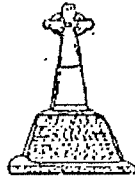


BRYMBO



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 12th MARCH AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE CENTRE

Present –Cllr B Woodfine-Jones (Chairman)
Brymbo Ward- Councillors J Clarke, Z Clarke, T Crofts, K Monti, M Reston, P Rogers, and M Shone.
Tanyfron Ward- Councillors T Birch, D Davies and D Griffiths.
Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors M Jones and S Tilston.
County Borough Councillor D Kelly.
Apologies- PCSO M Simister.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Rogers Brymbo Heritage Group
Cllr Shone Access to Playing Fields Coed y Felin
Cllr D Davies Brymbo Vacancy

1. The minutes of the meeting of 12th February 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. POLICING

Bwlchgwyn

Crime	Incidents
BOTD	1 x undetected (items taken)
Common Assault	1 x person charged
Criminal Damage	x 3 (2 personal – person charged, 1 council sign damaged)

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Brymbo

Crime	Incidents
ASB Personal	x 3 (personal matters)
ASB Nuisance	x 1 (youths)
ASB Environment	0
B.O.T.D	x 1 (undetected)
Criminal Damage	x 2 (damaged to properties undetected)
Domestics Involving Adults	x 1
Domestic crime	x 1
Harassment	x 1 (Facebook related matter)
Assault	x 1 (offender known domestic related)
Common Assault	x 1 (offender known domestic related)
Theft from vehicles	x 2 (undetected)
Theft other	X 1 (1 x arrested on suspicion)

Tanyfron

Crime	Incidents
ASB Nuisance	X 3 (2 x youths, 1 x dogs)
Burglary Dwellings	x 0
BOTD	x 0
Criminal Damage	x 1 (to vehicle undetected)
Domestic involving juvenile	x 1

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Kelly opened by telling members that there were 48 ward based PCSO's in the authority. They all had defined powers which enable them to issue various penalty notices. He said that the police did have the authority to remove them from their wards whenever the necessity arose. He said that ideally it would be beneficial to be advised if they have been removed from the ward for a length of time. Cllr Birch said that he had not seen a PCSO around Tanyfron in a long time. Cllr Kelly said there would be more engagement with Community Councils, and that seeing PCSO's around could deter any crime from being committed.

Cllr Kelly said there was currently a speed limit review under way. There had been notices placed in the paper and consultation should have been made with CC's. One of the roads involved was the A525 where the speed limit was being reviewed. He said he would raise an issue with WCBC as the Clerk had not received details of the consultation. Cllr Woodfine-Jones thanked him for bringing the matter the Council's attention. Cllr Kelly said that a review of transport in North Wales was underway. TAIH were looking to support public transport such as evening services. Unfortunately their grant had been heavily reduced and this could potentially affect any support that was being considered. Support was being looked at by regional level rather than County

level. The grant that had been awarded significantly subsidised the cost of fuel and without it some services could be under threat.

Cllr Rogers said that reverend Noel Carter was hoping to meet with members in April and a meeting would be arranged between the sub-committee and the Church.

At the previous meeting Cllr Rogers had said that the future of libraries in the Borough were under threat, however the position of WCBC had changed and it looked likely that no libraries would now close unless an alternative could be found. Cllr J Clarke asked if it was possible to merge the PO and library, however Cllr Rogers said this would be difficult as the library operated limited hours. Cllr Rogers said that residents of Brymbo were still fund raising for a new skate park and had raised approx. £4000.00 to date. More fundraising events were due to be held in the future and they had been in discussions with WCBC with regards to obtaining grants. Land at Cheshire View was being looked at to build the skate park.

Cllr Rogers asked Tanyfron Councillors if they had received any complaints about the work on the Housing Renewal Scheme as some had been received at County Borough level. They had not.

The Clerk had received a quote from Streetscene about the dog fouling signs for Tanyfron at approx. £100.00. Cllr Rogers proposed that these be purchased from Tanyfron's Environmental Fund. This was seconded by Cllr Birch and agreed.

4. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

The sub-committee had met prior to the monthly meeting. It was reported that an Energy Performance Certificate was needed before the letting of the building could go ahead. A quote had been received from Bowen Son & Watson at approx. £400.00 however Cllr Z Clarke had made enquiries and had received a quote for £299.00. It was proposed by Cllr Monti and seconded by Cllr Z Clark that the CC would obtain the certificate at the lowest price. All were in favour. Cllr Shone had forwarded an e-mail requesting the Clerk contact WCBC with regards to the rates. This e-mail had not been received. He said he would therefore forward it again and the Clerk would write to WCBC.

5. ROADS

No further information.

6. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

7. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Cllr Rogers said that litter bins were needed on Bronwen's Green and proposed that 4 were bought from the Brymbo Environmental fund. Cllr J Clarke seconded and all were in favour. Cllr Monti asked who would empty the bins as he was collecting huge amounts of litter weekly. Cllr Birch said that as a CC it had to maintain the site by clearing litter and said that the pitch also needed relining and cutting and rolling. Cllr Shone said he remembered a discussion at a previous meeting where it had been suggested that a checklist be made for the clubs to complete after each match. Cllr Kelly said that a non-

returnable bond could be looked at for future seasons. Cllr Shone asked Cllr Rogers if WCBC would agree to empty the bins on behalf of the CC and Cllr Rogers said he would make enquiries.

8. WAR MEMORIAL

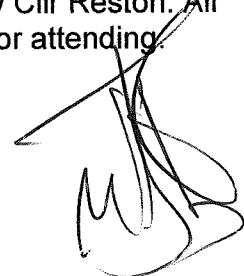
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9. PLANNING

Cllr Rogers said that the BDL planning application had been put back to possibly April or May as a viability assessment was being made. The current housing was nearly completed and approx. 20 houses were left to sell. Work was beginning on the play area on the estate.

10. BRYMBO POST OFFICE

The Chairman welcomed Non Williams and Sarah Sampson from the Post Office. They had been invited to address the meeting regarding the future of Brymbo Post Office. Non opened by saying that the Post office was looking to modernise its programme over the coming years. There were two new models that were being adopted, the main and local models. They were looking at Brymbo for the local model. This would mean that the Post office would open alongside the shop with the same opening hours. This would be consistent for customers and would be a voluntary programme. There were 3 options available to Brymbo which consisted of the Post office remaining the same, investment between local/main, and a change of contract or to possibly leave the network. Following consultation the Post Office had so far failed to agree terms. Non said that the Post office had been honest and upfront about the new terms by advising that in future the PO would need to be open longer hours and this would enable the new employee to be paid for each transaction. Cllr Birch asked whether the longer opening hours alongside the Spar shop would offer consistency to residents and Non said that this was the aim. Cllr Z Clarke said that if shops all closed at different times then this would not be consistent. She asked if consultation had been made with residents to see if they needed and wanted longer PO hours. Non said that customers in the future would expect the PO to be open at the same time as the shop. Cllr Rogers said that he had been in discussions over the past few weeks with the PO and there were a number of sticking points. Cllr Monti said he agreed with Cllr Rogers and that the PO was open for 38 and a half hours a week presently, however with these new plans it could be open for as many as 100 hours a week. This could cause staffing problems. He said a PO in Brymbo was needed and was a vital part of the community. Cllr Griffiths asked if any of the PO that had been closed previously would be re-opened. Non said they would not. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that the CC unfortunately had no part in the negotiations with the PO; however, they would fully support the people in the Community, and hoped this would come to a positive conclusion. Non said she would take on board what had been mentioned, and said it was difficult to address this in such a forum and requested that perhaps a sub group or a contact could be nominated who the PO could liaise with directly. Cllr Monti proposed that he be the liaison officer. This was seconded by Cllr Reston. All were in favour. The Chairman thanked both Non and Sarah for attending.



11. RISK ASSESSMENT

A copy of the CC's Risk Assessment had been circulated to all members for review prior to the meeting. Cllr Jones said that with regards to the CC's assets, members could have a list everything the CC owned and therefore all CC assets could be assessed periodically to ensure that they were maintained and therefore no case of negligence could be made. Cllr Jones said that a record could be kept for insurances purposes.

12. BRYMBO VACANCY

The Clerk had received 3 applications for the Brymbo Ward vacancy. The Chairman read out each application. After discussion it was decided to invite all 3 applicants to the next meeting for a brief interview. All members were in favour of this. A decision would then be made.

13. DONATIONS AND GRANTS.

Christchurch Bwlchgwyn-it was agreed that a grant from Bwlchgwyn Environmental Fund of £3000.00 be made to assist with repairs to the Churchyard. All Bwlchgwyn Councillors were in favour. The Clerk had received copies of bank statements a completed application form.

Bwlchgwyn Residents-It was agreed that a grant from Bwlchgwyn Environmental Fund of £1000.00 be made to fund a feasibility study for a community orchard. All Bwlchgwyn Councillors were in favour. Bank statements and an application form had been shown and competed.

St Mary's Church Brymbo-It was agreed that a grant be made from the precept Churchyard maintenance fund of £1000.00 to help cover the cost of grass cutting. This was proposed by Cllr Shone, seconded by Cllr Rogers. All were in favour.

Coedpoeth Historical Society-A request had been submitted for a donation of £250.00 to assist with the cost of printing a historic book. Cllr Shone urged caution that if the request was granted it would be subject to the condition that the book be published and the remainder of the funds £3850.00 be secured. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Shone, seconded by Cllr Jones that the donation be made subject to the above terms.

Homestart-It was proposed by Cllr Birch, and seconded by Cllr Shone that a donation of £100.00 be made. All were in favour.

Brymbo Heritage Group-A request for financial assistance had been discussed previously and the CC had been quite happy to support the group however had already said that it could not support the study financially. Cllr Monti proposed, and Cllr Birch seconded that the requested be declined. All were in favour

14. ACCESS TO PLAYING FIELDS, COED Y FELIN

The Chairman addressed members and said that many of them had received correspondence through the post from residents. The clerk had not. He said



that the CC were not arbitrators in the dispute between Cllr Shone and residents of Coed y Felin and had no authority with regards to WCBC and any planning decisions. He said that the CC had granted Mr Neil Jones a licence to cross over land owned by the CC. This had therefore set precedence. He said that the CC could not refuse another application for another resident to cross the land as it would be behaving illegally. He also said that any correspondence sent to local members should be sent through the Clerk. He said that the CC would not form any judgement and had no power of control as the CC was a public body that had to adhere and obey the law. Cllr J Clarke said that this proposal could be viewed as different because of the involvement of the rail company. The Chairman said he appreciated what he said however the land where the railway line stood was not CC land. Cllr Jones asked if a copy of the licence was to hand. The Clerk presented it to the Chairman who read it out for members. Cllr Rogers said he could not support giving Cllr Shone access over CC land on a number of points. Firstly, the impact on the use of the Church car park and also on the basis that alternative access points had been found by residents. He asked whether the licence would be granted solely on the same terms as Neil Jones's licence and was told it would have to be. He said that confirmation would be needed from the CC solicitors that the licence would not be transferrable. Cllr Rogers asked if the CC knew what exactly Cllr Shone had planned for the land and the Chairman said that was immaterial. Cllr Rogers said that on a final point, WCBC could not grant a right of access as they had a claim on adjoining land. The Chairman said that the CC could still grant a licence as it had done previously without consent from WCBC when Mr Jones signed his licence. Cllr Z Clarke asked if the CC turned down Cllr Shone's proposal where would it stand legally. Cllr Reston asked for a copy of the letter the Clerk had sent to the solicitor. She replied that she did not have a copy but read out from the September 2012 minutes that she had been requested to forward all correspondence to the CC's legal advisors. She had carried out this instruction. The CC would then take the advice of the legal team. Cllr Reston said that not having a copy of the letter to hand after a request from an elected member was not good enough. The Chairman reminded Cllr Reston that the CC had a duty of care to its employees and that the Clerk should be treated with respect. Cllr Reston asked who the Councillor was, and who was the employee? Cllr Reston requested that further legal advice be obtained from the Council's solicitor. The Chairman agreed and said that the CC had to act on any legal advice it was given. Cllr J Clarke also said that the CC should contact the railway company to see what plans if any, were in the pipeline for the bridge. Cllr Rogers said he would confirm with WCBC with regards to them refusing access on their land.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

BHG FEASIBILITY STUDY
INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL- LETTER TO THE MINISTER FOR
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
HOUSING HOTLINE

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NEMESIS FIREWORK DISPLAYS
 WREXHAM LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2013-2018
 AVOW CARERS SMALL GRANT SCHEME
 AVOW CARERS SERVICE NEWSLETTER
 WREXHAM TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM AGENDA AND
 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 ADVICE OF NEXT MEETING MOUNTAIN BIKE CENTRE LIAISON GROUP
 NWP POWER NOTICE OF CLOSURE
 SCOTTISH POWER NEW CONTRACT

The Clerk told members that the correspondence from NWP power advised that the maintenance dept. was due to close in April/May. She also said that Scottish Power were to increase their charges for the next year. As a result of this many CC in the Borough would be without maintenance for their street lighting. The Clerk had contacted Penycae CC who said they were in discussions with 3 companies through their Councillor Geoff Edwards who had retired from the lighting division of WCBC. The Clerk had passed on the details to the lighting reps who would arrange a meeting with others to find a new maintenance contractor. Also they would look at getting a better price for the electricity supply.

16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2469 SHERRATT LANDSCAPE BRONWENS GREEN	90.00
2470 BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 12/02	20.00
2471NWP POWER MAINTENANCE	621.56
2472 CORONA ENERGY CAMBRIAN HOUSE	172.22
2473 B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	17.70
2474 INLAND REVENUE	112.20
2475 B M HUGHES SALARY	449.21
2476 BOYLE'S REPAIRS TO WINDOWS CAMBRIAN HOUSE	276.00

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed  Chairman