



Bronington Community Council

serving the wards of Iscody, Bronington and Tybroughton

Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council held at Bronington Community Room on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 7.30 pm

Present	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Robert Millington, Cllrs Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden. The Clerk. No members of the public attended.
1- Apologies	Cllr Mark Watson.
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Swinden declared a non-pecuniary in item 12.2 of the minutes as he is a trustee of Bronington Childrens Club.
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	Item 17 was amended from "A follow-up meeting is to be held next week with MP Andrew Ranger regarding speed limits on the A495. He will arrange a further meeting to discuss the request in more detail. Evidence will be required to support any request for a reduction in speed limits, including records of accidents since 2001 and documented concerns raised by residents." To "Following the recent A495 site meeting with Andrew Ranger MP initiated by Charles and Diane Nunnerley a meeting of councillors and residents heard feedback from the meeting and discussed next steps to renew efforts to tackle speeding issues on the A495. Evidence will be required to support any request for a reduction in speed limits, including records of accidents since 2021 and clear indication of residents' concerns. There will be a further meeting of the group next week." Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes with the above amendment of the Business Meeting held on 20th May 2026. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Millington. Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20th May 2026. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Millington.
6- Matters Arising	The Clerk has written to the headteacher of Bronington primary school to advise that at the present time no councillors volunteered to be nominated for the role of Community Council governor and that it may wish to consider putting forward a councillor as a candidate in the future.
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.
8- Training Plan	Cllr Lindsay is to update the training plan.
9- Internal	Policies and Procedures

Procedures	9.1 <u>Standing Orders:-</u> Resolved:- The Council agreed to update the Standing Order to include the Community Council Training Plan policy. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Norris. 9.2 <u>Biodiversity Report:-</u> Resolved:- The Council agreed to adopt the BCC Biodiversity Report dated June 2026. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Clarke.																														
10- Accounts	10.1 <u>Financial Year 2026 – 2027:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1st June 2026 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £29,365.96 10.2 <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>£ 110.56</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Little Red Tractor Company (Apr 26)</td><td>£ 262.80</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>HMRC quarter 1</td><td>£ 70.07</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>One Voice Wales (training)</td><td>£ 44.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>GRANT:- St Marys Parochial Church</td><td>£1,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>GRANT:- Bronington Church</td><td>£ 800.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Coffee morning donation:- North Wales Air Ambulance (Jan)</td><td>£ 250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Coffee morning donation:- Higher Wych Charity (Feb)</td><td>£ 290.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Coffee morning donation:- Bronington Children's Club (Apr)</td><td>£ 330.00</td></tr></table> The Clerk’s salary was paid by standing order. <u>Receipts:-</u> None received Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Millington.	Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 110.56	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Apr 26)	£ 262.80	Online	HMRC quarter 1	£ 70.07	Online	One Voice Wales (training)	£ 44.00	Online	GRANT:- St Marys Parochial Church	£1,000.00	Online	GRANT:- Bronington Church	£ 800.00	Online	Coffee morning donation:- North Wales Air Ambulance (Jan)	£ 250.00	Online	Coffee morning donation:- Higher Wych Charity (Feb)	£ 290.00	Online	Coffee morning donation:- Bronington Children's Club (Apr)	£ 330.00
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11. Annual Audit	With regard to the information requested by the external auditor as part of the full audit, including a bookings diary for the Community Room and a schedule of room hire charges, Cllr Martin advised the meeting that no formal bookings diary is maintained. Instead, he keeps a record of the regular groups that use the Community Room. The meeting noted that the Community Room is currently subsidised by the Council and is made available to local community groups free of charge. For private and commercial bookings, a standard hire charge of £15.00 per hour applies. Resolved:- Councillors agreed to approve the following:- 12.1 The Annual Governance Statement with respect to the Council’s accounting statements for the year ended 31st March 2026.																														

	Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Evans. 12.2 The Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2026 (including Explanation of Year on Year Variance, Fixed Assets and Allocation of Closing Balance). Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Evans.
12- Grant Application Process	12.1 The Council considered the request received from Bronington School for a £300.00 donation towards transport cost. Resolved: - Councillors agreed to award £300.00 grant to Bronington School towards transport costs. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Clarke. 12.2 The Council considered the breakdown of the request made for the grant application from Bronington Children's Club. Resolved: - Councillors agreed to award the following grant to Bronington Children's Club - £459.74 Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Clarke.
13- Annual Report	The Annual Report for 2025 – 26 is to be circulated to the Council and published on the website.
14- Planning	Planning 14.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> P/2025/0949 – conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling at Lodge Cottage Drury Lane Tybroughton Resolved: - Councillors agreed not to make any observations. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Millington. 14.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> No new Planning Applications have been received. 14.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> Granted:- P/2026/0210 - Lodge Cottage Drury Lane Tybroughton 14.4 <u>Bronington Against Waste Facility:-</u> Cllr Martin agreed to prepare and circulate a draft response for the Council's consideration. The response will address the following concerns: - Non-compliance with the proximity principle. - The potential adverse impact on nearby residential properties. - Increased traffic movements along the narrow access road serving the proposed site. - The potential impact on the nearby mosses and surrounding environment. - The effect of the development on biodiversity and local wildlife habitats. - The risk of groundwater contamination and any subsequent impact on nearby watercourses. - The fact that the proposed development would operate as an open site, unlike other Veolia facilities which are fully enclosed.
15- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	The Clerk informed Cllrs of the quotations received for Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) to be installed on the A495 and A525, similar to those recently installed in Whitchurch. Cllrs noted that the Council would be responsible for the installation costs of the signs.

