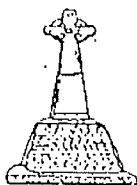


BRYMBO



CYNGOR CYMUNED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bethan M Hughes Clerk and Financial Officer

15 Chestnut Avenue Wrexham LL12 7HS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2013 AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr P Rogers-Donations. Tanyfron School.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk told members that she would contact Cllr Crofts as he had been absent from the last six meetings.

2. POLICING

Crime Stats Bwlchgwyn

Crime	Incidents
ASB Personal	1 (Youth related)
ASB Nuisance	1 (Youth related)
BOTD	1 (Detected person charged)
Criminal Damage	1 (damage to fence - undetected)
Common Assault	1 (Detected on-going)
Rowdy/nuisance	1 (verbal altercation)

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Crime Stats – Brymbo

Crime	Incidents
ASB Personal	2 (1 Facebook/domestic related, 1 on-going families feuding)
ASB Nuisance	2 (Adult related)
Criminal Damage	1 (To vehicle windscreen smashed. On-going)
Assault S.47	1 (Domestic related)
Bail breach/harassment	1 (person charged and sentenced)

Crime Stats – Tanyfron

Crime	Incidents
ASB Personal	1 (neighbour dispute – resolved)
Assault S.47	2 (1 complaint withdrawn, 1 detected offender charged)

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Rogers said that there would be some disruption in the village as the Borough Council was carrying out improvements to Council properties. These consisted of replacement bathrooms and kitchens. On a positive note the Post Office was due to re-open on the 13th January 2014 in the Enterprise Centre.

Cllr Kelly told members that Alan Guest and Geraint Smith were both retiring through ill health from WCBC. He said that they had both worked very hard in the three communities and had always gone the extra mile. The Chairman said that he was very sorry to hear this news and asked that the Clerk send a card to thank them both for their very hard work and commitment to the 3 villages.

Cllr Kelly said that Andy Hughes would be taking over and would be covering a very large area. He would pass on his mobile details to Councillors.

4. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

The Clerk had received a proposal from Nigel Davies to rent the workshop unit at Cambrian House. He proposed to use the workshop as a base to help the young people of the village gain skills in order to find work in the future as there was no Youth Club in the village due to the youth service finishing. He proposed that the warehouse unit of Cambrian House be used as a skills centre where Youth Workers worked in partnership with Coleg Cambria. He requested support for the venture from the CC. He had requested to rent the unit for £331.00 per month which was the cost for the previous tenant. The Clerk had contacted Bowen Son & Watson who said this was a fair amount for that particular area. They said the CC should insist on having a lease in place stating the amount for the first 12 month then on £4800.00/400 per month thereafter. Cllr Reston asked if the CC did rent the workshop would it still be possible to sell the larger building attached. Cllr Rogers said he welcomed any proposal that would help the youth of the village. Cllr J Clarke said that it would be beneficial to have rent coming in due to the outgoings of Cambrian House and even if the CC did decide to sell the building it could still lie empty due to the economic climate. Members said that an invite should be extended to Nigel Davies to present his proposal before a decision could be made.



5. ROADS

No further information.

6. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

7. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

No further information.

8. WAR MEMORIAL

No further information.

9. PLANNING

TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION
4 STEEL CLOSE BRYMBO
P/2013/0775- No observations.

ERECTION OF SUMMERHOUSE
THE BARN PENTRE SAESON FARM BRYMBO ROAD BWLCHGWYN
P/2013/0802-No observations.

Cllr Rogers advised members that planning permission had been granted for the Brymbo Dev. project. They were now working on a legal agreement and trying to secure a loan to fund the Spine Road.

10. PRECEPT

The Clerk circulated copies of all income and expenditure accounts for the previous financial year (2012/2013). The Clerk asked members to look at each individual category and set a budget for the next financial year.

The following amendments were agreed.

Bus Shelter Allowance to be reduced from £800.00 to £500.00

Election Expenses to be removed for the next year.

General Contingency (£1000.00) and Sundry (500.00) to be merged into a new Miscellaneous Budget with a limit of £800.00.

Insurance to be increased from £4600.00 to £5000.

One Voice Wales to be increased from £461.00 to £470.00

Office Equipment & Maintenance to be reduced from £350.00 to Nil and cancel the photocopier maintenance contract.

Postages to be increased from £200.00 to £220.00

Clerk's salary to be discussed at the January meeting as per standing orders.

Stationery increased from £200.00 to £220.00

Training to be reduced from £2000.00 to £1000.00

Cllr Shone proposed that a special contingency fund be set up to replace the Community Centre budget which had been set at £5000.00 for the next financial year. He proposed a figure of £11000.00. This fund would be to assist management committees who were looking at retaining the community centres in the 3 villages. Cllr Jones said that this amount was not enough and it would need to be increased.



Cllr Reston said that £11000.00 would encourage people to take the centres on. Cllr Tilston said that Bwlchgwyn residents were working on a business plan to retain the CC in Bwlchgwyn. Cllr Birch seconded the proposal of a new Community Centre contingency fund set at £11000.000.

A vote was taken. There were 8 votes in favour and 1 against. The motion was carried.

The Play Scheme budget had been set at £5000.00. Cllr Shone proposed that this budget be removed as the Community Council had previously agreed to fund all the Play Areas in Brymbo, Bwlchgwyn and Tanyfron with the addition of the new proposed Skate Park in the near future. This was seconded by Cllr Birch. A vote was taken. There were 7 votes in favour and 1 against. The motion was carried.

Members decided that that the budget for Playing Fields which was set at £1500.00 be transferred to the Brymbo Environmental Fund as this was used by Bronwen's Green.

The proposed expenditure for 2014/2015 totalled £97997.00. The tax base was 1913. The precept for 2013/2014 was £71135.42 costing ratepayers £37.20.

The proposed 2014/2015 figure would increase the precept by £26861.58 and would cost the ratepayers £51.22, an increase of £14.02 per annum.

The Chairman asked members to decide if they were prepared to accept the new proposed budget which would set aside funds to assist with the proposed budget cuts at WCBC, therefore ensuring the future of the Play Areas and setting aside funds to assist with the proposed transfer of Community centres to Management Committees. Cllr J Clarke proposed that that the precept be accepted. Cllr Reston seconded the proposal. A vote was taken. There were 8 in favour and 1 against. The motion was carried. The Clerk would advise WCBC of the decision that the precept be set of £97997.00 for the year 2014/2015.

The Clerk told members that the External Audit report had said that an Investment Strategy had not been implemented and this needed to be addressed. Cllr Shone said that these were difficult times and any investment after a substantial increase in the precept would be difficult. The Council agreed that the VAT which was claimed back yearly should be placed in the capital account and this could then be done yearly in order that the CC built up a reserve fund as an Investment Strategy. Members agreed to this.

11. DONATIONS

The Clerk told members that there was £1100.00 left in the donation budget after the first six months of the financial year. Members agreed to review the procedure for donations at a future meeting.

Four requests were presented to members.

National Eisteddfod

The request was made for a donation towards the National Eisteddfod in Carmarthen. As the CC had made a substantial donation two years previously when the Eisteddfod was in Wrexham members refused the request as it was not a local charity.

Friends of Tanyfron. A request was made for a donation of £250.00 to purchase a Christmas tree and decorations to be used yearly.

Cllr Birch proposed, and Cllr Griffiths seconded that a donation of £250.00 was made. Cllr Rogers tabled an amendment that the sum be reduced to £100.00. Cllr Jones seconded the amendment. A vote was taken. There were 5 votes in favour and 3 against the amendment. The amendment was carried.



Cllr Birch requested that the shortfall of £150.00 be taken from Tanyfron's Environmental budget. Both Tanyfron Councillors were in agreement.

Brymbo WI. A request was made for a donation of £500.00 to help with the 60th Anniversary of Brymbo WI. Cllr Shone said that whilst he fully supported the WI in Brymbo, he thought that £250.00 would be more realistic with regards to the donation budget. Cllr Shone therefore, proposed that a donation of £250.00 be made. This was seconded by Cllr Tilston. A vote was taken.

8 were in favour and 1 against. The motion was carried.

Bwlchgwyn Playgroup. A request for a donation of £500.00 had been made by the playgroup to help ensure that it would continue to run without excessively increasing prices. Cllr Tilston proposed and Cllr Jones seconded that a donation of £500.00 be made.

Cllr Griffiths tabled an amendment that a donation of £100.00 be made. This was seconded by Cllr Reston. A vote was taken. There were 4 votes in favour and 4 against. There was 1 abstention. The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the amendment. It was therefore carried that a donation of £100.00 be made to Bwlchgwyn Playgroup.

Cllr Jones requested that the shortfall of £400.00 be taken from Bwlchgwyn Environmental Fund. Both Bwlchgwyn Councillors were in agreement.

12. BWLCHGWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE

2 representatives from different user groups of Bwlchgwyn Community Centre had requested to address members regarding the proposed budget cuts which affected the Community Centre. They told members that after 6 p.m. there was no bus service in the village and there was no other suitable building that could be used by the user groups in the village. The Community centre was well used by residents. There was no alternative for the youth of the village, young families and elderly residents. The user groups said they would be willing to work with the Community Council to maximise the income of the Community Centre, however they requested that the CC assist them with funding. They raised concerns that the children of the village would become rurally isolated. Cllr Shone told them that the CC did not have the funds to take over the financing of the Community Centre, however he requested that the management committee provide the CC with a business plan that members could look at in a future meeting. He suggested that the user groups got together to work with each other on a business plan for the next 12 months. The representatives said that this would be possible however the only concern was that they would not be able to cover the employment costs. Cllr Shone asked if they would be willing to come back to the CC with a business plan and members would then have a more realistic idea of what would be needed. Cllr Kelly thanked them for coming and said that he appreciated all the hard work they were doing to ensure the future of the Community Centre. Cllr Reston said that there were questions which needed answers with regards to ownership before the CC could make any decisions on the Community Centre. Members were told that the CC was used by elderly residents and that the user groups were a lifeline to these residents. If the Community Centre was lost, care in the community would become much more difficult. The Chairman thanked them for attending.

13. LIGHTING



The Clerk told members that she had received a letter from WCBC with regards to a light erected by the CC in March 2012 on Pleasant Lane, Brymbo. WCBC were requesting the removal of the light as it was causing an obstruction and correct procedure had not been adhered to when placing the column. WCBC had said that if it was not removed they would carry out the work and charge the CC for doing so. Cllr Shone said that the CC would have acted upon the advice of NWP Power who were the lighting contractors at that time. They should therefore be held to account if they had not carried out correct procedures. Cllr Rogers asked if the Clerk would write to NWP Power to seek answers and he would contact WCBC and ask for more time before they removed the column.

14. GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL-WCBC BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND OFFICE OF MAYOR

A letter had been received from Gresford Community Council which had been sent to the leader of WCBC, the Chief Executive Officer and all Clerks of all Community Councils. Gresford Community Council had resolved, that recognising the funding crisis facing the Borough Council that WCBC withdrew all dedicated funding towards the office of Mayor save for that paid for by way of special responsibility allowances to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor after this current financial year until such time as the economic climate improved. Cllr Birch said that Brymbo Community Council should support Gresford Community Council with regards to the Mayor's funding. Cllr Rogers said that correct figures would be needed before any decision was made. Cllr Birch said he had told members what the figures were and they had been reported by the local press. Cllr Jones said that these figures could not be relied upon to be correct as they had not been confirmed by WCBC. Cllr Birch proposed that the CC support Gresford Community Council. Cllr Griffiths seconded his proposal. A vote was taken. There were 3 votes in favour and 5 against. The motion was defeated.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

PLAY FOR WALES

SUSAN ELAN JONES/KEN SKATES ADVICE OF SURGERIES

NHS WALES APPLICATION BY BOOTS UK LTD FOR INCLUSION IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL LIST AT UNIT 1 PLAS COCH RETAIL PARK PLAS COCH ROAD WREXHAM

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSED WIND TURBINE NANT Y FFRITH

GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL-WCBC BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND OFFICE OF MAYOR

NORTHERN MARCHES CYMRU RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

WCBC-RESHAPING SERVICES DRAFT BUDGET


STAFF IMPLICATIONS OF POTENTIAL TRANSFERS OF COMMUNITY CENTRES TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS



16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2589 B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	13.50
2590 T CROFTS BWLCHGWYN WAR MEMORIAL	105.00
2591 CORONA ENERGY CAMBRIAN HOUSE	69.54
2592 BATES OFFICE STATIONERY	87.42
2593 B M HUGHES SALARY	480.64
2594 INLAND REVENUE	120.20
2595 SCOTTISH POWER	702.27
2596 JONES LIGHTING MAINTENANCE	1240.54
2597 BTRT HIRE OF ROOM NOVEMBER	20.00
2598 BATES OFFICE SUPPLIES STATIONERY	61.22

The meeting closed at 9.01.pm.

Signed  Chairman