



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 16th September 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Ian Rowley. The Clerk. Three members of the public attended part of the meeting. Cllr Martin advised that the meeting was being recorded.
1- Apologies	Cllrs Anna Edwards, Dave Evans, Robert Millington, Ethna Norris, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson
2- Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest made.
3- Police Update	The Police Report for July and August was previously circulated. It was noted that incidents affecting businesses are now included in the report. The Clerk is to clarify the location of the incident reported in Whitchurch. <i>Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.</i>
4- Open Forum	<u>Penley Community Hospital Consultation:-</u> Ryan Welch, Lead Manager for Community Services, and Andy Rogers, Head of Corporate Communications, gave a presentation to the meeting regarding the formal public consultation on the future of services at Penley Community Hospital.
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on 19th August 2026. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Hill.
6- Matters Arising	6.1 <u>Oak Tree at Iscoyd War memorial:-</u> Cllr Martin is to contact Philip Godsall regarding the tree. 6.2 <u>New Hall Farm:-</u> Planning Enforcement have responded to the concerns raised.
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.
8- Training Plan	There were no updates.
9- Complaints Procedure	Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding the recent complaint that was made to the ombudsman; he advised that no further action is to be taken. Resolved:- That the Council agree to adopt the revised Complaints Procedure as previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Hill.
10- Grant Request	The Council considered a grant request received from Whitewell Art Group towards running costs and visiting tutors. Resolved:- That the Council award a grant of £350.00 to Whitewell Art Group. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.

11- Equipment Purchase	The Council considered the purchase of voice recorder. Resolved:- That the Council reimburse Cllr Swinden for the sum of £169.00 in respect of a voice recording equipment. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Clarke.																																				
12- Accounts	9.1 <u>Financial Year 2026 – 2027:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 13st 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>£ 35.50</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 26)</td><td>£ 262.80</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>HMRC PAYE</td><td>£ 51.98</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Cllr S Swinden Reimburse costs of recorder</td><td>£ 169.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>R Richardson Reimburse meeting equipment</td><td>£ 940.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Cllr S Swinden Reimburse BAWF costs</td><td>£ 239.51</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Acorn Noticeboards Noticeboard for Whitewell</td><td>£2,340.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Coffee morning donation:- Nightingale Hospice</td><td>£ 260.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Coffee morning donation:- Rainbow Foundation</td><td>£ 220.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Coffee morning donation:- Chariotts</td><td>£ 230.00</td></tr><tr><td>Online</td><td>Whitewell Parish Rooms room hire</td><td>£ 30.00</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 Hill and seconded by Cllr Clarke.	Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs / additional hours worked	£ 35.50	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 26)	£ 262.80	Online	HMRC PAYE	£ 51.98	Online	Cllr S Swinden Reimburse costs of recorder	£ 169.00	Online	R Richardson Reimburse meeting equipment	£ 940.00	Online	Cllr S Swinden Reimburse BAWF costs	£ 239.51	Online	Acorn Noticeboards Noticeboard for Whitewell	£2,340.00	Online	Coffee morning donation:- Nightingale Hospice	£ 260.00	Online	Coffee morning donation:- Rainbow Foundation	£ 220.00	Online	Coffee morning donation:- Chariotts	£ 230.00	Online	Whitewell Parish Rooms room hire	£ 30.00
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13. External Audit	Audit Wales, the external auditor, has requested an explanation of variances to enable them to complete the external audit (this had been sent to them with the file).																																				
14. Annual Reports	Cllr Martin is due to circulate the draft Annual Report for 2025 – 26 to Councillors.																																				
15- Planning	15.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> P/2026/0496 – erection of summer house / garden room at Stimmey Farm, Ellesmere Road, Bronington Resolved: - The Council agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Martin. P/2026/0586 - Erection of orangery at Waenreef Farm Tybroughton Resolved: - The Council agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Martin. 15.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> No new Planning Applications have been received. 15.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> Granted:-																																				

	P/2026/0210 - Lodge Cottage Drury Lane Tybroughton P/2025/0949 - Lodge Cottage Drury Lane Tybroughton 15.4 <u>Bronington Against Waste Facility:-</u> Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding the permit situation for the proposed site.
16- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding the existing pole locations on the A525 and A495 for the proposed Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), confirming that the poles do not need to be relocated. The Clerk is to contact Ward Cllr Newton and WCBC to confirm the suitability of the proposed VAS locations prior to placing the order. Resolved:- Subject to approval from WCBC, the Clerk is authorised to place an order with Elan City for two solar-powered Radar Speed Signs at a total cost of £4,678.98 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Clarke.
17- Roads Working Group	Cllr Martin updated the meeting of progress with the petition seeking a reduction in the speed limit on the A495 through Bronington. He has prepared a log of accidents over the past five years to support the request.
18- Barry Barlow Play Area	The Clerk is to prepare a list of the maintenance works for consideration at the next meeting.
19- Community Room	19.1 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> Proposed future donations are as below:- September – Riding for the Disabled October – Bronington Friendship Club November – Guide Dogs December – tbc 19.2 <u>Expansion Project:-</u> Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding the proposed expansion of the Community Room he informed the meeting that the deadline for funding has been missed due to various issues which need to be resolved with the school before the project can progress. The Clerk is to prepare a list of financial support made by the Council to the school over the past 10 years.
20- Penley Community Hospital Consultation	The Council considered their response to the Consultation: Response to the Future of Health and Well Being Services in Penley.
21- Street Furniture	Noticeboard for Whitewell:- An order has been placed with Acorn Noticeboards for a triple oak wooden noticeboard with a magnetic backing. A revised proof is due.
22- Defibrillators	Cllr Martin has made arrangements to replace the batteries at the Iscoyd defibrillator. The new defibrillator has now been installed at Bronington and the old model is located at Redbrook Maelor.
23- Website and Email Addresses	Cllr Clarke updated the meeting regarding proposals for the design of the new Council website.
24- Remote Access	The order is due to be placed for equipment to enable remote access to meetings.

25- Christmas	The Council considered and agreed the following arrangements – - To hold two Santa runs on either side of the A525 - To hold Christmas coffee morning in Bronington The dates are to be decided at the October meeting.
26- Dates and Venues for 2027 Meetings	The Council agreed to hold 2027 meetings – Wednesday 20th January – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 17th February – Bronington Community Room Wednesday 17th March – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 21st April – Bronington Community Room Wednesday 19th May – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 16th June – Bronington Community Room Wednesday 21st July – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 18th August - Bronington Community Room Wednesday 15th September – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 20th October – Bronington Community Room Wednesday 17th November – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 15th December - Bronington Community Room
27- To receive updates from outside organisations	There was no consideration of this item.
28- Any Other Ward Business	Signage:- The 'Slow – Horses' road signs have now been installed. Potholes:- The Dragon Patcher is due to carry out pothole repairs within the ward.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm