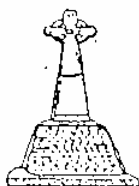


BRYMBO



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 9TH MAY 2017

Present (Chairman) Cllr Rogers

Brymbo Ward- Councillors D Ashworth, Z Clarke, K Mathews, S Monti, L Prince, S Rawlinson and M Shone.

Tanyfron Ward- Councillors T Birch and D Griffiths.

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors J Bassford-Barton and M White

County Borough Councillor D Kelly

Apologies- Councillors- D Davies

Police PCSO Ahmed

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. POLICING

BURGLARY	0	
BOTD	0	18/04/17 garage tools taken (Brymbo) 21/04/17 garage broken into
ASSAULTS	0	
TFMV	0	
TOMV	0	
THEFT	0	
ROBBERY	0	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	0	
ARSON	0	
DRUGS	0	
ASB	9	1/04/17-Boarded up church High street, 2/04/17 Miller Road, 14/04/17-16/04/17-23/04/17-27/04/17 Nant Court/Queens Road, 29/04/17 youths in the smoking shelter in Crick club, 30/04/17 ASB driving Link Road 30/04/17 Bat house

		back of Llewellyn Road
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Police & Council-Walkabout with Councillor Rogers discussed local issues.
Council-regular patrols conducted due to scaffolding in the area (which has been a deterrent)
Emerging issues-ASB driving in Brymbo.
Regular patrols conducted to alleviate the ASB issues.
Tanyfron- horse on the road (3 calls)
Tanyfron- lawnmower reported in Tanyfron area when officers attended it had been dumped, it was disposed of.
Good news stories-regular hi-visibility foot and vehicle patrol conducted in Brymbo and Tanyfron due to this we have been able to lower the amount of ASB in the area.
Walkabout conducted with Councillor Rogers and discussed local issues.
I have also dealt with calls via my phone which are no logged on our systems over the last month.
PCSO Ahmed reported that there had not been any issues with youths in the village that month. Instances of grit bins being turned over had been reported and a number of calls re noise in Brymbo. Cllr Rogers thanked PCSO Ahmed for her continuing work in obtaining grant funding for activities for youths in the village, PCSO Ahmed asked members to consult with her if they knew of any projects or activities which would benefit the youths. Cllr Rogers thanked PCSO for attending the meeting on her day off.

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Kelly said all was fairly quiet as it was the post-election period. The traffic calming scheme had gone out to procurement and Darren Green had been on leave. There was a meeting that week of the BVH Assoc. and one the week later of the residents Assoc. He would make both Associations aware of the vacancy in Bwlchgwyn. Cllr Shone asked if it was still the case that the Fields in Trust would remove any covenant on the King George land if a similar piece of land was found in its stead. Cllr Kelly said that it was still the case. Cllr Shone asked if Coed y Felin field could be considered as it had no trust status. Cllr Rogers said that as it was a designated school field this could not be considered under the Fields in Trust scheme. Cllr Shone said that it may be worth considering challenging this decision. Cllr Kelly said that he would continue to work with WCBC to come to a satisfactory conclusion for all involved.

The Clerk read out an e-mail she had received from a resident of Bwlchgwyn who was requesting that the CC cut back overgrown brambles which were coming through to her property. CBC Kelly said that he knew the area and asked if the Clerk would contact Tony Crofts who maintained the War Memorial site and see if he would look at this. Cllr Rogers said that WCBC were in the proceeds of appointing personnel to the Youth services posts that BCC had agreed in principle to fund. Cllr Shone asked for clarification that BCC would vet the process before funding. Cllr Rogers said that it would. There would be a SLA in place which BCC would agree to. Cllr Mathews said that funding for the new school had now changed and detailed planning would begin in the next 6-8 weeks. He said he plans were in place to start cutting turf with a completion date of 2018-2019 if everything went to plan.

4. ROADS

No further information.

5. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

The Clerk had received 3 quotes from WCBC for the Cae Merfyn Play Area. These were passed to the Tanyfron Councillors. Cllr Mathews proposed that the quotes be taken to the school for the pupils to be consulted on preference. Cllr Ashworth seconded the proposal. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

Cllr Mathews said that he had been approached by local sides wanting to know the fee for Bronwens Green playing field. Cllr Mathews proposed that the fees be £25.00 per match without the use of the changing rooms and £35.00 for the use of the changing rooms. Cllr Prince seconded the proposal. A vote was taken. All were in favour. The Chairman requested that a sub-committee meeting take place during the next month.

Cllr Rawlinson had obtained a quote for the path for the Skate Park. He would pass this quote for the works to the Clerk and if it met the specification set out by WCBC, members could agree to go ahead with it as it was considerably cheaper than any other quotes obtained. Cllr Rawlinson proposed that this be done. Cllr Monti seconded the proposal. A vote was taken. All were in favour. Cllr Rogers would send the specification to the Clerk and she would liaise with Cllr Rawlinson.

7. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

No further information.

8. WAR MEMORIAL

No further information.

9. PLANNING

DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURE AND ERECTION OF 9.NO AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING AND ACCESS ENGLISH METHODIST CHAPEL HIGH STREET BRYMBO

P/2017/0319- Observations made by CBC Rogers. The Chairman asked that any observations be made through the planning reps who would forward to WCBC on behalf of BCC.

GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR EXTENSIONS WITH INTERNAL ALTERATIONS 10 RUTHIN ROAD BWLCHGWYN

P/2017/0335- No observations.

10. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk read out an e-mail she had received after the calling of the Internal Audit. This was from Auditor General. It set out a four year governance theme for Community Councils with the emphasis for 2017-2018 being on the effectiveness of the internal audit and the use of reserves. The Clerk read out her internal audit report from JDH Business services.

The Annual Return cast a figure of £263629 and not £263627 as it should be. The Clerk had amended the Annual Return and placed the correct figure in box 4 and box 6. JDH noted that the bank reconciliation example they gave should be used

from now on and not the one the Clerk had previously used. The quarterly reconciliation should show opening balances, income received, payments and the negative figure of the lighting account should be addressed. This was noted. The financial regulations currently required 3 priced estimates for all expenditure in excess of £300.00. The Council should therefore review the reasonableness of the £300.00 established in the financial regulations. Members agreed that financial regulation numbered 11.1 g be amended in line with the standing orders from £300.00 to £7000.00. The investment strategy provided was not a proper investment strategy. Members agreed that a finance sub-committee be established with a view to discussing thoroughly an investment strategy and have one in place before the next internal audit was called. Significant variances needed to be provided from now on, on a quarterly basis rather than annually. The Clerk would provide this to members. The fidelity insurance cover was £250000. This needed to be amended to £283000. The Clerk had informed the insurance company and this had now been done. The Council needed to breakdown year end balances into each named reserve. If the general reserve was in excess of one year's net operating expenditure then level of precept should be reviewed. This would be discussed by the finance sub-committee. It was agreed that the Annual Return be approved by Council and the Chairman and Clerk signed the bank reconciliation and the Annual Return. The Clerk told members that all the documentation with regard to the External Audit would now be sent to the Auditors.

11. SAFETY SURFACE AT RAILWAY ROAD & MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Clerk had received an e-mail from WCBC saying that it had been identified in the 2016/2017 Annual inspection that the wet pour safety surface at the above play areas be monitored for further deterioration and that appropriate action may be needed. The surface had shrunk further causing a gap between the surface and the edging surround. This posed a low risk at present however; the warmer weather may cause the surface to curl up at the edges causing a trip hazard. WCBC had obtained three quotes. The Clerk told members that they were for:

Railway Road- £2089.00, £ 2352.00 and £2340.80.

Mountain View-£3299.00, £3556.00 and £3564.40.

The Chairman requested that a decision be deferred and he would request a site visit with WCBC officials. Members were in favour.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

NIGHTINGALE HOUSE-COMMUNITY EVENTS

13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

3085	TONY CROFTS BWLCHGWYN W/M	165.00
3086	DEE VALLEY WATER BRONWENS GREEN	91.31
3087	EASILY.CO.UK WEBSITE RENEWAL	17.99
3088	JDH BUSINESS SERVICES INTERNAL AUDIT	200.34
3089	SCOTTISH POWER TYF MUGA	346.40
3090	TENOVUS DONATION	100.00
3091	B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	9.10
3092	B M HUGHES SALARY	*
3093	BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 11/04	30.00

3094	JONES LIGHTING MAINTENACE	1423.27
3095	CAME AND COMPANY INSURANCE	3348.29
3096	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1027.06

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking Councillors for their support over the last five years. He said that there had been some very unpleasant and unfair criticism of the Community Council over the last few weeks leading up to the local elections. He said he believed all members worked hard for the good of their communities and thanked them for their work which was entirely voluntary.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed Chairman