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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2008 IN THE ENTERPRISE CENTRE BRYMBO.**

Present - Cllr S Tilston (Chairman)

Brymbo Ward Councillors – K Ashton, N Davies, K Monti, P Rogers, M Shone, A Stapley, B Stapley, H Williams. **Bwlchgwyn Ward Councillors** – B Woodfine-Jones. **Vron Ward Councillors** – A Birch, D Griffiths, S Wynne. **County Borough Councillor** – D Kelly. **Police** – Pc Tim Hughes. There were no apologies for absence. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2008 were confirmed as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

1. POLICING

P.C. Tim Hughes gave a crime report for September. Brymbo-8 reported incidents. There had been 3 reports of criminal damage, 2 reports of theft, one common assault, one burglary and one arson attack. There have been 5 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour. Vron-2 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour. Cllr Shone noted that although the crime figures were low the severity seemed to be increasing. P C Hughes stated that the 1 assault was classed as a minor assault. Cllr Monti suggested that a separate meeting could be held to discuss policing to save time at the monthly meeting. It was suggested that a bi-monthly meeting might be more appropriate and it was agreed that this would be discussed with the police. P C Hughes informed the council that a Halloween Spooky Walk had been arranged for the 30th October and 2 local schools would be participating. Everyone would be welcome to attend. The Chairman thanked P C Hughes for his report and for attending the meeting.

2. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

Cllr Rogers read out a letter from Stephen Bayley referring to the site meeting held on the 18th June 2008. A key question was raised regarding the future of the Clean Room. A decision to remove the Clean Room was taken by the Community Council. It was also decided that the Community Council did not wish to take early possession of the lease and it would be preferable to wait until February 2010 when the lease expires. The County Council offered to match-fund 50% of the cost of a feasibility study (up to a maximum of £5000.00) if the Community Council took early possession of the lease. The clerk was to confirm in writing the decision to remove the Clean Room and the decision taken not to take early possession of the lease.

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

A meeting was held between Leisure libraries and Culture, the Youth Service and Community Development to discuss issues relating to Tan y Fron and the Community Centre. It was agreed the basic improvements and repairs needed doing provided funding could be secured. Thanks was given to Read Construction who have agreed to donate boards to Tan y Fron Youth Club for artistic purposes. Cllr Rogers said that he had received positive feedback from

residents and that it was a huge improvement to what it was. Cllr Rogers confirmed that the County Borough Council are committed to retaining the local beat sweeper. The replacement of pedestrian barriers at Offa Street and the damaged glass in the doors had been dealt with. The cost of widening Cheshire View will be in excess of £10,000.00. Cllr B Stapley suggested off street parking is required not widening of the road as it would only add 12 inches to the width. Tai Owens residents have been awarded a grant for gardening equipment and the unit has been provided with 2 new benches and the installation of a handrail by the Council. A new patio area and raised flower beds are also to be added. The Chairman thanked Cllr Monti for his work. Improvements to public transport are to be looked at following the decision to close the Post Office.

4. ROADS

Geraint Smith did not attend the meeting. Cllr Brian Stapley said that potholes in Llewelyn Road needed looking at urgently. Geraint Smith to be advised. Cllr Wynne reported that a tree on College Hill was blocking the light and he would ring Geraint Smith.

5. BUS SHELTERS SERVICES AND STOPS

A letter had been received from Dave Bithell regarding the proposed Bus Shelter at Brymbo. The approx. cost for each one would be £2500.00 and would be included in the County Council's maintenance and cleaning programme. The Chairman said it was a good offer, however the item was to remain in the Agenda as enquiries needed to be made regarding ownership and insurance.

6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

A letter had been received regarding the MUGA at Argoed, stating that it was in a state of disrepair. The County Borough Council have agreed to upgrade the facility subject to the transfer of ownership to Brymbo Community Council. It was agreed that this would be put on the Agenda as a matter of urgency as many points regarding the standard of repair, fencing and block work needed to be discussed in greater detail before a decision could be made.

7. LAMPS

The clerk had received a letter from Broughton Community Council regarding the cost of the lighting on Ocknells bridge. The initial quote had been given totalling £1690.00 exl VAT, when in fact the cost is £1438.00 plus VAT of £252.00 which is a total cost of £1690.00. Cllr A Staley said the work is badly needed and the council agreed to the initial contribution of £500.00. The clerk was to confirm this in writing. The council heard that a resident of Coed y Felin had called out the County Borough Council to a light, which was reported as affecting the television and the security of the house. The County Borough Council came out and removed the whole fitting and was looking to the Community Council to pay the call out fee. The Council agreed that as they had not made the call out they were not responsible for the fee.

8. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Williams said that FP No 8 was an eyesore. Trees were shielding the light and branches were overhanging. Complaints had been received. FP NO 1 and No 2 needed sweeping and a report was to be made to Geraint Smith.

9. WAR MEMORIALS

Cllr Woodfine Jones said that a quote had been received for the War Memorial on Nant Road which seemed a bit excessive at £500.00. Geraint Smith had previously said it would be around £200.00. Cllr Woodfine Jones said it needed to be clarified with Geraint.

CHURCHYARDS- No further information

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered by the Council -
P/2008/1010 – Rose Bungalow Furnace Road Ffrwd – Change of use from garage to disabled persons bedroom & en-suite. Approved.

P/2008/1024 – Miners Arms High Street Brymbo – Erection of smoking shelter. Approved.

