



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 19th August 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Robert Millington, Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Mark Watson. The Clerk. One member of the public attended the meeting. Two members of the public attended part of the meeting. Cllr Martin advised that the meeting was being recorded.
1- Apologies	Cllr Steve Swinden.
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in item 11.1.4 as she is a neighbour to the applicant.
3- Police Update	No police report has been received. <i>Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.</i>
4- Open Forum	4.1 <u>Penley Community Hospital Consultation:-</u> Dr Redmond spoke to the meeting in his capacity as GP at Hanmer Surgery and as a Hanmer Community Councillor regarding the Penley Community Hospital Consultation. There are three options:- • A NHS led Integrated Health and Well Being Hub • A Third sector-led Health and Well Being Hub • Services in the Community. He encouraged the Council to support the second option and to work with neighbouring community councils when considering the Council's formal response to the consultation. 4.2 <u>Planning Application P/2026/0493:-</u> A resident spoke to the meeting to explain their proposed plans in relation to planning application P/2026/0493. This included visibility and reduction in the height of the hedging. Cllrs raised concerns regarding the accuracy of parts of the application
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on 22nd July 2026. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.
6- Matters Arising	6.1 <u>Oak Tree at Iscody War memorial:-</u> Cllr Rowley has inspected the condition of the oak tree at the memorial and advised that work is required. Cllr Martin is to contact Philip Godsall as the tree appears to be on land that is part of the Iscody Estate. 6.2 <u>New Hall Farm:-</u> Concerns raised at the July meeeting have been passed onto Planning

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7- Corres.	List previously circulated.									
8- Training Plan	There were no updates.									
9- Accounts	9.1 <u>Financial Year 2026 – 2027:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1st August 2026 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £24,952.30 9.2 <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 / additional hours worked</td><td>£ 96.06</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 26)</td><td>£ 262.80</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 Norris and seconded by Cllr Rowley. 9.3 <u>External Audit:-</u> The Clerk informed the meeting that the audit file has been submitted to Audit Wales, the external auditor, for the triennial audit.	Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs / additional hours worked	£ 96.06	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 26)	£ 262.80
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10. Annual Reports	Cllr Martin is due to circulate the Annual Report for 2025 – 26 to Councillors.									
11- Planning	Planning 11.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> 11.1.1 P/2026/0478 – single storey rear extension, widening of access and erection of boundary wall to front at Ashgrove, School Lane, Bronington Resolved: - The Council agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Hill. 11.1.2 P/2026/072 – amended plans - two storey side extension, single storey extension, alterations to roof including loft conversion and dormers to front and rear at Villa Kontich, Tybroughton Resolved:- The Council noted that the applicant appears to have taken account of the concerns that were previously raised by the Council. The revised proposals were considered to be more sympathetic to the character and appearance of the neighbouring properties and the surrounding area, and are more in keeping with the local vernacular and rural character of the locality. The Council therefore has no further objections to the revised proposal. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Hill. 11.1.3 P/2026/0466 – One Planet Wales development comprising of the erection of a dwelling, two buildings, two polytunnels, ancillary									

	agricultural structures and alterations to access at Land West of Lower Lanes Farm, Lower Wych Resolved:- The Council does not support this application and raised the following concerns: • The proposed development is located on a greenfield site which has not previously been developed or contained any buildings and is opposed to the principle of introducing such a substantial development into this undeveloped rural location. • The scale, design and appearance of the proposed buildings are out of keeping with the character of the neighbouring properties and do not reflect the local vernacular or the traditional rural character of the surrounding area. • The proposed development would have a significant visual and landscape impact and would adversely affect the rural character and openness of the site and its surroundings. • The approval of the application could set a precedent for further development of a similar nature in this rural location, and destroy the area's rural character. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Hill. 11.1.4 P/2026/0493 – alterations to existing vehicular access and construction of parking / manoeuvring area at Land Off Ellesmere Road, Bronington Resolved:- The Council objects to the application on the grounds that the proposed width of the vehicular access is considered excessive and unnecessary to provide a safe entrance to the field. The Council also has concerns regarding the visibility and safety of the proposed access, particularly given the speed of vehicles travelling along the A495. The Council suggests that consideration be given to relocating the access further towards Redbrook Maelor, where visibility is considered to be better and would therefore provide a safer means of access to the site. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Hill. The Council noted that that the applicant of planning application P/2026/0493 has submitted a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. As this concerns an alleged breach of the Members' Code of Conduct, the Council will not seek to determine or investigate the complaint and will await any formal notification or request for information from the Ombudsman. 11.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> No new Planning Applications have been received. 11.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> None received.
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	11.4 <u>Bronington Against Waste Facility:-</u> Cllr Martin is in the process of drafting the Council's response and advised that the Council may hold a further extraordinary meeting to formally consider the proposed response.
12- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	Cllrs are to make a site visit to establish the preferred locations. The W3W locations are to be submitted to WCBC.
13- Roads Working Group	Cllr Martin informed the Council on progress with the petition seeking a reduction in the speed limit on the A495 through Bronington.
14- Barry Barlow Play Area	<u>Update:-</u> The grounds maintenance contractor has advised there would be an additional charge to remove the grass cuttings at the play area. The Council is to prepare a list of required maintenance works for consideration at the next meeting, with a view to obtaining quotations for the works at the play area and other sites within the three wards.
15- Community Room	15.1 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> Proposed future donations are as below:- August – no coffee morning September – Riding for the Disabled October – Bronington Friendship Club November – Guide Dogs December – tbc 15.2 <u>Expansion Project:-</u> Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding ongoing discussions with the school regarding the proposed expansion of the Community Room. Various matters need to be considered and formally agreed before progressing with work to all of the building. It was noted that, should an agreement not be reached with the school then the Council could proceed with planned improvements to the half of the building for which the Council already have an agreement.
16- Penley Community Hospital Consultation	The Council agreed to invite a representative to attend the next meeting to provide further information and to liaise with neighbouring Community Councils regarding a joint response.
17- Street Furniture	<u>Noticeboard for Whitewell:-</u> Cllr Martin informed the meeting of two quotes for a 3 panel oak, wooden noticeboard. Resolved:- The Council agreed to place an order with Acorn Noticeboards for a triple oak wooden noticeboard with a magnetic backing at a cost of £1850.00 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Clarke.
18- Defibrillators	Cllr Norris has arranged for the pads for the defibrillator at Iscoyd to be replaced and advised that the batteries need replacing. Cllrs Martin and Norris are to make a site visit to see what is required and the Clerk will then make arrangements to replace them.

19- Website and Email Addresses	Cllr Clarke is to look into setting up a new website and report back to the Council.
20- Remote Access	The Council considered the purchase of equipment to enable remote access to meetings for Councillors and members of the public. Resolved:- The Council agreed to place an order for an Owl Labs Meeting Owl 3 – 360 1080 HD Conference Room Camera at a cost of £940.00. The Council agreed in principle to purchase a laptop up to the value of £300.00 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Norris.
21- To receive updates from outside organisations	Higher Wych School Charity:- Cllr Clarke is due to attend a meeting in September.
22- Any Other Ward Business	22.1 <u>Parcel Deliveries:-</u> The Clerk advised that One Voice Wales had been contacted to establish whether other Community Councils were experiencing similar issues and whether any solutions had been identified. No response had been received. It was suggested that the Council could consider providing a secure storage locker for parcels. The cost of lockers varies depending on the type and specification. 22.2 <u>Road Signage:-</u> Cllr Millington reported that several road signs along the A495 between Redbrook Maelor and Welshampton are partially obscured by overhanging trees and hedges. The Clerk is to contact Ward Cllr Newton, and copy Cllr Millington, to raise the issue and establish what action can be taken. 22.3 <u>Highways:-</u> Concerns were raised regarding a dip in the road on the A525 at Redbrook Maelor; Cllr Millington is to send a photo to the Clerk so as it can be reported to WCBC. 22.4 <u>Brongington Shop:-</u> The Council agreed to write to the owners of the Brongington shop site to ask if they could share any update in response to residents' enquiries. 22.5 <u>Litter Picking:-</u> The Clerk is to write to WCBC to request litter picking equipment for the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm