BRYMBO



CYNGOR CYMUNED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bethan M Hughes Clerk and Financial Officer

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2015 AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Present –Councillor T Birch ChairmanBrymbo WardCouncillors M Liberatosciol, K Monti, L Prince, P Rogers, SRawlinson and M Shone.Councillor D GriffithsTanyfron WardCouncillor D GriffithsBwlchgwyn WardCouncillor B Woodfine-JonesApologiesCBC D Kelly, Councillors D Davies, M Jones, M Reston, S Tilston,
PCSO Simister

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday December 9th 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Declaration of interest

Cllr P Rogers- Planning application number P/2014/0949 Cllr M Shone- Cambrian House

2. POLICING

Crime Stats – Bwlchgwyn

| Crime | Incidents |
|-----------------|--|
| ASB Nuisance | 1 (Youth related) |
| Common Assault | 3 (Youth related on-going same location) |
| Criminal Damage | 1 (Vehicle tyres slashed – undetected) |

Crime Stats – Brymbo

| Crime | Incidents | | |
|-----------------|---|--|--|
| ASB Nuisance | 1 (Youth/noise related) | | |
| ASB Environment | 2 (Noisy party and littering) | | |
| Rowdy Nuisance | 1 (Fixed Penalty issued to person abusive | | |
| | towards officers. Incident occurred in | | |

Wrexham Town)

Crime Stats – Tanyfron

| Crime | Incidents |
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| ASB Nuisance | 1 (Neighbour ASB report) |
| Assault S.47 | 1 (Domestic related 1 person arrested) |
| UTMV | 1 (Off road bike taken from a garage – on- going) |

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Rogers said that the condition of Railway Road was going to be addressed. It was uneven and had disintegrated in places. Welsh Water was going to carry out a survey to see what the problem was. With regards to Queens Road residents were to hold a meeting to discuss the on-going issues. Cllr Rogers told members that work had started on the Community Centre in Tanyfron. Cllr Rogers said that a new vicar had been appointed to the parish of Brymbo and Bwlchgwyn, and a ceremony was to take place on Sunday 18th January. Councillors had been invited to attend.

4. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

The Clerk said that she had received an e-mail from the solicitors saying that the sale should be completed during the month. Cllr Monti said that he had spoken to the prospective buyer who said that he had paid for an asbestos report as his mortgage company needed one. Cllr Shone declared an interest. Cllr Monti asked whether the CC would pay for the asbestos report on behalf of the prospective buyer. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that if the CC did pay for it, it should then become the property of the CC to have for future reference if the sale did not go ahead. Cllr Monti proposed that the CC pay for the asbestos report. Cllr Liberatosciol seconded the proposal. A vote was taken. There were 2 votes in favour and 5 against. The motion was defeated.

5. ROADS

Cllr Rogers told members that the delayed road closure was due to begin the following Monday. A meeting had been held between the developers, WCBC officials and all other agencies involved to discuss the implications and offer solutions. Revised grit routes were in place. Cllr Rogers said that if there were any concerns members could let him know and he would pass them on. Notices were to be placed on all bus services that were affected. He said that Arriva buses were unable to serve the Lodge at this time as they had trialled a run but were unable to provide a safe service as cars were parked along the roads that were to be used. GHA had been very co-operative and would be carrying out the same number of journeys. Following this road closure, there was to be a further closure on Green Road for 4 weeks.

Cllr Rogers said that Dee Valley Water were due to return to Coed y Felin Road to complete works that had begun on Boxing Day. Cllr Shone said that two teams had begun working on a leak on Boxing Day and had not left until the work was compete.

6. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

7. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Cllr Rogers said that WCBC were investing approx. £10, 000.00 on the playground at Bryn y Ffynnon.

8. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

No further information.

9. WAR MEMORIAL/CHURCHYARDS

Cllr Monti told members that he and Cllr Rawlinson had met with the contractors regarding the path to the Cenotaph. They had agreed that the work was not satisfactory and that it would be re-surfaced.

10. PLANNING

REMOVE 1 ELM AND REPLANT NEW TREE, COPPICE ELM, REMOVE 3 LOWER BRANCHES OVERHANGING BOUNDARY FROM 1 ELM AND REMOVE 5 LOWER BRANCHES OVERHANGING BOUNDARY FROM 1 ELM, COPPICE MULTI-STEM SYCAMORE AND MULTI-STEM ELM AND POLLARD HAWTHORN TO 3 METRES. TREES PROTECTED BY TPO WCBC NO 172 LAND ADJACENT TO PLANTATION COTTAGE COED Y FELIN ROAD BRYMBO P/2014/0889- No observations

ERECTION OF 4 NO.DWELLING (2 DETACHED 3 BED HOUSES AND 2 SEMI-DETACHED 2 BED HOUSES LAND AT JUNCTION OF BRYN ROAD AND HARWD ROAD BRYMBO P/2014/0949-No observations

REMOVAL OF CONDITION 5 OF PLANNING PERMISSION CODE NO P/2003/0375 TO ALLOW REMOVAL OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS RESTRICTION THE BARN PENTRE SAESON FARM BRYMBO ROAD BWLCHGWYN P/2015/0004- No observations

DEMOLITION OF FORMER PUBLIC HOUSE AND ERECTION OF FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED DWELLING THE WESTMINSTER ARMS RUTHIN ROAD BWLCHGWYN P/2015/0008- No observations

11. COMMUNITY AGENT

Delyth Pridding had been invited to present the Community Agent post which WCBC hoped the Community Councils would take up during the next financial year. She said it was a new initiative funded by the Welsh Assembly. The Community Agent's role would be to support individuals in the Community and report to the Clerk on a monthly basis. Cllr Liberatosciol said that the role was needed as there needed to be support for people and currently there was none. She said that it was a good idea to have an agent in the community as they would be able to liaise between residents and agencies and offer support. Cllr Birch asked for clarification as to the funding of the role. The role would be funded by WCBC however the Community Council would be the employer. WCBC would pay for training, mobile telephone and a laptop. Cllr

Shone asked if there would be a full job description and asked why WCBC would not employ the agents instead of the CC. He said there could be an issue of liability in the future that would need to be addressed. Ms Pridding said that there would not be as the CC would be able to add the agent to their public liability insurance. Cllr Shone said he was worried that a claim for liability was able to be made over a period of 30 years and this could cause future problems. He said that WCBC had mechanisms in place for their current employers therefore asked why they could not employ the agents and therefore this would not be a worry to individual Community Councils. Cllr Shone questioned whether BCC had the resources to employ the agents. Cllr Shone said that the scheme needed to be thoroughly looked at before any decision could be made and the CC needed full facts. Ms Pridding said that other CC had added the agent onto their public liability insurance. Cllr Shone said it may be worth Ms Pridding contacting Broughton CC to ask whether they would like to join forces with BCC to employ an Agent which could then be full time rather than the proposed 16 hours a week. Cllr Shone proposed that the Clerk write to the insurance company to raise their attention to this matter, and to seek their advice on the insurance liabilities of the CC. Cllr Monti seconded this proposal. A vote was taken and all were in favour. The Chairman thanked Ms Pridding for attending.

12. REQUEST TO PURCHASE PART OF BRONWENS GREEN

Cllr Shone asked if there were any trees on this part of the land that would need to be felled. Cllr Birch said that this issue had been dealt with at the previous meeting. Cllr Birch queried the invoice and the quote. Cllr Monti said that the original quote was to fell the trees; however the trees had not been felled but trimmed, and stood at approx. 20 foot high. Cllr Monti said that a tree surgeon had inspected them He asked whether the quote should be cheaper if the trees had been merely trimmed. Cllr Liberatosciol said that this was not the case as she had similar quotes and more work was needed to trim a tree than to fell one. Cllr Shone said that the problem of the dangerous trees had been recorded in previous correspondence, and this would not withstand scrutiny. He said that he believed that the information provided to members had been disregarded. Cllr Shone proposed that if members agreed with this, the invoice should be queried. There was no seconder. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that the issue would need to be taken up with the contractor if a breach of contract was believed to have taken place, however an agreement had been made between the householder and the contractor that the CC had agreed to at the previous meeting.

Cllr Shone asked after the e-mail from the insurance company that said a claim could be made for half of the cost. The Clerk said that this had been discussed and that the excess on the insurance policy and the loss of the no claims bonus would not warrant making a claim.

A request had been made to the Clerk via e-mail regarding the purchase of a parcel of land on Bronwens Green. Cllr Birch had spoken to Brymbo Developments and had been assured that they did not own the land and that it did belong to BCC. There were further trees on this land and Cllr Rogers asked if these trees posed a danger and would they need to be felled in the future. The Chairman said that this could be discussed at a future meeting. The Clerk had requested advice from one Voice Wales who had said that there were legal implications in selling Council assets and and there were guidelines in place. The land would have to go on the open market and notification given to the public re the sale. Members would need to decide if the land was no longer required by the CC. Cllr Shone said that any future sale would need to withstand public scrutiny and all information should be made available to members before a decision could be made. Cllr Shone therefore requested that the item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting and members would be given all the facts and proposed costs involved as these would be significantly higher than the amount the land was being valued at by the proposed buyer. Members agreed that they needed to be fully informed before any decision was to be made. Cllr Liberatosciol asked whether a site-meeting for Councillors cold be arranged in order that everyone familiarised themselves with the area. Cllr Birch said he would organise this. Cllr Griffiths said that he did not believe that the CC should be selling any of its assets.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Cllrs Tilston, Birch and Davies had previously enquired as to whether the CC would consider contributing towards purchasing 2 x defibrillators for the First Response teams that were setup in the areas. Cllr Davies was to become a member of the team and had requested funding to purchase specific equipment. The local First Response team would serve Bwlchgwyn, Brymbo and Tanyfron. Cllr Woodfine-Jones proposed that one be purchased from Bwlchgwyn Environmental fund. This was seconded by Cllr Shone. All were in favour. Cllr Griffiths proposed that the other be purchased from Tanyfron Environmental Fund. This was seconded by Cllr Shone. All were in favour.

14. BRYMBO VACANCY

The clerk told members that she had received an e-mail from one of the two candidates stating that she would be withdrawing from the process of becoming a Community Councillor. Mr Ken Matthews was in attendance as requested and was therefore elected to the vacant position.

15. CLERKS ANNUAL PAY REVIEW

Members voted to increase the Clerks pay scale to point 28 in the NJC pay scale.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

SUSAN ELAN JONES MP/AS KEN SKATES AM/AC ADVICE OF SURGERIES

17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| 2762 | B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES | 9.92 |
|------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 2763 | CORONA ENERGY CAMBRIAN HOUSE | 105.06 |
| 2764 | BTRT HIRE OF ROOM NOVEMBER | 20.00 |
| 2765 | D R PUGH TREES BRONWENS GREEN | 800.00 |
| 2766 | WCBC RATES CAMBRIAN HOUSE | 182.00 |
| 2767 | WCBC RATES CAMBRIAN HOUSE | 710.00 |
| 2768 | INLAND REVENUE | 360.40 |
| 2769 | AJI ACCOUTING SOLUTIONS PAYROLL | 56.70 |
| 2770 | SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY | 1058.81 |

| 2771 | B M HUGHES SALARY | 569.02 |
|------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 2772 | DEE VALLEY WATERBRONWENS GREEN | 132.25 |
| 2773 | DEE VALLEY WATER CAMBRIAN HOUSE | 32.16 |
| 2774 | JONES LIGHTING | 1279.06 |

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed Chairman