



Bronington Community Council

serving the wards of Iscoyd, Bronington and Tybroughton

Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council held at the Community Room, to the rear of Bronington School on Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 7.30 pm

Present	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Robert Millington, Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson. The Clerk. Three members of the public attended part of the meeting.
1- Apologies	Cllrs Dave Evans, Ethna Norris.
2- Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously. The Clerk has written to the PCSO to express the Council's concerns that commercial thefts are not included on the list of incidents as many residents living in the ward work from home. The PCSO has replied to advise they only report on the following crimes:- burglaries, domestic violence, serious violence, sexual offences and anti-social behaviour. The Council agreed to escalate the matter with the inspector. <i>Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.</i>
4- Open Forum	Three members of the public spoke to the meeting regarding concerns about the proposed development of an In-Vessel Composting (IVC) Facility at the former Befesa Salt Slags Site, Fenns Bank.
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 17th September 2025. Proposed by Cllr Rowley and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.
6- Matters Arising	There was no consideration of this item.
7- Corres.	List previously circulated. Cllrs agreed to attend the meeting regarding Penley Community Hospital.
8- Training Plan	Cllrs informed Cllr Lindsay which training courses they wish to attend. The Clerk is to book the dates with One Voice Wales and to clarify the cancellation notice required. Cllrs were requested to provide feedback to the Council after they have attending their training session(s).
9- Accounts	9.1 <u>Donation:-</u> Resolved: - Councillors agreed to make a donation of £150.00 to the Royal British Legion for the poppy wreaths. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Clarke. 9.2 <u>Financial Year 2025 – 2026:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1 st October 2025 is as follows:-

	Lloyds Current Account £28,961.68 9.3 <u>Payments:-</u> Cllr Martin has spoken with Bronington school regarding the invoice and advised of the correct hours to be charged. 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>£ 37.69</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Little Red Tractor Company (Jul 25)</td><td>£ 262.40</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Bronington School – rent</td><td>£ 540.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Signs of Cheshire - noticeboard</td><td>£,1107.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>DONATION:- RBL (poppy wreaths)</td><td>£ 150.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>B Martin (reimburse printing costs and provision of food for workers at the BBPA)</td><td>£ 151.06</td></tr></table> The Clerk’s salary was paid by standing order. <u>Receipts:-</u> Coffee Morning donations – none Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Swinden. 9.4 <u>Bank Signatory:-</u> Cllr Lindsay has now been added as a bank signatory. 9.5 <u>Payments:- To consider the following payments for the current Financial year April 2025 – March 2026:-</u> Resolved: - Councillors agreed to pay Ian Clorley £165.00 in respect of the upkeep of War Memorials in the Community. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.	Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 37.69	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Jul 25)	£ 262.40	Online	Bronington School – rent	£ 540.00	Online	Signs of Cheshire - noticeboard	£,1107.00	Online	DONATION:- RBL (poppy wreaths)	£ 150.00	Online	B Martin (reimburse printing costs and provision of food for workers at the BBPA)	£ 151.06
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10- External Audit 2024-25	Audit Wales has written to advise that the external auditors report has yet to be completed; they have sent the following notice which is to be posted on the website:- “The accounting statements, in the form of an annual return, have been published on the Council’s website. However, the Auditor General has not yet issued his audit opinion and report and therefore the accounts are published before the conclusion of the audit. The annual return will be published along with the Auditor General’s report and opinion when the audit is completed.”																					
11- Planning	11.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> None have been received. 11.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> There is a planning application due for the installation of air source heat pump; the Council agreed to support providing it is similar to a previous application received. 11.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> Granted:- P/2025/0569 - Beechcroft The Chequer Bronington 11.4 <u>Pre-Application Consultation:-</u> The Council considered their response to the proposed																					

	development of an In-Vessel Composting (IVC) Facility at the former Befesa Salt Slags Site, Fenns Bank A meeting was held on Wednesday 15th October for residents to attend and share their views of the proposed development. Resolved: - Councillors agreed send the following response to the agent:- “Thank you for your recent notification regarding the proposed Veolia development at Fenns Bank, Wrexham SY13 3PA. We are closely studying the available documentation as well as taking soundings from our local residents, and it is already clear that there are a number of issues of concern regarding both the environmental and social impacts of the proposal as well as its compliance with national and regional planning strategies and guidance. We will not be commenting further at present, preferring to reserve our observations until your client’s proposals reach the formal planning application stage.” Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Rowley.
12- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	The meeting of the Roads Working Group has been rescheduled. The Council provided the following list of pothole repairs that are required in the ward, the Clerk is to forward the list to Ward Cllr Newton:- Croxton Crossroads – turn right and pothole is located at the little crossroads at the top. Broomers Lane, Iscoyd (near to Barn Cottages). On the A495 opposite Stimmey Farm Drive the road surface is very rough in parts due to several lots of patching. WTW (values-hires-struck):- the road is disintegrating.
13- Roads Working Group	See item 12.
14- Barry Barlow Play Area	Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding the ongoing installation of the new play equipment by Action Play and Leisure including the following:- - The contractors have been staying with Cllr Martin; the Council is to reimburse the cost of the food supplied; the Council offered to make a contribution towards the cost of the accommodation for the contractors. Cllr Martin declined the offer. The Council formally thanked Cllr Martin for his generous gesture. - The base underneath the new play equipment needs to be made safe before the equipment can be used. - Cllr Martin suggested that three quotes are obtained for the works to the base plus a separate costing for just the materials from Travis Perkins. - There is still a skip at the site; Cllrs agreed to remove the debris and bark to go into the skip so as the works can be varied out to the base - Cadnant Wales have to visit the site before the grant funds can be released to the Council. The project has to be completed by 31st December 2025.

	- Cllr Swinden has kindly donated some new equipment for the play area. - There is to be a meeting of the BBPA working party to discuss the locations of the new and existing equipment including the see saw. - The Council are looking to have a grand re-opening of the play area in the new year. Resolved:- The Council agreed to pay the remaining balance due to Action Play and Leisure should payment of the invoice fall due before the next meeting of the Council. Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.
15- Community Room	15.1 <u>Updates:-</u> Cllrs Lindsay and Swinden are to arrange a meeting with the leaders of the Brownies and Guides to touch base and to discuss usage of the Community Room. 15.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> A total of £125.00 was raised at the September coffee morning to be donated to Bronington School; this is to be match funded by the Council for a sum of £100.00.
16- Christmas Events	The Council are to hold events in Bronington on the morning of Saturday 20th December and in Whitewell on the evenings of Friday 19th December and Saturday 20th December. A notice to 'save the date' will be shared on social media. The working party are to meet to discuss the arrangements for the Christmas events and the Christmas tree. Cllr Beddow reported to the meeting about the "Neighbourhood Santa Truck" including the costs for a plyboard sleigh and reindeer (this would be sited onto top of a flatbed trailer) and the collection boxes. She has contacted WCBC regarding permissions to do a street collection. The Clerk is to contact the Council's insurance company to clarify what is required to ensure the event is covered. Resolved:- The Council agreed to a budget of £650.00 towards the cost for the "Neighbourhood Santa Truck"; it is hoped to recoup this cost from the Christmas events that the Council is hosting to pay for the equipment. Cllr Beddow is to prepare a list of equipment and the costings. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Swinden.
17- Annual Reports	17.1 <u>2023 and 2024:-</u> No update. 17.2 <u>2025:-</u> The report has been circulated to Cllrs and is to be posted on the website.
18- Street Furniture	18.1 <u>Bench:-</u> The bench has arrived and is due to be installed. 18.2 <u>Noticeboard for Bronington:-</u> The noticeboard has arrived and is due to be installed. Cllr Clarke raised the noticeboard in Whitewell; this is to be considered at the next meeting.
19- Defibrillators	The 'used by' dates for pads and batteries for the defibrillators are to be checked.

20- To receive updates from outside organisations	No updates.
21- Any Other Ward Business	To receive any updates from the Wards:- <u>Tybroughton:-</u> - Rhospoeth Lane, Tybroughton:- there is a grid with a missing top and it's full of dirt. The Clerk is to report this to Ward Cllr Newton. <u>Iscoyd:-</u> - Cllr Lindsay queried the planning policy on menages. The Clerk is to clarify this with WCBC and report to the Council. <u>Bronington:-</u> - New Hall Lane:- the hedges need cutting back on both sides of all the lane. The Clerk is to report this to Ward Cllr Newton. - Gullies:- a resident has raised the issue that the gullies in Fenns Bank have not been cleared for at least two years. The Clerk is to report this to Ward Cllr Newton.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm