Bronington Community Council
serving the wards of Iscoyd, Bronington and Tybroughton

Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council held at the Community Room, rear of Bronington School on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 7.30 pm

Present	Cllrs Sharon Beddow, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay (vice Chairperson), Robert Millington, Ethna Norris, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson. The Clerk. One member of the public attended part of the meeting.
1- Apologies	Cllrs Ben Martin, Ian Rowley.
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Swinden declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17.3 as he is Chairman of the School Governors.
3- Police Update	The Police Report for September was previously circulated. The clerk is to enquire as to whether rural crimes are included in the crime statistics to ask about the four items that do not have any description on the report. *Residents are advised to report any suspicious activity to the police.*
4- Open Forum	A resident spoke to the meeting regarding a request for an update on the petition for the speed reduction on the A495.
5- Adoption of the minutes	**Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on 16th September 2026.** **Proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Hill.**
6- Matters Arising	The Council's response to the Penley Hospital consultation has been submitted.
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.
8- Training Plan	Cllr Clarke is booked to attend the IT, Social Media and Website training session.
9- Donation for Poppy Wreath	The Council considered the donation to made for the poppy wreath **Resolved:- That the Council agree to make a donation of £150.00 to the Royal British Legion for the poppy wreaths.** **Proposed by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Watson.**
10- Accounts	10.1 Financial Year 2026 – 2027:- The reconciled bank balance as at 30th September 2026 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 31,074.40 10.2 Payments:- To approve the following payments:-

Chq	Payee	Amount
Online	Running Costs / additional hours worked	£ 72.01
Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Sep 26)	£ 262.80

	Online	GRANT:- Whitewell Art Group	£ 350.00
	Online	Acorn Workshop (noticeboard)	£2,400.00
	Online	Amazon (OWL)	£ 909.99
	Online	Certis (BAWF consultation)	£ 425.00
	Online	DONATION:- Royal British Legion	£ 150.00

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Receipts:-

Precept:- £ 8,874.67

Coffee morning:- £410.00

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

Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Millington.

10.3 Budget to Date:-

The Council received and noted the budget to date as at 30th September 2026

10.4 Payments:- To consider the following payments for the current financial year April 2026 – March 2027:-

Resolved: - Councillors agreed to pay Richard Chorley £300.00 towards the upkeep of the Bronington War Memorial.

Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Watson.

11. External Audit	Audit Wales, the external auditor, has yet to complete the external audit.
12. Annual Reports	This item was deferred.
13- Planning	13.1 Applications Received:- P/2026/0598 - Demolition of existing single storey extensions and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at Greenfield Kennels Chapel Lane Bronington **Resolved: - The Council agreed to support the application.** **Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Evans.** 13.2 New Applications Received:- No new Planning Applications have been received. 13.3 Decisions:- Granted:- P/2026/0311 - The Cottage Little Green, Bronington P/2026/0072 - Villa Kontich, Tybroughton P/2026/0478 - Ashgrove, School Lane, Bronington 13.4 Bronington Against Waste Facility:- The Council's comments have yet to be submitted.
14- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	The Clerk has contacted Ward Cllr Newton to request that he clarify with WCBC to confirm the suitability of the proposed VAS locations and the proposed model prior to placing the order. WCBC has confirmed the locations are suitable and have yet to advise regarding the model. The VAS's are to be sited at the following locations:- - on the A525 at the far end of the Chequer; - on the A495 at the Welshampton end.
15- Roads Working	Cllr Lindsay updated the meeting of progress with the petition seeking a

Group	reduction in the speed limit on the A495 through Bronington:- over 200 signatures have been obtained; there is a record of 26 accidents over the past six years. The information to support the request is due to be submitted to MP Andrew Ranger next week.
16- Barry Barlow Play Area	The Clerk has prepared a list of the maintenance works for the BBPA, war memorial at Iscoyd and the bus shelter. This has been confirmed by LRTC. The Council discussed whether to chose three local companies to quote for the works or to open out to tender for quotes. It was agreed to obtain three quotes from the following based on the specification circulated and to add that the grass cuttings are to be collected:- - Little Red Tractor Company - Ian Rowley (the Clerk is to clarify the situation with OVW as he is a community councillor) - Brian Taylor The Council agreed to consider the quotes at the December meeting.
17- Community Room	17.1 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> £139.00 was raised in donations at the September coffee morning for Riding for the Disabled; the Council is to contribute a further £100.00. 17.2 <u>Expansion Project:-</u> Cllrs Martin and Swinden have been putting quotes together for the proposed expansion of the Community Room; this has yet to be finalised and WCBC has requested further information before the project can progress.
18- Street Furniture	Noticeboard for Whitewell:- The new triple oak wooden noticeboard has been delivered; Cllr Evans is to contact Cllr Martin with regards to putting the noticeboard up.
19- Defibrillators	A training session is to be arranged in the spring.
20- Christmas	The Council considered an alternative to holding two Santa runs on either side of the A525 due to concerns about the lack of support last year. It was suggested that Santa visits the Christmas coffee morning in Bronington which is due to be held on Saturday 19th December and that the event be widely published on social media and flyers be sent to local primary schools. Cllr Evans is to provide the Christmas tree in Bronington and Cllr Swinden is to make arrangements to purchase lights for the tree.
21- Website and Email Addresses	Cllr Clarke advised the meeting that she is to attend a training session on website and social media which will help with the design of the new Council website. The Clerk is to contact OVW regarding the legal specification requirements for the website.
22- Remote Access	The equipment to enable remote access to meetings has arrived; Cllr Norris agreed to help set it up.
23- To receive updates from outside organisations	Higher Wych Trust: Cllr Clarke advised that a meeting had taken place, which she was unable to attend due to the timing of the meeting.

24- Any Other Ward Business	24.1 Gulleys:- request for WCBC to empty in Tybroughton. 24.2 Oak Tree at Iscoyd War memorial:-_Cllr Clarke is to contact Philip Godsall regarding the dangerous tree and request that it be cut back. 24.3 Overgrown Hedges:- The Clerk is to ask Ward Cllr Newton to contact Cllr Millington regarding the issue so as he can show the locations. 24.4 Overgrown Hedge:- Further information is to be provided regarding the hedge on Grange Road, Bronington. 24.5 Gulleys / Grids:- request to be sent to WCBC to empty the gulleys on the A495 from Nook Lane to School Lane. 24.5 Edward Fisher:- The Council noted the recent passing of Edward Fisher who sat on the Community Council; Cllr Watson is to represent the Council at his funeral.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm