



Bronington Community Council

serving the wards of Iscoyd, Bronington and Tybroughton

Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council held at Bronington Community Room on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden. The Clerk. One member of the public attended part of the meeting.								
1- Apologies	Cllrs. Louise Lindsay, Robert Millington, Mark Watson.								
2- Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.								
3- Police Update	<p>The police report had been circulated previously.</p> <p>The Clerk has written to the Inspector to invite him to attend a meeting as agreed; he has replied to advise that due to the large number of community councils in the Wrexham Rural Area he is unable to personally attend the meetings. He advised that the Neighbourhood Policy Team are encouraged to attend community council meetings.</p> <p><i>Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.</i></p>								
4- Open Forum	A resident raised concerns in respect of planning application P/2026/0075 - Installation of in-vessel composting (IVC) facility and associated development at Befesa Fenns Bank. These include odours at the site and inaccuracies in the planning application. A request was made for the support of the Council to help oppose the application.								
5- Adoption of the minutes	<p>Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p>								
6- Matters Arising	Cllr Martin updated the meeting about the proposed works to cut back trees at Fenns Wood; he has spoken with the landowner and invited him to attend a public meeting in the Community Room at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14 th April 2026.								
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.								
8- Training Plan	There was no consideration of this item.								
9- Accounts	<p>9.1 <u>Financial Year 2025 – 2026:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 31st January 2026 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £18,426.18</p> <p>9.3 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="411 1944 1465 2033"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Running Costs</td> <td>£ 38.58</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 38.58
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	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Jan 26)	£ 262.80
	Online	Tony Hamer & Sons Ltd (Bark for BBPA)	£2,160.00
	Online	Online Playgrounds (replacement seats BBPA)	£TBC
	Online	Reimburse Cllr Martin costs for BBPA	£ 21.37
	Online	Ian Beardmore (works at BBPA)	£ 300.00
	<p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.</p> <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 Rowley and seconded by Cllr Norris.</p>		
10. Internal Audit	<p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to instruct Morren Accountancy to carry out the Internal Audit.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Hill.</p>		
11. Budget for the 2026 – 2027 Financial Year	<p>The Council considered the budget for the 2026 – 2027 financial year - see attached for figures.</p> <p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the attached budget for the 2026 – 2027 financial year.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Norris.</p>		
12. Councillor Allowance	<p>Cllrs were reminded about the Councillor Allowance payment of £156.00 that is due to be paid in March.</p>		
13- Grant Application Process	<p>The notice is to be placed on the noticeboards and website. Cllr Beddoe was asked to prepare a flyer.</p>		
14- Planning	<p>14.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> P/2025/0826 – erection of annex at Abbey Field Ellesmere Road Bronington</p> <p>Observations:- The Council do not support the application due to inadequate plans and the lack of detail.</p> <p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the above observations.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Rowley.</p> <p>14.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> P/2026/0075 - Installation of in-vessel composting (IVC) facility and associated development at Befesa Fenns Bank</p> <p>The Council discussed the application; it was established that there are a lot of documents associated with the application which need to be compared to the consultation documents. The majority of Cllrs were opposed to the application.</p> <p>Cllr Martin has made enquiries with the Chairman of WCBC Planning Committee and is due to speak with the head of WCBC Planning Department.</p> <p>The Council is to form a working party to look at the application in more detail; to contact neighbouring parish councils, community councils, town councils and local MPs to request their support due</p>		

	<p>to the impact the proposed development will have on the local and neighbouring areas. A website is to be set up to keep residents informed.</p> <p>The Clerk is to request an extension from WCBC to submit the Council's observations.</p> <p>14.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> Granted:- P/2025/0887 - Drury Lane Cottage, Drury Lane, Tybroughton P/2025/0945 - Tyddyn, Higher Lanes, Iscoyd</p>
15- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	There was no consideration of this item.
16- Roads Working Group	There was no consideration of this item.
17- Barry Barlow Play Area	<p>Update:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Martin has completed and submitted the application form to apply for the balance of the grant from Cadwyn Clywd. - An order has been placed for fifty bags of bark. - The play area is currently out of action due to water logged ground. - The Council discussed drainage options for the site – Cllrs Martin and Rowley are to visit the owners of the land located next to the play area to discuss options.
18- Community Room	<p><u>Donations:-</u></p> <p>Money raised at the Christmas events is to be donated to Nightingale House and Higher Wych School Charity.</p> <p>A total of £150.00 was raised at the January coffee morning are to be donated to the North Wales Air Ambulance. The Council is to add £100.00 making it a total of £250.00.</p> <p>The Council discussed the causes for 2026:-</p> <p>February - Bronington School Musical Fund (supported by the Higher Wych Charity)</p> <p>March - Bronington Friendship Club</p> <p>April – tba</p> <p>May – tba</p> <p>June – tba</p> <p>July – tba</p> <p>August – tba</p> <p>September – tba</p> <p>October - Bronington Friendship Club</p> <p>November – Guide Dogs</p> <p>December – tba</p> <p>Cllr Norris suggested that the Council support the 'Toads on Roads' campaign in Iscoyd by way of purchasing equipment and refreshments.</p>
19- Street Furniture	<p>19.1 <u>Bench:-</u> Arrangements are in progress for the bench to be installed.</p> <p>19.2 <u>Noticeboard for Whitewell:-</u> Cllr Clarke is due to obtain quotes for a replacement board and provide both wood and metal options.</p>
20- Defibrillators	Cllr Norris advised she has checked the 'used by' dates for pads and batteries for the Iscoyd defibrillator which are due to expire on 23/04/26 –

	she has contacted the North Wales Ambulance service regarding replacements.
21- Email Address	This item was deferred.
22- To receive updates from outside organisations	There was no consideration of this item.
23- Any Other Ward Business	To receive any updates from the Wards:- <u>Tybroughton:-</u> - Nothing to report. <u>Iscoyd:-</u> - Manhole cover:- Cllr Clarke reported that the gullies have been emptied and the manhole cover that was removed has not been reinstated. The Clerk is to report to Highways. - Junction of A525 and A495:- Cllr Swinden reported the poor state of the road especially the A525 into Whitchurch. The Clerk is to report to Highways. - Potholes:- Cllr Clarke reported there are 25 potholes of varying degrees from Border Cottage to Mannings Lane. The Clerk is to report to Highways. <u>Bronington:-</u> - Nothing to report.
Part Two	
1. Press and Public	Resolved:- The Council agreed to exclude the press and members of the public as the items to be discussed relate to employee matters. Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Norris.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm