarding the materials.</p> <p>Cllr Rowley is to join the working group.</p> <p>The Clerk is to make enquiries regarding funding opportunities including contacting neighbouring community councils, One Voice Wales and WCBC.</p>
13- Community Room	<p>13.1 <u>Updates:-</u> There was no consideration of this item.</p> <p>13.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> Funds of £214.00 were raised in aid of Higher Wych Charity at the February coffee morning. Funds raised at the March coffee morning were in aid of Riding for the Disabled.</p> <p>13.3 <u>Risk Assessment:-</u> Cllr Martin is due to check the current risk assessment.</p> <p>13.4 <u>Community Room Agreement:-</u> The current agreement is out of date and needs to be renewed. Cllrs Martin and Swinden are to discuss terms with the headteacher regarding the opening and locking of the community room.</p>
14- Annual Report	<p>14.1 <u>2023 / 2024:-</u> Cllr Martin is to email the Annual Report to cover both 2023 and 2024 to the Clerk to be posted on the website.</p> <p>14.2 <u>2025:-</u> There was no consideration of this item.</p>
15- Roads Working Group	There was no consideration of this item.
16- Street Furniture	<p>16.1 <u>Bench:-</u> Cllr Lindsay is to send details of the location to the Clerk for her to contact WCBC regarding the installation of a bench.</p> <p>16.2 <u>Gateway entrance signage:-</u> The Council discussed having gateways in Bronington and Iscoyd. The Clerk is to make enquires to WCBC about what is required .</p> <p>16.3 <u>Noticeboard for Bronington:-</u> The Council has been granted permission by WCBC to erect a noticeboard on the grassed area outside the school in Bronington. Cllr Lindsay is to obtain quotes for a timber noticeboard.</p>
17- Defibrillators	All defibrillators have been checked and are functioning correctly.
18- School Governor	<p>The Council considered a governor nomination for the formal federation with Borderbrook and St Paul's Schools.</p> <p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Swinden as the governor nomination for the formal federation with Borderbrook and St Paul's Schools.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Clarke.</p>

19- Possible Council Name Change	The governance questionnaire has been returned to WCBC which included the request to change the name of the Community Council.
20- Historic Community Fundraising	Cllr Martin is due to prepare a letter to send to the ex-committee members regarding funds that were raised from Historic Community Fundraising.
21- VE Day Commemorations	<p>The working party has held a meeting to discuss hosting events to commemorate VE and VJ Day in the local area.</p> <p>The following events have been arranged:-</p> <p>Friday 8th May – VE Beacon Lighting at Eglwys Cross;</p> <p>Saturday 9th May – VE Coffee morning at the Community Room;</p> <p>Saturday 9th May – VE Supper at Whitewell Parish Rooms at a cost of £10.00 per person. There will be a fish and chip supper served; various activities to include fancy dress; wartime music; quiz and games.</p> <p>All funds raised from the events are to be split between the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.</p> <p>Resolved:- The Council agreed for a budget of up to £700.00 to cover costs to hold the events.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Millington.</p>
22- To receive update(s) from outside organisations	There was no consideration of this item.
23- Any Other Ward Business	<p>To receive any updates from the Wards:-</p> <p><u>Ty Broughton:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are signs damaged and missing – Cllrs are to forward photos of the locations to the Clerk so they can be reported to WCBC. - Cllr Millington raised concerns about the standard of the pothole repairs as they appear to have been underfilled. Cllr Martin is to look into the matter and speak with Ward Cllr Newton. <p><u>Iscoyd:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage concerns on Broomers Lane (the Clerk is to follow up the proposed works by WCBC with Ward Cllr Newton). - Blocked grids at Iscoyd; Cllr Martin is to look into the matter. <p><u>Bronington:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council agreed to the following statement being included on the Open Forum notes which are to be laminated and made available for members of the public attending any meetings:- <p>“Any aggressive behaviour towards any member of the Community Council, when acting in behalf of the Council, will not be tolerated. If a member of the public has any issues with the comments made in discussions at a Community Council meeting this must be raised on a proper manner in the Open Forum part of the Council meeting.”</p>

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm