



Bronington Community Council

serving the wards of Iscoyd, Bronington and Tybroughton

Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council held at Whitewell Parish Rooms on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden. The Clerk. One member of the public attended part of the meeting.
1- Apologies	Cllrs Anna Edwards, Robert Millington, Mark Watson.
2- Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously. <i>Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.</i>
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 Wednesday 18th February 2026. Proposed by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Hill.
6- Matters Arising	There was no consideration of this item.
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.
8- Training Plan	Cllr Lindsay informed the meeting about the finance session she attended and made the suggestion that the Council start to consider their budget for the next financial year in November.
9- Ramp Request	Cllr Martin spoke to the meeting about the request received from Bronington School towards funding a ramp to the rear of the Community Room. Both he and Cllr Swinden are due to meet with the headteacher on Friday to discuss this and other safety issues. He went to explain the criteria for the Pride in Place funding and how it is available to Councils in Wrexham; £22k is available in the 2025 / 26 financial year and a further £22k is available in the 2026 / 27 financial year. The application has to be submitted by 30 th April and is to be used for community indoor and public outdoor spaces. He suggested that some of the funding could go towards creating more use of the Community Room for parishioners as a hub for various activities. Cllr Clarke suggested that the funds could be used to provide community transport.
10- Bronington School Community Council Representative	Cllr Swinden informed the meeting that he has stepped down as a school governor therefore the Council need to appoint a new representative. This will be done at the May meeting. The Council formally thanked Cllr Swinden for services as governor.
11- Accounts	11.1 <u>Financial Year 2025 – 2026:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1 st March 2026 is as follows:-

Lloyds Current Account £30,229.07

11.3 Payments:-

To approve the following payments:-

Chq	Payee	Amount
Online	Running Costs	£ 74.45
Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Feb 26)	£ 62.80
Online	Online Playgrounds (replacement seats BBPA)	£274.80
Online	HMRC quarter 4	£ 27.06
Online	Cllr Beddow - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Clarke - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Edwards - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Hill - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 – 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Lindsay - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Martin - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Millington - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Norris - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Swinden - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Cllr Rowley - Cllr Expenses Payment 25 - 26	£156.00
Online	Reimburse Cllr Martin	£171.48

Cllr Evans and Cllr Watson declined the Cllr expenses payment for the 2025 – 26 financial year,

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Receipts:-

Grant received from Cadwyn Clywd £14,682.00

Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.

Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Norris.

12. Annual Audit

The Council is due to have a full audit this year.

13- Grant Application Process

The notice has been placed on the noticeboards and website.

14- Annual Report

A working party made up of Cllrs Martin, Clarke and Lindsay will prepare the Annual Report for 2025 – 26, this is to be presented at the May meeting to the Council.

15- Planning

15.1 Applications Received:-

P/2026/0075 - Installation of in-vessel composting (IVC) facility and associated development at Befesa Fenns Bank

The Working Party made up of Cllrs Martin, Lindsay, Swinden and Beddoe is currently going through the application in more detail along with residents. They will present a report prior to the next meeting for the Council to consider and agree prior to submission. The Clerk has requested an extension from WCBC to submit the Council's observations.

15.2 New Applications Received:-

None received

	15.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> Granted:- P/2025/0881 - 4 Old Farm Close New Hall Lane Bronington
16- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	There was no consideration of this item.
17- Roads Working Group	There was no consideration of this item.
18- Barry Barlow Play Area	Update:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Martin updated the meeting about the drainage and water levels at the site. Once works have taken place the bark will be put in place. - The replacement seats for the swings have arrived; Cllr Martin is to install an anti bird device to prevent bird droppings onto the swings. - Both the seesaw and bench are currently being renovated.
19- Community Room	Cllr Martin informed the meeting about the coffee mornings including the Bake Off competition taking place later this month. The Council are to invite feedback at the next coffee mornings. It was noted that over £10.5k in donations has been raised since the coffee mornings started. Resolved: - The Council agreed to donate 50% funds raised to Bronington friends and 50% to the Bradbury Centre from funds raised at the March coffee morning. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.
20- Street Furniture	20.1 <u>Bench:-</u> Arrangements are in progress for the bench to be installed. 20.2 <u>Noticeboard for Whitewell:-</u> Cllr Martin has purchased new magnetic pins for the Bronington noticeboard. The Council discussed details for a replacement noticeboard at Whitewell. Cllr Clarke is due to obtain quotes for the Council to consider. The Council discussed about both the local churches connections and inclusivity with the local community.
21- Defibrillators	Cllr Norris is in the process of contacting the North Wales Ambulance service regarding replacement batteries and pads for the Iscoyd defibrillator. The guardian for the Whitewell defibrillator has advised that the batteries and pads are due to expire. The Clerk has contacted Atrium to enquire about replacement parts and been advised that the model is now obsolete and the parts are no longer available. The Clerk is to make enquiries with alternative suppliers for replacement parts. The Council discussed what action to take should they not be able to replace the parts. Resolved: - In the event should it not be possible to source replacement parts the Council agreed for the Chaiman and the Clerk to place an order for a replacement defibrillator up to the value of £1,200.00 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Swinden.
22- Email Address	This item was deferred.

23.2- To receive updates from outside organisations	There was no consideration of this item.
24- Any Other Ward Business	<p>To receive any updates from the Wards:-</p> <p><u>Tybroughton:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report. <p><u>Iscoyd:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fallen Tree:- Cllr Clarke passed on concerns regarding a tree causing obstruction on a footpath and youths creating cycling jumps. Cllr Martin is to speak with Iscoyd Park regarding the matter. - Junction of A525 ((Wrexham bound on Whitchurch side before the turning for the A495):- poor state of the road is to be reported to Highways again. - Potholes:- The poor condition of the following roads are to be reported to Highways – Eglwys Cross to bottom bank at Lower Wych; Broomers Lane and Dury Lane. <p><u>Bronington:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm