

BRYMBO

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2010 AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE.

Present Cllr K Ashton (Chairman)
Brymbo Ward Councillors N Davies, K Monti, P Rogers, M Shone, A Stapley B
Stapley and H Williams
Bwlchgwyn Ward Councillors T Roberts and S Tilston.
Tanyfron Ward Councillor D Griffiths
County Borough Councillor D Kelly
Apologies Cllr's Birch and Wynne.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Ashton read out an e-mail from Chairman Tony Birch, sending his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting as he had recently had his last session of Chemotherapy and was not feeling very well. He said that he was hopeful of feeling better come the New Year. He said he would like to thank the Clerk and the Community Council for their support during this trying period, and wished all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Cllr Monti wished Cllr Birch a very speedy recovery on behalf of the Community Council, and requested that the Clerk write and wish him all the best.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr N Davies Fundraising committee National Eisteddfod
Cllr K Ashton Fundraising committee national Eisteddfod
Cllr B Stapley Fundraising committee national Eisteddfod

Feedback from the War Memorial Service at Bwlchgwyn.



Cllr Tilston said that he had met up with Reverend James and mentioned that a bugler would be needed for the service. He knew of a young man that could help. On the day Rhys Jones attended the service and played very well. Cllr Tilston said that it was delightful and appreciated by all who had attended. He wished to thank Rhys for his generosity.

Cllr Monti said that he attended the Brymbo service and was disappointed that there was no music. He requested that the Community Council purchase a piece of equipment in order that this would be possible in future. This was seconded by Cllr B Stapley and all were in favour.

1. POLICING

Bwlchgwyn-1 criminal damage.

Brymbo - 2 B.O.T.D, 1 U.T.M.V., 1 theft other, 4 criminal damage, 3 rowdy nuisance, 2 rowdy nuisance other and 4 RTC's.

Tanyfron - 1 criminal damage.

The next PACT meeting was to be held on the 12th January 2011. The venue had yet to be confirmed.

Cllr Kelly raised concerns with regards to the cuts in funding to the police service, and whether this would reduce PCSO's and affect the wards. He also told the Council that a multi traffic collision had recently happened in Bwlchgwyn and asked whether the War memorial had been damaged. Cllr Tilston said he would look into this.

The Chairman thanked the police for attending and wished them a Merry Christmas.

2. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

Cllr Monti said that the prospective tenants were waiting for work to be carried out by United Utilities, which they had agreed to pay for. Cllr Monti said they were frustrated, however little could be done about the situation. Cllr Shone said that the Clerk should contact the solicitors to arrange for a lease to be drawn up; however the Clerk said that she had still not received written confirmation from the prospective tenants to the terms and conditions of the lease. Cllr Monti said he would follow this up.

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Rogers said that the County Borough were facing cuts in the budget, however most of the bulk would be savings from merging departments, and staffing. Cllr Kelly said that as a result of savings, frontline services in the Youth Service were being deferred.

Cllr Rogers said that most members would be aware that planning had been refused on the Spine Road. The plan had been overturned on the principle of building housing on the Lagoon site. The supermarket application had therefore been refused. He said that meetings had been arranged for the coming week, to seek a



way forward. Two Caia Park Councillors had said that Brymbo had become too overdeveloped. Cllr Monti said that it had been alleged Brymbo Community Council did not want this application to go ahead, however, this was certainly not the case as it had always backed the Spine Road. Cllr B Stapley said that he had been contacted by a reporter at the Daily Post, and he had been asked whether the Community Council was in favour of this road. He said that the Daily Post had received a letter saying that BCC were against the project. Cllr Kelly said that it looked like the an objection had been taken out of context, and if this was the case, then perhaps the Community Council should take issue with this, as it could have been misleading. Cllr Kelly said that he had attended the meeting that evening and was very dismayed at the outcome. Cllr Davies asked whether the opposition was for the Spine Road or the housing development and Cllr Rogers said it had been for both. Cllr Davies said that the Spine Road should have been put in at the beginning of the project. Cllr Monti said that the Community Council had never voted against this and Cllr B Stapley said that as planning representative he had never objected to it. Cllr Rogers said that the confusion may have arisen from some residents of Tanyfron who had objected, and this may not have been separated from the Community Council. Cllr Shone said that there had been issues with the fall in house prices, and this made it unlikely that the Welsh Assembly would fund the road. He said that this matter had taken far too long to complete as it had been ongoing now for 20 years. He said that when local people had heard that the directors of the company building the development had received huge bonuses they had been rightly incensed. Cllr Monti said that an action plan was now needed. Cllr Kelly said that the right of appeal could take between 3 and 6 months. Cllr Rogers said that he would be attending a meeting the next week with BDL and he was in discussions with WCBC also, and perhaps it would be best to wait to see what the outcome of these meetings would be. Cllr Rogers said that the land at Argoed would be transferred immediately to the Council with right of access, and that a legal agreement was being signed. He said that a commitment was needed from the Community Council to carry on supporting and maintaining it. Cllr Monti proposed that it was the Community Council's duty to maintain it and this was seconded by Cllr Rogers. All were in favour. Cllr Rogers said that he was concerned as many lights had been out during the month in Brymbo. He also said that he thought the lighting was inadequate in High Street. Many residents were not happy. Cllr Monti proposed that the Community Council ask NWP Power for a detailed report when repairs were carried out. This was seconded by Cllr Rogers and all were in favour. Cllr A Stapley said he would contact NWP to get a price for an additional light on High Street. Cllr Kelly said an expression of interest had been made about the vacancy for school governor at Bwlchgwyn school. He said that the grit bins were all in place and filled at present. Cllr Shone asked whether a salt bin had been removed from Coed y Felin as there were 2 bins at one time. Cllr Rogers said he would look into this. Cllr B Stapley enquired as to whether the Community Council could stencil its initials on the bins to safeguard them; however Cllr Kelly said caution was needed, as the



County Borough could refuse to fill them. Cllr Rogers said that they were however trying to fill as many as possible.

4. ROADS

Cllr Rogers said that re-surfacing had been delayed until the New Year. Bryn y Ffynnon would be having the pot holes re-filled. Cllr Griffiths raised concerns about waste being dumped on College Hill. Cllr Rogers said that he had spoken to Geraint Smith who had said he would find alternative sites.

5. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

Cllr Rogers requested that the Community Council fund a new bus shelter on the Link Road to serve the new development and Tanyfron. At present there was no shelter. This was seconded by Cllr B Stapley and all were in favour. The funds would be split between the two environmental funds.

6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUND

No further information.

7. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Kelly said that concerns had been raised about the handrail on Footpath No 106. He had asked Geraint Smith to have a look at it. Cllr B Stapley said that the style at Pool Road had still not been looked at. Cllr Rogers said he would raise the matter again.

8. WAR MEMORIALS

Cllr Ashton said that the War Memorial in Brymbo needed cleaning up. Cllr Tilston agreed that the one at Bwlchgwyn should also be done. It was agreed that a quote should be requested for both War Memorials.

9. CHURCHYARD Cllr Rogers had obtained a quote for the 2 benches for the Churchyard. They would be approx. £384.00 each. It was proposed by Cllr Rogers and seconded by Cllr Davies that the benches should therefore be ordered. All were in favour.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RETENTION OF EXISTING STORAGE CONTAINER BWLCHGWYN
SCHOOL BRYMBO ROAD BWLCHGWYN P/2010/1008- No observations.

11. BWLCHGWYN COMMUNITY CENTRE. Cllr Kelly said that he had received a quote from WCBC, to make right the turfed area at Bwlchgwyn Community Centre. It was approx £2000.00. He had been unable to obtain two other quotes as the weather had not been favourable. At the precept meeting it had been discussed that, as various quotes had been obtained in the past, and that the standing orders



said it was possible to accept one quote if a project's cost was under £5000.00, would members be happy to accept the quote. Councillors were aware that this matter had been ongoing for numerous months. Cllr Roberts proposed that the quote from Enterprise (WCBC) would be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Tilston and all were in favour. Cllr Kelly said that he would contact Enterprise to advise them.

12. PRECEPT

The precept sub-committee met before the monthly meeting. The Clerk presented a financial analysis, and this showed a breakdown for the general, lighting and capital fund accounts. (see appendix) The Clerk said that as a result of their deliberations the sub-committee recommended keeping the precept at the same level for the coming financial year. However, as the tax base had increased slightly, this would therefore mean a decrease of 84 pence bringing the community rate down to £38.02. It was proposed by Cllr Monti and seconded by Cllr Rogers and agreed unanimously that the recommendations of the sub-committee be accepted and a precept of £68,941.00 be requested for the year 2011/2012. Cllr Monti thanked the Clerk for her work. Cllr Tilston enquired as to whether the lighting and planning representatives had received their annual allowance.

13. DONATIONS

Homestart - Proposed £50.00 Cllr Rogers seconded Cllr A Stapley. All in favour.
National Eisteddfod - Agreed to carry over until final donations meeting.

Brymbo Angling Club - proposed £ 100.00 Cllr Monti seconded Cllr B Stapley. Cllr Rogers proposed an amendment of £200.00, and this was seconded by Cllr Williams. A vote was taken on the amendment. There were 6 in favour and 2 against. It was therefore carried that a donation of £200.00 be made to the Angling Club.

Bobath - Proposed £50.00 by Cllr Monti, seconded by Cllr Rogers. All in favour.

British Red Cross - Proposed £50.00 Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr A Stapley. All in favour.

Tanyfron Luncheon Club - proposed £300.00 Cllr Monti, seconded by Cllr Williams. All in favour.

14. LOCAL COUNCIL WARD CHANGE PROPOSAL

Cllr Rogers informed members of the changes that had been proposed with the draft proposal. The deadline for objections was 31st January 2011. It was proposed that Tanyfron would join Brynteg and Southsea. Cllr Kelly said that opposition was needed as residents' views were very often ignored. He said that if residents of Tanyfron were happy why should they be made to change. Cllr Shone said that Bwlchgwyn had been successful in making their objections heard, and therefore the residents of Tanyfron should follow suit. Cllr Kelly said that the Community Council had a duty to let residents know what was happening. It was proposed by Cllr Shone, that the residents should be fully



informed, through public notices and meetings. This was seconded by Cllr Monti and all were in favour.

15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| 2106 | ENCORE OFFICE SYSTEMS MAIN PHOTOCOPIER | 42.30 |
| 2107 | NWP POWER | 538.70 |
| 2108 | BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 24/11 | 20.00 |
| 2109 | BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 9/11 | 20.00 |
| 2110 | BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 14/12 | 20.00 |
| 2211 | SCOTTISH POWER | 570.71 |
| 2112 | TONY CROFTS MAIN B/G WAR MEMORIAL | 50.00 |
| 2113 | UHY HACKER YOUNG EXT AUDIT | 470.00 |
| 2114 | SPORTS ASSOC OF BRYMBO GRANT | 750.00 |
| 2115 | B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES | 11.65 |
| 2116 | B M HUGHES SALARY | 393.52 |
| 2117 | INLAND REVENUE | 105.21 |

16. CORRESPONDENCE

GETTING ON TOGETHER CONFERENCE WCBC COMMUNITY TENSIONS
COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES BRYMBO/BROUGHTON HOUSING
RENEWAL AREA STEERING GROUP
ROTARY CLUB OF WREXHAM YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD
CHRISTAMS CARD FROM THE MAYOR
MOUNTAIN BIKE LIAISON GROUP NEXT MEETING
PUBLIC CONSULTATION ADDITIONAL LICENSING SCHEME FOR HOUSES IN
MULTIPLE OCCUPATION
FUNDING OF COMMUNITY CENTRES
HOPE HOUSE NEWSLETTER
CONSULTATION ON THE LETTING OF COUNCIL OWNED FOOTBALL
PITXCHES
SMP PLAYGROUNDS
WCBC LEAFLETS OUR PLACE TOO CAMPAIGN
AVOW CHRISTAMS RECEPTION
WREXHAM TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM NEXT MEETING
AVOW-HEALTHSOCIAL CARE AND WELL BEING ISSUES
AVOW GRANTS FRO FUNDING
COMMUNITY BUILDINGS NETWORK FORUM
PLAY GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FORM
SALT BINS



FAIRWAYS GROUND CARE
LETTER OF THANKS
BRYMBO HERITAGE GROUP
PUBLIC RECREATION AREA OFF ARGOED

The meeting closed at 21.04 P.M.

Signed.....

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