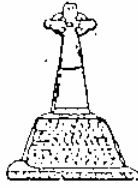


# BRYMBO



## CYNGOR CYMUNED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Bethan M Hughes Clerk and Financial Officer**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Present –Cllr A Birch (Chairman)

Brymbo Ward- Councillors J Clarke, M Liberatosciol, K Monti, L Prince, M Reston, P Rogers, S Rawlinson, and M Shone.

Tanyfron Ward- Councillor D Griffiths

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors M Jones and B Woodfine-Jones

Apologies- Councillors- D Davies and S Tilston

Police PCSO M Simster

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 2. POLICING

#### Crime Stats – Bwlchgwyn

Crime	Incidents
Burglary Dwelling	1 (On going theft of jewellery )
Harassment	

#### Crime Stats – Brymbo

Crime	Incidents
ASB Nuisance	3 (2 youth related, 1 – steelworks )
Burglary Dwelling	1 (1 Entry gained possibly via window left open )
BOTD	1 (Entry made nothing taken, no suspects identified)
Theft from vehicle	1 (fuel taken from vehicle on street – on going)
Theft Other	2 (1 on going theft of package outside property, 1 attempted entry, entry not gained)
Criminal Damage	3 (1 – removed fence slats undetected, 1 – fence damaged detected resolved by Community Justice youth related, 1 –

	<b>smashed window undetected reluctant witness)</b>
<b>Assault S.47</b>	<b>3 (person charged domestic related)</b>

### **Crime Stats – Tanyfron**

<b>Crime</b>	<b>Incidents</b>
<b>ASB Personal</b>	<b>1 (wing mirror on vehicle interfered with - undetected)</b>
<b>ASB Nuisance</b>	<b>1 (Noise nuisance at property – warning issued by council)</b>
<b>BOTD</b>	<b>1 (Attempted – garage offenders disturbed and ran off)</b>
<b>Theft from vehicle</b>	<b>10 (Between 16 and 26 Apr fuel was taken from vehicles by cutting pipes under vans. 1 wheel trim taken from vehicle)</b>
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	<b>3 (1 Damage to car, car tyres slashed, wing mirror damaged at social event)</b>
<b>Assault S.47</b>	<b>3 (All currently on-going. Young adult related, known offenders)</b>

Cllr Birch expressed his disappointment at the increased crime figures. Cllr Rogers told members that there had been 2 incidents of arson on the old steelworks site and an attempted burglary. He said that the landowner had a responsibility to secure the site and thanked PCSO Simster for all his efforts to resolve these issues. Cllr Birch seconded this. Cllr Liberatosciol advised members that PCSO Simster was also attending the residents meetings.

### **3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS**

Cllr Rogers reported that the Liaison committee and WCBC had agreed terms and there was no dispute with regards to the building of the spine road. Documents were waiting to be signed by the Welsh Minister and that was the only hold up. Once all documentation had been signed work could begin within weeks. He said that Andrew Foster was overseeing the construction of the spine road and it could take up to six months to complete. Cllr Liberatosciol asked if residents could be informed by way of letter as there would be some disruption. Cllr Rogers said that Brymbo Developments would do this. Cllr Shone asked if section 106 was still included in the spine road development. Cllr Rogers said that there was an agreement that it was, and if there was any surplus lands it was to go to the heritage site. Cllr Rogers said he had brought this up with the legal team and the wording was that the head of planning and the head of economic development would make recommendations subject to the agreement of the landowner. Cllr Rogers said that the grass cutting looked as if it was to be reduced in the future, however 2 cuts had been made and one full cut in the village. Other areas in the Borough had not yet had any. Cllr Rogers said that at a meeting that afternoon he believed a decision had been deferred on a decision for next year. Cllr Rogers told members that WCBC Communities first team along with the housing department, were planning to hold an Environmental day in Brymbo. A request had been made to the CC to contribute £100.00 towards the running of the day. Cllr Monti proposed, Cllr Reston seconded

that the CC part fund to the cost of £100.00 to assist with the event. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

Cllr Rogers told members that Tanyfron Community Centre would be undergoing changes in the next few months. The Clerk said she would book the next CC meeting for lodge Community Centre.

#### **4. CAMBRIAN HOUSE**

Cllr Monti said that he had opened up Cambrian House to the future owners in order that they could take details for insurance purposes. He said he had been advised that the sale could take approx. 6-8 weeks. Cllr Jones said that there had been a delay in obtaining documents; however this had now been resolved. She said that the solicitor would be drawing up the necessary documents during the week. Cllr Reston gave the Clerk a letter from HMRC to be kept on file, advising that the Community Council would not be liable for any taxes on the sale of the building.

#### **5. ROADS**

Members were told that there had been another incident on the link road. Cllr Shone said that a speed limit should be enforced there; however Cllr Rogers said that it was not a residential area. Cllr Shone said that Brymbo was one of the very few areas in the borough that had no traffic calming on the main routes around the village. Cllr Rogers said that WCBC were not pushing for new traffic calming measures to be implemented as there was no funding to maintain them. Cllr Liberatosciol said that there were never any speed cameras either around the area. Cllr Rogers said that the CC should write to Darren Williams at WCBC expressing concern that the national speed limit was not suitable. Cllr Shone said that other routes needed to be looked at and 20 mph needed to be enforced. The sign on Blast Road was to be moved.

#### **6. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS**

Cllr Griffiths said that Arriva buses were not keeping to their allocated route. He had phoned their Headquarters and made an official complaint. He was waiting to hear back from them. Cllr Rogers said he would also look into this.

Cllr Rogers said that he had received confirmation that the buses would not reverse as far as Mountain View and Sheppard Street. He said that he would be meeting with the owner of the bus company to discuss this further. Cllr Liberatosciol advised members that a petition from residents was to be started for a post box in the same area.

#### **7. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

Cllr Rogers said that the Lodge play area had been removed on the advice of WCBC who had health and safety issues with the equipment. There was no funding to replace it; however Cllr Rogers said he would be asking Martin Howorth of WCBC if the site could be improved with the addition of benches for parents. Cllr Monti said that there could be no argument with any health and safety issue.

#### **8. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING**

Cllr Rogers said that he had that day received an e-mail from the lighting dept. advising him that due to vandalism there had been damage to one of the lighting columns in Brymbo. He had received an estimated cost which was approx. £1150.00

& VAT. Members agreed that this would need to be fixed due to health and safety issues and authorised Cllr Rogers to advise the maintenance team to carry out the repairs.

Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that a problem with street lighting had arisen in Bwlchgwyn with a light that was not on the CC inventory and therefore not on the asset register. Members agreed that if the lighting column did not belong to BCC then WCBC had a duty to maintain and repair it. Cllr Rogers said that Cllr D Kelly could look into this if Cllr Woodfine-Jones consulted him about it.

## **9. WAR MEMORIAL**

No further information.

## **10. PLANNING**

LINK EXTENSION FROM DWELLING TO OUTBUILDING  
THE BARN PENTRE SAESON FARM BRYMBO ROAD BWLCHGWYN  
P/2014/0234-No observations

PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR EN-SUITE EXTENSION, NEW PORCH TO FRONT &  
REAR AND ALTERATIONS  
24 GREEN ROAD BRYMBO  
P/2014/0220-No observations

ERECTION OF 4 BEDROOM DETACHED DWELLING  
LAND ADJACENT TO AND SOUTH OF BRYN Y FFYNNON HOUSE BRYN Y  
FFYNNON ROAD BRYMBO  
P/2014/0238-No observations

NOTICE OF APPEAL  
SOUTHSEA ROAD SOUTHSEA  
PG/2011/00036

OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF DETACHED 3  
BEDROOM DWELLING AND ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL WORKS  
24 GREEN ROAD BRYMBO  
P/2014/0306-Concerns arose. Planning rep to contact WCBC.

## **11. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMTN 2013/2014**

The Clerk circulated the income and expenditure for the previous financial year. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that he understood that the next project would be for the village of Bwlchgwyn. The Clerk said that funds needed to be invested each year to build up the capital account in order for this to be realised. The funds had depleted over the last few years as no savings had been made and the MUGA in Tanyfron had been built. Funds had previously been set aside to pay for any upkeep of Cambrian House and these funds had been used. The CC had adopted an investment strategy at the last budget precept meeting and also increased the precept to cover any additional costs for Cambrian House. Cllr Rogers said that any future sale proceeds for Cambrian House needed to be looked at carefully and that the CC could not bind

itself at the present time to any future projects. Members said that Bwlchgwyn councillors would need to come up with a project for their village and members would discuss it at the time. Cllr Shone said that capital expenditure had to be spent on a capital project. Cllr Reston said that with the forthcoming funds for Cambrian House members should not make any rash decisions. Cllr Rogers said that in the past the CC had invested in big amenities, and that spending could not be made on amenities that the CC did not own. He said that it would be difficult to justify. Cllr Shone said that the capital fund account had to be spent on a specific project that the CC would own. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said he thought that the village of Bwlchgwyn was being treated unfairly, as the CC was not spending the same on it. Cllr Birch said that it was not the case at all but members were saying that a project would be looked at when it was brought before the CC. He said that it was justifiable that the next project would be in the village of Bwlchgwyn.

The Clerk told members that the Internal Audit report had been returned by JDH Business services. No issues had been raised. A guidance note had been included regarding payments. It was noted that if the CC were considering reviewing how payments were made, guidance could be sought from SLCC regarding new controls. The Clerk and Chairman signed the cash book and the Clerk gave out copies of the notice of audit and inspection period for putting in the noticeboards. The Annual return was presented to the Council and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk told members that she would be sending the Annual Return to the External Auditors before the end of the month.

## **12. BRYMBO.ORG WEBSITE**

Cllr Clarke said that the minutes were now online in date order. He asked why the twitter feed needed to be removed as it was popular with residents. Cllr Rogers said that any content on the website had to be sanctioned by the CC and this would be difficult with the twitter feed. Cllr Clarke asked if the Clerk could have the password and monitor all twitter input. Members agreed that this would be impossible to do.

## **13. CHAIRMANS CHAIN OF OFFICE**

Members were told that the chain of office was showing signs of wear and tear. It was agreed to obtain a quote and upon receipt of this members would discuss all options.

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR START UP GRANTS AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR LUNCH CLUBS –WCBC

PLAY FOR WALES

LETTER OF THANKS FROM FAMILY FRIENDS

**SPLASH COMMUNITY TRUST**-a letter had been received by the Clerk requesting a financial contribution towards the project. Plas Madoc was due to be closed and Splash Community trust was looking to save the leisure centre through raising funds. A request was made asking BCC to consider making a grant towards the re-opening of the facility. The trust asked if the CC would consider making a decision in principle, subject to the trust being successful.

Cllr Griffiths said it was a worthwhile cause and it was a disgrace that the centre was being forced to close. Cllr Shone said he thought it was a travesty and he thought that these decisions would be made more and more in the near future. He said

unfortunately, the CC had to increase the precept for the next financial year for the residents of the three villages, in order to deliver services and that if a decision was made to contribute, the CC would be setting a precedent. Cllr Rogers proposed that a decision be deferred until members were told if the trust had been successful in its venture. Cllr Griffiths seconded the proposal. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

## 15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2649	BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 08/04	20.00
2650	DEE VALLEY WATER CAM HSE	28.71
2651	SHERRATT BRONWENS GREEN	42.00
2652	TONY CROFTS WAR MEMORIAL B/G	125.00
2653	JONESLIGHTING MAINTENANCE	1028.65
2654	CAME & CO ANNUAL INS	4689.80
2655	CORONA ENERGY CAM HSE	114.47
2656	BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 11/03	20.00
2657	BRYMBO PLAY ASSOC. REP.CHEQUE	500.00
2658	WCBC RATES CAM HSE	182.00
2659	WCBC RATES CAM HSE	710.00
2660	B M HUGHES SALARY	480.44
2661	B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	9.40
2662	JDH BUSINESS SERVICES INT AUDIT	170.10
2663	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1024.55

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman