

BRYMBO

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2008 IN THE ENTERPRISE CENTRE BRYMBO.

Present - Cllr M Shone (Chairman)

Brymbo Ward Councillors– D Greenaway, K Monti, D Moran, A Stapley, B Stapley. **Bwlchgwyn**

Ward Councillors – P Thomas, H Williams **Vron Ward Councillors** – A Birch, D Griffiths.

Police – Pc Tim Hughes, Pcs Mike Camplin. **WCBC** – Geraint Smith (Streetscene Area Co-ordinator). Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs N Davies, S Tilston, S Wynne, and County Borough Cllr N Price.

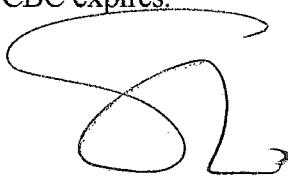
The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2008 were confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

1. POLICING

Pc Hughes gave a crime report for the month of March. **Brymbo** – 2 reported incidents of burglary to other than a dwelling, and 3 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour. **Bwlchgwyn** – 5 reported incidents, including 4 reports of burglary to other than a dwelling. There was 1 reported incident of anti-social behaviour. **Vron** – 1 report of damage to a vehicle and 1 report of theft from a vehicle. There were 7 reports of anti-social behaviour. Pc Hughes said that with regard to the anti-social behaviour reports for the Vron Ward, the police have spoken to one repeat caller to explain how the police are dealing with the situation. Cllr Birch said that he had received a telephone call from one youth who wished to explain that his group were not causing problems. Cllr Birch asked Pc Hughes if he will check on a report that some drugs had been found in Tanyfron. The problem of cars being parked and causing an obstruction, in particular on Saturdays, at the junction of St Albans Road/Park Road was raised again by Vron councillors and is a matter that the police have tried to solve by persuasion rather than coercion. The Clerk is to write to WCBC to request the installation of appropriate road markings at this location to deter parking. Cllr A Stapley asked why Operation Cinnamon, scheduled for 27 March, had been cancelled. Pc Hughes said that there had been a problem with the venue, which had been changed to Brymbo Conservative Club from the Enterprise Centre because of catering costs, and a double booking had been made. He said that he hopes to re-schedule it for sometime in May. Pc Hughes reported that Pcs Kate Bithell has been lost to the Community because she has joined the regulars, but he is hoping that she will be replaced. The Clerk said that there is a PACF meeting on 17 April, and he has received a copy of the minutes of the last meeting on 17 January 2008. The Chairman thanked Pc Hughes and Pcs Camplin for attending the meeting.

2. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

The Chairman reported that the property is still being advertised as available for rent in the WCBC Economic Development portfolio. He said that WCBC are actively trying to rent it, as unoccupied it is a standing expense. He said it will be up to the new Council, when formed, to discuss its future use when the Lease to WCBC expires.



3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Shone said that it is becoming clear that the indiscriminate parking of vehicles will in future be handled by local authorities rather than the police, and if so, offences could attract penalties which will be a source of income. In answer to a question from Cllr Monti, Cllr Shone confirmed that the former Brymbo Community Centre is up for sale, and said that he has tried to interest the Youth Service in taking over the property. However, he was told that they considered the potential costs of occupying the property too prohibitive. Cllr Shone said that in his period of office he has been able to play his part in a number of initiatives that have benefited the Community, and has worked hard on behalf of its residents. He hopes that he will be able to continue this work by a further period of office after 1 May.

4. ROADS

Cllr A Stapley asked Geraint Jones if Streetscene can attend to a deep hole that has developed at the edge of the carriageway on Pool Road, at the entrance to Bronwens Green. Cllr Monti said he wished to thank the Streetscene Team for the work done in clearing the footway on Vicarage Road, and Cllr B Stapley said that residents of the Glascoed are very grateful to Streetscene for their prompt action in clearing fly tipped rubbish from the Glascoed. Cllr B Stapley reported that a overgrown vegetation on a tree in Edwards Avenue is causing interference to telephone calls made by residents. Geraint Jones said he will arrange for it to be pruned.

5. BUS SHELTERS SERVICES AND STOPS

The Clerk read out a letter from the Operational Transport Manager WCBC, which informed the Council that he has written to the bus operator D Jones & Son to ask their drivers not to use the unofficial stop outside College Heights, Park Road. The Clerk is to inform the owner of the property. The Operational Manager has suggested that a stop could be located in Bryn Gwenfro, but Cllr Griffiths said that the suggested location is not acceptable because of the gradient. The Clerk is to arrange a site meeting with the Operational Manager to look at other options.

6. PLAYINGFIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS. No further information.

7. LAMPS

Cllr Thomas reported that problems are still being experienced with lamps located between Bwlchgwyn War Memorial and Nebo Hill, and in Glascoed Road, which are off from time to time. The Clerk is to report this to NWP. Fault reports have been received for lamps off in Cae Merfyn, St Albans Road, Llewelyn Road, and Harwd Road. The Clerk read out a letter from the solicitor for Gordon Mytton Homes, which said that a lamp column belonging to the Council in Roseway Tanyfron is within land belonging to his client, and will be removed and the electricity supply disconnected. It also states that there was no provision in his client's contract with WCBC for a replacement lamp and there is no intention to provide one. The Clerk reported that the Council's insurers have sent a copy of a letter from the solicitors acting for Gower Homes concerning the injuries claim involving the lamp located on Mount Hill. This states that their client offers to pay 50% of the damages and costs awarded to the claimant and the Council's costs, if the Council will agree to meet the other 50%. The Clerk said that the Council's insurers advise that this is a good offer, and because there was a time limit clause to the offer, he had informed the Chairman and consulted the Council's solicitor. He was advised by the Council's solicitor that the advice of the Council's insurers should be accepted, and the Clerk has written to the Council's insurers stating that the Council will take their advice and accept the offer.

8. FOOTPATHS

Cllr A Stapley said that a lady had tripped on a protruding root on FP No 1 (The Red Path) and

suffered an injury. The Clerk said that this problem has been reported a number of times to WCBC, and he will send in another problem report requesting urgent action. Cllr Monti said that he has received a telephone call from the WCBC Access and Rights of Way Ranger, who is now going to arrange a meeting with interested parties to promote the "Adopt a Path Scheme within Brymbo". Cllr B Stapley said he and Cllr Shone had recently attended a meeting with the newly formed Wrexham Bridleways Group, and Cllr Stapley had informed them that any attempt to gain access to the paths across Bronwens Green will be opposed. However, he said that access to the path from Llewelyn Road to Brake Road, which is on the Definitive Map, could provide the impetus to bring about the necessary improvements to the path. The Clerk informed the Council of the content of recent emails sent by Cllr Tilston to the Access and Rights of Way Ranger regarding obstructions to the route of FP No 80.

9. WAR MEMORIALS No further information.

10. CHURCHYARDS. No further information.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered –

P/2008/0244 – Graig Wen Farm Brymbo Road Bwlchgwyn – Erection of feed store and stable (in retrospect). Approved.

P/2008/0258 – Land at Chariot Drive Brymbo – Substitution of house type and addition of 1 detached double garage. Approved.

P/2008/0259 – Land at Chariot Drive Brymbo – Replacement of single detached garage to attached double garage. Approved.

P/2008/0273 – Land at Glascoed Road Bwlchgwyn – Erection of stables and store. Approved.

P/2008/0274 – Bryn Coch Ruthin Road Bwlchgwyn – Demolition of garage and replacement with new garage with first floor annexe accommodation. Approved.

P/2008/0331 – Mount Isa/Railway Road Brymbo – Provision of 2m wide footpath (to Highway Authority adoptable standard) along site boundary with public highway (as required by condition no 9 of planning permission P/2006/0326). Approved.

