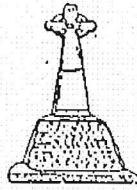


# BRYMBO



## CYNGOR CYMUNED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE.

Present –Cllr B Woodfine-Jones. (Chairman)

Brymbo Ward- Councillors J Clarke, Z Clarke, T Crofts, K Monti, M Reston, P Rogers and M Shone.

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors M Jones and S Tilston

Tanyfron Ward Councillors- T Birch, D Davies and D Griffiths.

Apologies –Councillor D Kelly.

Police- PCSO Mike Simister.

The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

M SHONE GOVERNOR OF TANYFRON SCHOOL

S TILSTON RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

#### 2. POLICING

##### Brymbo

Crime	Incidents
ASB Personal	x 1 (verbal abuse from youths on going)
ASB Nuisance	x 2 (1 x youths Railway Rd, 1 x adult)
ASB Environment	x 2 (1 x snow/vehicle, 1 x fly tipping)
Burglary Dwellings	x 2 (New estate – items taken and vehicle was also taken)
B.O.T.D.'s	None
Domestics Involving Adults	x 5 (2 x persons received conditions)
Theft from Vehicle	x 2 (Thefts from vehicles)
Assault	x 1 (offender dealt with by Restorative Resolution)
Criminal Damage	x 1 (youths allegedly damaged vehicle and building)
Drugs	X 1 (1 x arrested on suspicion)

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### **Bwlchgwyn**

<b>Crime</b>	<b>Incidents</b>
<b>ASB Nuisance</b>	<b>1 x (snowballs at property)</b>
<b>Burglary Dwellings</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>BOTD</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>UTMV</b>	<b>X 1 (vehicle recovered not public road)</b>
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	<b>x 2 (1 personal, 1 smashed window)</b>

### **Tanyfron**

<b>Crime</b>	<b>Incidents</b>
<b>ASB Personal</b>	<b>x 1 (family involvement)</b>
<b>Burglary Dwellings</b>	<b>x 1 (No entry gained attempted)</b>
<b>BOTD</b>	<b>x 2( 1 motorcycle offenders arrested, 1 nothing taken entry only)</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>x 1 (vehicle set on fire)</b>
<b>Assault</b>	<b>x 3 (2 x persons fighting)</b>
<b>Domestics Involving Adults</b>	<b>x 3</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>x 1 (1 x arrested)</b>

### **3. CAMBRIAN HOUSE**

Cllr Monti said that 4 windows had been broken at Cambrian House. He had obtained a quote to get the repairs done.

Cllr Monti asked if anyone would share the responsibility of Cambrian House with him and Cllr Z Clarke said she would. She would therefore be on the Cambrian House sub-committee.

### **4. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

The feasibility study for the Heritage Site had been completed and the County Borough had received their copy that day and would be following it up. Funding would be needed of approx. £100,000.00 and grants would be applied for. Cllr Rogers said that there was currently a review of libraries in the County. The County Borough was looking to save approx. £190,000.00. There had been a suggestion of closing 3 libraries with Brymbo being one of these. A range of options were being considered. One being the relocation of the library to another building in the Community. At present it cost approx. £16,000.00 to run the library in Brymbo. Cllr Rogers asked if the CC would consider passing a resolution to write to WCBC supporting the library in Brymbo. Cllr Shone said he was appalled at the thought of closing the library as WCBC had been told many years before that the buildings sell by date had passed, and at the time the CC were told that there was no funding available to move the library. He said that in the scheme of things £16000.00 was not a great deal of money for the County Borough to keep this facility open. He said



that the library service was extremely valuable and was needed in the Community and perhaps Cambrian House could be considered to house it. Cllr Birch proposed that the CC write a letter of support to WCBC. This was seconded by Cllr Monti. It was agreed unanimously. Cllr Tilston asked whether the CC could consider making a contribution towards the upkeep of the library. Cllr Rogers said that the report was premature at present as no discussions had yet taken place and no consultation. Cllr J Clarke asked whether there were any plans in making the libraries more business friendly and Cllr Rogers answered that funding may be available for refurbishments as no money had been received from the Urban 2 project. This funding if successful could help towards relocation of the library.

Cllr Rogers said that council officers had met to discuss empty buildings in the Borough. Many were rapidly deteriorating.

