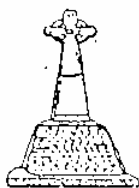


BRYMBO



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 9th DECEMBER 2014.

Present (Chairman) Cllr T Birch

Brymbo Ward- Councillors M Liberatosciol, K Monti, S Rawlinson, M Reston, P Rogers and M Shone,

Tanyfron Ward- Councillor D Davies

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors M Jones, S Tilston and B Woodfine-Jones

County Borough Councillor D Kelly

Apologies- Councillors- L Prince and D Griffiths

PCSO M Simster

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr S Tilston- Bwlchgwyn Community Hall

Cllr M Reston- Bronwens Green

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday November 11th 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. POLICING

Crime Stats – Bwlchgwyn

Crime	Incidents
Assault S47	2 (Youth related on-going)
Common Assault	1 (Youth related on-going)
Theft Other	1 (Motorcycle taken from property)
Criminal Damage	4 (3 youth related, 1 gate damaged)

Crime Stats – Brymbo

Crime	Incidents
ASB	4 (1 x motorcycle, 1 x Firework related youths, 2 adult/youngster related)
Alcohol Confiscation	1 (Youths found with alcohol)
Wounding	1 (Domestic related – 1 person charged)
Common Assault	2 (1x domestic related person arrested, 1 x domestic related historical)
BOTD	4 (Garages broken into on Offa and Dyke)

	Street – incidents are linked, motorcycles taken)
Theft Other	1 (Items taken from delivered parcel)
Criminal Damage	1 (Vehicle door handle tampered with/damaged)

Crime Stats – Tanyfron

Crime	Incidents
ASB Nuisance	3 (1 x youths with fireworks, 1 x youths throwing stones, 1 x cooking oil poured on vehicle)
Theft Other	1 (Purse taken at function)
BOTD	1 (Garage broken into items taken – on going)

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Rogers said that on Thursday 11th December 2014 a consultation event was taking place in the Enterprise Centre on behalf of the Heritage Group at 6.00 p.m. Cllr Kelly said that an accident had occurred at the junction of the Moors Inn. Concerns had been previously raised regarding this junction with a request for re-marking the road and illuminating signs. Cllr Kelly said that due to the accident statistics at this junction, traffic lights would now be installed which would be a safer option. Cllr Kelly said that he had received numerous complaints about signage being placed on the straight mile regarding the sale of Christmas trees. This was a cause for concern. Cllr Kelly said that he had attended a function at the Community Hall and this had been a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

4. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

The Clerk told members that she had spoken to the prospective buyer for Cambrian House and she was hopeful that contracts would be exchanged the following week.

5. ROADS

Cllr Rogers told members that the planned road closures on Mount Hill and Lodge had been postponed until the New Year after discussions with Brymbo Dev. and WCBC. He said he would like to thank Brymbo Dev. for taking on board the concerns of residents on this issue. He said there had been complaints about mud been spread through the village from the site, however action was being taken to rectify this. Cllr Monti said that an accident had occurred in the village and the cause of this could have been the debris on the road. Cllr Rogers said that he would be meeting with officers from Highways to discuss these issues. Cllr Rogers told members that Tanyfron Road was due to be re-surfaced during February half term. Offa Street was also being re-surfaced and Brymbo Road. Gwalia Road was being postponed until after the Spine road was completed. A consultation on the speed limit on the Link Road was due to start in January.

6. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

7 . PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

No further information.

8. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

Cllr Kelly said that there had been a few issues with street lighting on Fronheulog Hill in Bwlchgwyn. Cllr Tilston said he would address these. The Clerk would pass on the e-mail address of Jones Lighting to Cllr Tilston.

9. WAR MEMORIAL

No further information.

10. PLANNING

No planning applications had been received.

11. BRYMBO VACANCY

Two applications had been received for the vacant position. The Chairman read out both e-mails. Cllr Shone said that the CC had set a precedent by inviting members to a meeting and give a presentation. Cllr Rogers proposed that both candidates be invited to January's meeting to meet members and a vote would then be taken. Cllr Reston seconded this proposal. A vote was taken. There were 8 votes in favour. The motion was carried.

12. PRECEPT

The precept sub-committee had met prior to the monthly meeting. A copy of the agreed budget and expenditure up to November, for 2014/2015 had been circulated to all members with the Agenda & minutes. The following amendments to the individual budgets had been agreed. Audit fees to be increased from £650.00 to £700.00. A reduction to the Community Centre Contingency fund from £11000.00 to £2000.00 - this saving was to be set aside for the lighting budget which would then stand at £39600.00. Cambrian House budget was to stand as contracts had not been exchanged and members felt that this was to be safeguarded until confirmation had been received. The Clerk said that the Environmental Fund for Brymbo needed to be addressed as this would exceed its budget due to the maintenance of the play areas and costs for Bronwens Green. It was agreed that £1000.00 was to be taken from each of the Tanyfron and Bwlchgwyn funds and placed in the Brymbo fund. Member heard that the average tax base in Brymbo was approx. 1400; Tanyfron 350 and Bwlchgwyn 300. These amendments would take into consideration the figures for the three villages. The tax base for 2015/16 had increased from 1913 to 1943 and as a result this would bring in extra funds of £1536.00. Members agreed that this would also be put into the Environmental fund for Brymbo bringing the new total to £14436. Members also agreed to continue to fund Lodge Community centre by 50% on the understanding that Broughton CC agreed to fund the remaining 50%. Figures had been estimated at approx. £ 972.00. The Clerk told members that the management and maintenance of play areas could rise by the rate of inflation during the next financial year. The inflation figure for October 2014 was 1.3% therefore increasing the total amount by approx. £100.00. This was to be taken from the environmental funds as agreed the previous year. Cllr Woodfine-Jones proposed that members accept the recommendations of the precept sub-committee. This was seconded by Cllr Monti. The Clerk would write to confirm that the precept of £99533.60 would be requested by Brymbo CC with no increase in cost for the residents of the villages.

13. E-MAIL FROM MR DAVID JACKSON OF BWLCHGWYN

The Clerk read out an e-mail that had been sent to Cllr Melina Jones who had forwarded it to the Clerk. The e-mail consisted of accusations made by Mr Jackson towards Brymbo CC. It accused the CC of 'distancing themselves from the urgent need to find out who owned Bwlchgwyn CC', and 'it also held Brymbo CC negligent in its duties to the community by failing to pursue this matter with the utmost diligence'. It said that stepping back and washing its hands of the matter was not an option.

The Clerk circulated copies of the original deed for the land which had been provided by Cllr M Jones. The deed clearly said that the land had been deeded to Brymbo Parish Council and The Miners Welfare Fund in 1937. In 1939 Brymbo Parish Council entrusted the land to King George V Fields in Trust to be used for the sole purpose of recreation for the residents of Bwlchgwyn. Cllr Shone said that looking at the deed Brymbo Parish Council had, by entrusting the land to the Fields in Trust abdicated its responsibility and handed it to the trust. This would have been done with the approval of The Miners Welfare Fund. It had therefore resigned its trusteeship of the land. Brymbo Parish Council would therefore have no further control over this land after 1939. Cllr Shone said that if another authority decided to build on this land 40 years later this would be a matter between them and the Fields in Trust. The Clerk said that she had written to Rhodri Edwards of the Fields in Trust and telephoned him. She had requested confirmation that the land in question had been entrusted to Fields in Trust and that Brymbo Community Council would therefore not have any authority over what happened after 1939. The Fields in Trust would from then on be responsible for ensuring its future use as recreational land for the people of Bwlchgwyn. The clerk had received an e-mail to confirm receipt of her original request; however Mr Edwards would have to look at this further before providing an answer. The Clerk had not received an answer up to the day of the meeting. Members asked the Clerk to respond to Mr Jackson explaining the above.

14. BRONWENS GREEN

The Clerk had contacted the solicitor as requested at the previous meeting. The Clerk had received an answer. The e-mail stated - 'at the outset I should say that the trees do not belong to them (Mrs Ashworth). If the trees are unsafe it should be dealt with because now you are aware of the position then your insurance may be involved at some stage. If the land is insured I would contact your insurance company to advise them of unsafe trees to see whether they would be prepared to meet half the bill. If branches are overhanging it is a very technical trespass. He (Mrs Ashworth) has the right to cut overhanging branches.' The Clerk had requested a copy of the deed to the land and received an H M Land Registry deed from the solicitor with a plan attached. The land registry stated that 'it will forever maintain the existing fences along the boundaries of the property between the points marked A-B-C-D together with the existing gates at the points marked Y and Z on the plan attached to this transfer'. Cllr Shone produced a plan that he had, which he said showed that the trees were not within the land owned by the Community Council. He said that this meant the trees belonged to the Mrs Ashworth. Cllr Birch said that it was very difficult to prove ownership on any legal document as none were specific. Cllr Birch said that he was worried about the costs if one or more of these trees did fall down as this matter had been on-going for a few months and winter was now upon us. Cllr Monti proposed that the problem be sorted out as it needed addressing

urgently. Cllr Woodfine-Jones seconded the proposal and said that the trees needed to be made safe. Cllr Shone filed an amendment. He said it was pointless cutting the trees as they would grow back again. He proposed that if they were dangerous they should be removed completely, and a quote obtained for the value of the timber against the cost of the work. The Chairman said that the amendment should be dealt with first. He asked if there was a seconder for the amendment. There was none. The amendment therefore fell. A vote was taken on the original proposal by Cllr Monti. There were 7 votes in favour and 1 against. The motion was carried. Cllr Monti said he would speak to Mrs Ashworth about the work needed and obtain a quote.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

SHELTER CYMRU LETTER OF THANKS
 NOTIC OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2015-2020
WREXHAM ADULT SOCIAL CARE DEPT- COMMUNITY AGENT WCBC- The Clerk had received an e-mail from Delyth Pridding of WCBC which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It said that monies had been made available through a Welsh Government Intermediate care Fund to support the pilot of a Community Agent Scheme within areas of WCBC for one year. It was anticipated that if, following evaluation, the scheme is proved successful, it would be rolled out across the whole of the County Borough. The Clerk had requested further information to enable members to fully discuss the proposed scheme. Members decided to invite Delyth Pridding along to the next meeting so that discussions could take place. The Clerk would contact WCBC to arrange this.

16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2750	B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	9.92
2751	WCBC CAMBRIAN HOUSE RATES	182.00
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2751	WCBC LODGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	398.50
2754	T CROFTS BWLCHGWYN WAR MEMORIAL	125.00
2755	CORONA ENERGY CAMBRIAN HOUSE	71.39
2756	JONES LIGHTING MAINTENANCE	1692.83
2757	C KNOWLES TIDYWEBSITES	451.99
2758	B M HUGHES SALARY	480.64
2759	N GRIFFITHS BRONWENS GREEN	108.00
2760	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1024.55
2761	S POWER TANYFRON MUGA	318.81

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m

Signed..... Chairman