P/2008/1045 – Land opposite the Enterprise Centre Blast Road Brymbo – Use of land as contractors storage compound (in retrospect). Approved

P/2008/1052 – Alderley Brymbo Road Bwlchgwyn – Erection of single storey dwelling access drive & garage. Approved.

Other planning matters dealt with were -

P/2008/0151 – 5 Furnace Close Brymbo – Appeal lodged – copies to Cllr B Stapley & Cllr Monti.

Report of the Chief Planning Officer to Planning Committee (P/2008/0943) - copies to Cllr B Stapley & Cllr Monti. WCBC - Copy of our representations made re LDP Preferred Strategy – copies to Planning Sub-committee Chairmen. WCBC – Reply to Karen Sinclair AM re her representation to the LDP Preferred Strategy – copies to Planning Sub-committee Chairman. Denbs. CC – Notice of the meeting of the Mountain Bike Centre Liaison Group that took place on 25 September. P/2008/0721 – Sunnyside 3 Bryn Nebo Bwlchgwyn – Appeal lodged – copy to Cllr Tilston.

An E_mail has been received by Cllr Kelly regarding the Flash. The landowner is insistent that there is no breach of enforcements. Cllr B Stapley said progression is happening and photographs over 18 months show this. Reports of late night developments and heavy earth moving activities have been received. The council heard that activities are being monitored and people are keeping a close eye on what is happening there.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – October 2008

1793	Tai Owens Sheltered Units – Donation		100.00
1794	Brymbo WI – Donation		100.00
1795	Brymbo Methodist Church – Donation		100.00
1796	Wales Air Ambulance - Donation		100.00
1797	Shelter Cymru – Donation		50.00
1798	Scottish Power – Energy (Aug)		569.26
1799	NWP Power Systems – Maintenance (Sept)		538.70
1800	UHY Hacker Young – External Audit fee 2007/8		470.00
1801	A R Cardiff – Salary & taxed prop of retirement gratuity		697.68
1802	Mrs B Hughes – Salary		357.74
1803	A R Cardiff – Tax free prop. of retirement gratuity (as per contract)		5158.83
1804	Inland Revenue – Tax/NI		317.03
1805	A R Cardiff – Refund of postages		23.04
1806	Mr T Crofts – Maint. of War Memorial Bwlchgwyn (Sept)		100.00
1807	Encore Office Systems – Maint. of photocopier (Aug/Oct)		35.25
1808	BTRT – Hire of room (14 Oct)		20.00
1809	Nibbs Office Suppliers - Stationery		16.66

12. CLERKS RETIREMENT GRATUITY

There is no pension provision currently in place for the Clerk, and in lieu of this his written contract provided for a gratuity on retirement. The fund for this is already in place.

RESOLVED – It was proposed by Cllr Monti, seconded by Cllr Birch, and agreed, that this is now to be paid to the Clerk on his retirement.

The calculation of the gratuity has been validated by One Voice Wales, and the details will be put on file and are in accordance with the scheme approved by the HM Revenue and Customs Audit and Pension Schemes Services.

13. BRYMBO STEELWORKS SITE LIAISON COMMITTEE

A letter was read out regarding the above. Cllr Rogers has had regular meetings with Paul Roberts who is in advancing discussions with Brymbo Development with a view to agreeing a joint venture process to take forward the construction of the Spine Road, which should be completed by 2009/2010. The plans were looking promising. Cllr B Stapley thanked Cllr Rogers for all his hard work and expressed that momentum must still be kept to ensure the development is completed. Cllr Rogers said he was confident that an agreement in principle would be reached at the December meeting.

14. TIDY TOWNS GRANT AIDED PROJECTS

A letter has been received from the above re a grant awarded to Wrexham County Borough Council to develop a scheme to benefit the local community. The Community Council agreed that as many ideas as possible should be looked at, and to invite someone from the project to discuss all options that meet the criteria.

15. APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW CLERK

The new clerk was introduced to the Council. The Chairman said that information held on all the applicants for the post should be destroyed under the Data Protection Policy. The council took the decision that the Chairman would destroy all information held, with a witness present. The Council agreed that the new clerk should have a contract and job profile written, and also a pension scheme needed to be looked at.

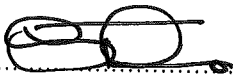
CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received by the Clerk –

Civic Support Officer – Invite to Mayors Charity Dance 31 October. **WCBC** – Agenda for Wrexham Town & Community Council Forum meeting held on 30 September and minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2008. **One Voice Wales** – Copy of motions for debate at AGM 11 October 2008. **Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales** – Notice of AGM 16 October 2008. **Bwlchgwyn Residents Group** – Minutes of AGM held 16 September 2008. **WCBC** – Info re financial assistance for first time buyers within renewal areas. **Wrexham Sustainability Forum** – Invite for representative to attend a Public Meeting at Glyndwr University on 22 October 2008. **Consumer Focus Wales** – Introduction to this new organisation. **Welsh Assembly** – Guidance report on the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act. **WCBC Health Social Care & Well-being Partnership** – Caring for our Health 2008/2011. **Wrexham Local Health Board** – Annual Report 2007/8. **Northern Marches Cymru** – Copies of Supporting Social Enterprise Sept. 2008 issue. **AVOW** – Newsletter Sept/Oct issue. **Nightingale House Hospice** – Copy of Nightingale Watch Autumn 2008. **Hope House Childrens Hospices** – Newsletter Autumn 2008. **Play for Wales** – Autumn 2008 issue. **WCBC** – Building News Sept. 2008 issue & leaflets re community buildings. **Alzheimer's Society** - Newsletter No 24. **Eventffoto Photography Services** – Poster re dates for forthcoming events.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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