Cllr Rogers raised concerns that the Youth Club in Brymbo had been closed for approx. 6 weeks. There had been some anti-social behaviour at Christmas time. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that WCBC should be consulted on this as they employed the officers in charge of the Youth Club. Cllr Rogers said that the excuses were not acceptable and this facility should be there for the children of the village. Cllr Monti proposed and Cllr Reston seconded, that a letter of support for the Youth Club should be sent to Donna Dickenson of WCBC. This was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Rogers said that he had received a request from Tanyfron residents for the CC to purchase 'no dog fouling' signs for the village. These could be placed in various locations around the village. The Clerk would obtain quotes from Streetscene.

## **5. ROADS**

Cllr Rogers said that he had met with the Head teacher of Tanyfron School about traffic management. WCBC Highways Dept. had suggested the option of a one way system.

## **6. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS**

No further information.

## **7. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

Cllr Monti said that molehills had been spotted on Bronwen's Green. Cllr Rogers said he would contact the pest control dept. at WCBC.

## **8. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING**

Cllr Rogers said that an issue had arisen about the light on the shop in Offa Street. NWP Power had de-commissioned it and it would therefore need reconnecting. Cllr Monti said that if the building belonged to the County Borough there would be safety issues and they should look into this. Cllr Woodfine-Jones asked how much it would cost to re-connect. No costing had been sought. Cllr Jones asked why the CC should pay for this to be re-connected if NWP Power had de-commissioned it.

Cllr Rogers said that a request for a new lamp in College fields had been received and he would get a quote. Cllr Shone asked whether the lights from the MUGA could benefit this area rather than a new lamp. Cllr Birch said that these lights went off at 9.00p.m.



Cllr Tilston offered his assistance to all footpath rep's and said that if they needed any assistance he would gladly be available to help them out in his role with the Ramblers Assoc.

## **9. WAR MEMORIAL**

Cllr Tilston said that the benches near to the War Memorial in Bwlchgwyn had to be bolted down to stop them being stolen, however these had become loose. He would obtain a quote to get them fixed which could be paid from Bwlchgwyn Environmental Fund.

## **10. CHURCH/CHURCHYARDS**

Cllr Rogers asked for the St John's Churchyard to be put on the Agenda. He said he was concerned about the state of disrepair to the path and the absence of metal railings. He asked whether it would be possible to request that money be used from the Brymbo Environmental Fund to pay for repairs to be carried out. Cllr Shone said that the area was under the ownership of the Church and it would be very difficult for the CC to set a precedent. He thought it would be unfair to spend taxpayer's money on assets owned by another institution. Cllr Rogers said that the War Memorial was an asset of the CC and this site surrounded it. Cllr Shone asked who had dealt with it previously. Cllr Rogers said that it had been allowed to deteriorate. Cllr Z Clarke said that the area was well used by the Community and perhaps the CC should fund repair as a gesture of goodwill. Cllr Reston said that the CC had a duty of care to residents, and perhaps the CC could pay on the understanding it would be the only time. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said he thought that the Church should fund the repair work, however if the CC did pay for it to be done it should be made absolutely clear it would be a one off gesture. Cllr Shone said that if quotes were obtained and the Church organised works on the land, who would be responsible for carrying out the work; as previous work had been undertaken by felling trees which had then been covered in diesel and burnt on site. He said the Church should be liable for any work undertaken. Cllr Tilston said that the CC would not have to instruct the work however perhaps a donation could be made towards the cost from the Environmental Fund. Cllr Shone said he was not totally against the idea as it was a valuable amenity for the Community; however the CC was year on year instrumental in making a large donation towards the cost of grass cutting. Cllr Woodfine-Jones asked if the County Borough Council could be of any help, but Cllr Rogers said it was not possible. Cllr Rogers proposed that a sub-committee be set up to meet with Church officials to discuss the matter further. This was seconded by Cllr Shone. It was agreed to appoint Cllr's Reston, Davies, Rogers, Zoe Clarke and Shone on the new sub-committee.

## **11. PLANNING**

INSTALLATION OF AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP  
1 UPLANDS BRYMBO ROAD BWLCHGWYN  
P/2013/0024- No observations

BALCONY TO EXISTING DWELLING  
BRYN HYFRYD MINERA ROAD FFRITH



P/2013/0044-No observations

DEMOLITION OF TWO STOREY STORAGE BUILDING AND ERECTION OF STORAGE BUILDING WITH OFFICE/STUDIO AT FIRST FLOOR LEVEL AND SINGLE STOREY LIMK

GLASCOED COTTAGE GLASCOED ROAD FFRITH BRYMBO

P/2013/0090-No observations

## **12. BRYMBO VACANCY**

The Clerk had received notification from WCBC that a notice of co-option was needed to advertise the Brymbo ward vacancy. Members decided to place the advert in all the 3 wards noticeboards until February 28<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## **13 SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

Cllr Z Clarke said that she would have to resign from being a governor at St. Mary's school as all meetings were held at 3.30 when she was at work. It was agreed that Councillor Crofts would take her place.

## **14. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr's had agreed at the last meeting that the Chairman's Allowance would be set at £600.00. In previous years all lighting and planning reps had received £50.00 from the Chairman's Allowance which had been £900.00

Cllr Birch said that under current circumstances some Councillors who were not working were finding it difficult as they needed to make telephone calls and pay postage. Cllr Z Clarke said she understood this and believed nobody should be worse off, however she believed these expenses should be receipted. Cllr Birch said that Councillors were not allowed to claim any mileage expenses if they travelled within the Community which they represented. Cllr J Clarke said that when Councillors volunteered for the roles there was no mention of expenses being paid. Cllr Rogers said that this had always been a historic gesture from the Chairman's Allowance. Cllr Rogers said that if the £50.00 gesture was taken away then it may be difficult to get volunteers to do the jobs. Cllr Z Clarke said that her only concern was that the expenses needed to be transparent as members of the public may wish to see what was being accounted for. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that members of the public had never requested to see receipts for expenses. Cllr Birch said that income and expenditure was presented yearly and was available for all members of the public to see. Cllr Reston said that all Councils allowed for a Chairman's Allowance. Cllr Z Clarke said that just because it had always been done did not mean it could not be changed and this could perhaps be a first step for other Councils to follow suit. Cllr Jones said that she had no objections to a Chairman's Allowance and expenses but that it should be accountable. Cllr Z Clarke said that it would be easy to log phone calls etc. Cllr Tilston said that time was a factor in keeping records as a Councillor's role was voluntary. Cllr Rogers said that his understanding of the report was that members needed to discuss individual member's allowance. Cllr Birch proposed that an annual payment be made to each representative; this was seconded by Cllr Tilston. A vote was taken. 6 votes were for the proposal and 5 against. Cllr Rogers abstained from voting. The motion was carried.



A proposal of £50.00 to each member was made by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Reston. 6 were in favour and 5 against with 1 abstention. Cllr's M Jones, M Reston, Z Clarke, J Clarke, D Davies, T Crofts and M Shone made a written statement that they would forgo their £50.00 entitlement.

#### 15. CORRESPONDENCE

WCBC-WREXHAM TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM-ADVICE OF NEXT MEETING  
COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL-NHS SERVICE CHANGES 2012; SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE  
CYRIL JONES & CO-PLAYING FIELDS AT COED Y FELIN ROAD-RIGHTS OF ACCESS  
NIGHTINGALE HOUSE NEWS  
WCBC-BRYMBO/BROUGHTON HOUSING RENEWAL AREA STEERING GROUP  
AGE CONCERN START UP LUNCHEON CLUB  
WCBC-YOUTH AND PLAY SERVICES  
KIDNEY WALES FOUNDATION  
ADULT SOCIAL CARE COMMUNITY INCLUSION GRANT  
AVOW-HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

#### 16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2459 SCOTTISH POWER MUGA	18.84
2460 BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 08/01	20.00
2461 NWP POWER MAINTENACE	592.16
2462 DEE VALLEY WATER CAMBRIAN HOUSE	27.63
2463 DEE VALLEY WATER BRONWENS GREEN	151.30
2464 CORONA ENERGY CAMBRIAN HOUSE	162.63
2465 B M HUGHES SALARY	449.41
2466 B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	15.00
2467 INLAND REVENUE	112.40
2468 SCOTTISH POWER	970.38

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

Signed  ..... Chairman