	The Clerk is to carry out the following actions: • Clarify with Elan City the expected six-month battery lifespan and the cost of replacement batteries. • Contact WCBC regarding the permissions required for the installation of the VAS. • Request that WCBC relocate the existing pole on the A495 and install a new pole on the A525 at The Chequer. • Enquire with WCBC regarding the installation arrangements and associated requirements for the VAS.
16- Roads Working Group	Cllr Martin informed the meeting that work is ongoing to obtain records of road traffic accidents since 2021. A petition is also being prepared for submission to WCBC in support of the Council's formal request. It was further noted that Andrew Ranger MP will be approached to provide a letter of support for the proposal.
17- Barry Barlow Play Area	17.1 <u>Update:-</u> The Council discussed concerns regarding grass cuttings at the play area, which are not currently being collected and are considered to present a potential hazard. Additional issues raised included bird droppings on the newly installed play equipment and overflowing litter bins. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the grounds maintenance contractor to request the removal of the grass cuttings. Cllr Martin also agreed to investigate the purchase and installation of appropriate bird deterrents for the play area. 17.2 <u>ROSPA:-</u> The Council noted that an order has been placed with ROSPA for both the accompanied annual play area inspection and the post-installation inspection of the recently installed play equipment. The inspections are scheduled to take place in June. The total cost of the inspections is £407.00.
18- Higher Wych School Charity	Resolved:- The Council agreed to nominate Cllr Clarke as the Council's representative for the Higher Wych School Charity. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Norris.
19- Community Room	19.1 <u>Updates:-</u> To receive update 19.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> Cllr Martin informed the meeting that a total of £1,490.00 has been raised due to coffee morning donations so far in 2026 and donated to local organisations. Donations raised to date included as below:- January - North Wales Air Ambulance (£150 plus £100 match fund) February - Higher Wych Charity (£190 plus £100 match fund) March - Bronington Friendship Club (£130 plus £50 match fund) March - Bradbury Centre (£130 plus £50 match fund) April - Bronington Children's Club May - Nightingale House Hospice June – tbc July – tbc August – tbc September – tbc

	October – Bronington Friendship Club November – Guide Dogs December – tbc A list of the specific projects for future coffee mornings is to be published. 19.3 <u>Expansion Project:-</u> Cllr Martin provided an update on the recent meeting held with the school to discuss the project. An application for grant funding has been submitted to WCBC to support the proposed expansion of the Community Room. Cllrs noted that, should the grant application be successful, there will be a limited timeframe for delivery of the project. Cllr Martin agreed to act as Project Manager to oversee the works. The Council also considered the proposal to seek funding for a community minibus. It was agreed to defer any funding application at this stage, noting that approximately £100,000 would be required to deliver the project. 19.4 <u>Room Hire:-</u> See item 11 regarding room hire rates.
20- Street Furniture	20.1 <u>Bench:-</u> The bench has now been installed. 20.2 <u>Noticeboard for Whitewell:-</u> Cllr Martin informed the meeting that he will be responsible for maintaining the noticeboard in Bronington and ensuring that relevant notices are displayed. Cllr Clarke has similarly agreed to do the same for the noticeboard in Whitewell.
21- Defibrillators	The Council noted that the two replacement defibrillators for Whitewell Parish Rooms and Bronington School have been delivered. Andrew Watts has installed the unit at Whitewell; Cllr Martin is due to meet with him to install the replacement defibrillator at Bronington. Cllr Norris is to provide the Clerk with details of the required batteries and pads for the defibrillator at Iscoyd to enable quotations to be obtained. The Clerk reported that discussions have been ongoing with Andrew Watts regarding the arrangement of defibrillator training sessions to be delivered by First Responders.
22- Email Address	22.1 <u>Website:-</u> The Clerk presented quotations received from Then Media for the development of a new Council website and the provision of individual email addresses for Councillors. It was agreed that Councillors would review a selection of other local authority websites for preferred layouts for consideration in the design of the new website. 22.1 <u>Email Addresses:-</u> See above.
23- To receive updates from	There was no consideration of this item.

outside organisations	
24- Any Other Ward Business	24.1 <u>Redbook Maelor:-</u> The tourism noticeboard in the layby has been damaged again; the Clerk is to report this to WCBC. 24.2 <u>Iscoyd War memorial:-</u> Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the oak tree at the memorial. It was agreed that Cllr Martin would make enquiries to establish ownership of the land before any works are considered.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm