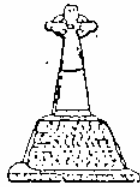


BRYMBO



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 19TH MAY 2026 AT BRYMBO SPORTS AND SOCIAL COMPLEX.

Present (Chairman) Cllr P Rogers (also CBC)

Brymbo Ward- Councillors D Ashworth, J Phelen, S Rawlinson, and C Williams.

Tanyfron Ward- Councillors J Barton and C Harris.

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillor J Williams.

County Borough Councillor P Rogers

Apologies Cllrs J Garston (ML), W Martin, K Peacock, M Peacock and G Hughes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST-None

2 COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

No apology had been received from CBC Brown or CBC Wellens. No report had been submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting from either CBC.

CBC Rogers opened by telling members that BDL Developments were selling 7 pieces of land including Brymbo Pool which BCC leased from them. He said that he had been in contact with BDL who said that they would be happy for BCC to make an offer to purchase the pool prior to the auction on the 28/05/2026. CBC Rogers had contacted One Voice Wales to ask whether purchasing at auction posed a problem and was told that it would not. They stated that no one members would be liable if the purchase fell through but rather the CC as a body.

He asked members if they would be interested in making a sensible offer to purchase the pool and the land surrounding it as feelings were running high in the community at the prospect of losing a valuable green space with pool that served so many residents. Purchasing it would be on a freehold basis. BDL had said that the CC could place an offer prior to the auction date. There were approx. 10.6 acres which included the reservoir. All members agreed that the CC should make an offer to try to keep the land and reservoir for community use. The Clerk asked which budget the money would come from, and members agreed that the reserve account could be used. Cllr C Williams proposed, and Cllr J Barton seconded that Brymbo CC make an initial bid for the land and pool. A vote was taken. All were in favour. The Chair said she would contact the solicitors the next day.

CBC Rogers said that he had been contacted by Stori Brymbo regarding an invitation to the launch. There were a number of events however one Cllr had been nominated by Stori Brymbo to attend certain events. Councillors said that they were unhappy that only certain members had been allowed an invite and said that all should be offered an invite as it was an event for the community as a whole. CBC Rogers said that he would be meeting representatives that week to re-iterate that the event should be community led. Members said they were bitterly disappointed and agreed that everyone should have the opportunity to attend.

3. ROADS

No further information.

4. LIGHTING (INVOICE AND OFFA STREET QUOTE)

The Clerk had received a quote from mega Electrical regarding the Offa's St lamp which was faulty. The quota was approx. £3500.00 plus VAT to repair however it could be less if the cause of the fault could be pinned down to an exact location. Members requested that the Clerk e mail Mega Electrical to ask whether this was a Scottish Power fault and if so, could they possible fix it? If not, the CC would be happy to pay for the repairs as the lamp in question was in an important position in the village.

The Clerk told members that she had received an invoice from Mega Electrical for the survey work and inventory which had been requested in February to resolve the issue with Scottish Power. The Clerk had been told that the survey would take approx. 4 weeks to complete. The invoice was for £7440.00 inc of VAT. Members agreed that this was far costlier than expected and asked the Clerk to contact Mega Electrical to request a more detailed invoice so that they could understand better the reasoning behind the costs incurred. This would also be needed for future audits. This was proposed by Cllr Barton and seconded by Cllr J Willims. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

5. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

The Chair asked that a meeting to discuss the next football seasons requirements and other matters be arranged the next month with regards to Bronwen's Green.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2025/2026/Annual Return.

The Clerk had received the internal audit report from JDH Business Services.

The following issues had been raised.

1. The lighting contract had last been rewarded in October 2022. The recommendation was that the CC should review contracts regularly as per the financial regulations. The Clerk told member that the contract would need to go out to tender with a suggested period of 3-5 years as lighting companies did not wish to tender for any less.
2. Testing of payment identified that payments ref 45-56 had not been approved in the Council minutes. The Clerk noted this and said that it had been her error.
3. The precept calculation did not clearly show that consideration of the Council's general reserves had taken place in calculation for the precept of 2026/2027. The Clerk told members that the Council's reserves had been included in the investment strategy agreed in April 2026 and all reserves had been set aside for specific projects or health and safety needs which arose

with the reservoir and Bronwen's Green. The Clerk would minute this at the next precept meeting.

4. A review of the cashbook spreadsheet identified an error in the 'net' payments column. This had been caused by carrying forward a balance manually. The Clerk noted this and had corrected it. The Chair and RFO signed the new bank reconciliation. The balance carried forward would be linked directly rather than manually in future.

The Clerk said that the External Audit was now due. The Chair and the Clerk signed the Annual Return.

7. PLANNING

CONVERSION OF DWELLING INTO 2 DWELLINGS

1 HARWD ROAD BRYMBO

P/2026/0271- Observations made

FORMATION OF VEHICULAR ACCESS

34 PEN Y GRAOG ROAD BRYMBO

P/2026/0272-No observations made.

8. PAYMENTS

9	BRYMBO SPORTS AND SOCIAL	50.00
10	S POWER YOUTH CONTAINER	109.16
11	WCBC REPAIRS ZIP WIRE TYF	5850.32
12	MEGA ELECTRICLA REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	2770.20
13	EASILY WEBSITE DOMAIN	22.87
14	SHERRATTS 16765 B GREEN	360.80
15	AJ GALLAGHER ANNUAL INS POLICY	4182.12
16	MARIE CURIE DONATION	300.00
17	BRYMBO CRICKET CLUB DONATION	350.00
18	BVHA HIRE OF ROOM YOUTH	60.00
19	JDH BUSINESS SERVICES INTERNAL AUDIT	366.00
20	SCOTTISH POWER MEADOW VIEW	319.69
21	SCOTTISH POWER B GREEN	267.07
22	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1489.93
23	B HUGHES SALARY	1088.19

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed Chair