Cllr Williams confirmed that no objection has been made to P/2008/0226, recorded in the March minutes, and Cllr B Stapley said that he had checked with WCBC that the footpath referred to in P/2008/0151, recorded in the March minutes, is not a right of way and has a garage built across it at another location. Cllr Stapley asked Cllr Shone, in his capacity as a County Borough Councillor, whether he supported the objection to application P/2008/0184, recorded in the March minutes. Cllr Shone said that he had been working hard to have the ownership of the section of the field containing the kick-about area transferred to WCBC, as they would not renovate it until it was in their ownership. He is of the opinion that if the planning application is refused, BDL are unlikely to let WCBC acquire this area, and this would result in an amenity lost to Brymbo. Cllr Greenaway said that WCBC lost an opportunity of acquiring this piece of land as they could have used some land owned by them on the former Steelworks Site as a bargaining factor. The Clerk has received copies of recent WCBC planning decisions. Denbs CC have sent details of the next meeting of the Coed Llandegla Mountain Bike Centre Liaison Group.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – April 2008

1733	St Mary's Church Brymbo PCC – Donation	1000.00
1734	Wxm & Flintshire Groundwork (Plas Power Project) – Donation	50.00
1735	Alzheimer's Society – Donation	100.00

1736	North Wales Deaf Association – Donation		100.00
1737	North Wales Assoc for Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus - Donation		100.00
1738	Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Donation		50.00
1739	NWP Power Systems – Maintenance (March)		538.70
1740	A R Cardiff – Salary		425.83
1741	Inland Revenue – Tax/NI		116.57
1742	BTRT – Hire of room for 8 April		20.00
1743	A R Cardiff – Refund of postages		16.32
	RECEIPTS		
	Precept 2008/9 – 1 st Instalment		21278.33

13. DONATIONS

The Education and Development Officer of Wrexham & Flintshire Groundwork has written to thank the Council for the donation of £50.00 given for the Plas Power Biodiversity Community Events Project. The letter informs the Council that Broughton Community Council have contributed £600.00, and Gwersyllt Community Council are willing to contribute £600.00 subject to the other 4 Councils asked agreeing to contribute a similar sum. The letter asks if Brymbo would be willing to offer equal financial assistance to Gwersyllt. The Clerk is to write to Groundwork to ask what events will be arranged over the next 12 months for residents of Brymbo Community.

14. MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Welsh Assembly will be introducing a revised model Code of Conduct, which will come into force from 18 April 2008. The Clerk has received a letter from the Chief Legal Officer WCBC which strongly recommends that Councils adopt the new Code as soon as possible with an effective date of 5 May, which would mean that when the new Council forms members can then sign up to the new Code.

RESOLVED – It was proposed by Cllr Monti seconded by Cllr Birch, and agreed unanimously, that the Council will adopt the new model Code of Conduct and that members of the new Council will be asked to sign up to this before participating in the first meeting of the new Council on 13 May 2008.

15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting and the first meeting of the new Council will take place on Tuesday 13 May 2008 at 6.30 pm. in the Enterprise Centre Brymbo.

16. BWLCHGWYN CP SCHOOL

Cllr Williams gave the Clerk a copy of a press report in the Wrexham Leader, which features the very positive report that the School had after the Estyn Inspection in October 2007. The Clerk is to write to the Head Teacher to congratulate him and his staff on achieving such a good report.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received by the Clerk –

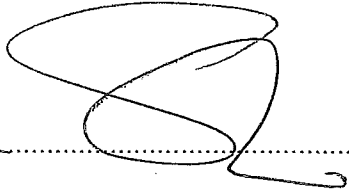
One Voice Wales – information regarding Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 15 July.

WCBC - Draft Community Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan (Consultation period 11 March-3 June 2008) **WCBC** – Forward Work Programmes of the five Overview and Scrutiny Committees from April. **Welsh Assembly** - Local Vision – Statutory Guidance on developing and delivering Community Strategies. **Welsh Assembly** – Draft Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for Wales for Consultation 2008-2011. **Ombudsman** – Guidance on Principles of Good Administration

and Principles for Redress. **Society for Local Council Clerks** – Minutes of AGM and quarterly meetings of the Clwyd Branch held on 7 March 2008. **West Wheels Community Transport Scheme** – Leaflets and application forms. **Wrexham Play Network** – Play Consultation on 9 April. **Clip** – Summer 2008 Programme. **Play for Wales** – Spring 2008 issue. **Welsh Rambler** – Issue No 68. **Connect** – Spring 2008 issue. **Wales Rural Forum** – Poster and flyers for event 17-18 May “Developing the Village Shop”

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

SIGNED

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