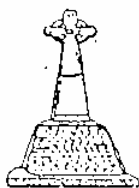


BRYMBO



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 11TH JANUARY 2022 HELD AT BRYMBO SPORTS AND SOCIAL COMPLEX

Present (Chairman) Cllr P Rogers

Brymbo Ward- Councillors K Mathews, J Phelen, L Prince, S Rawlinson, D Roberts and M Shone.

Tanyfron Ward- Councillors J Barton, D Griffiths and G Hughes

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors J Bassford-Barton, D Marsh and R McNeil.

Apologies- Councillor D Ashworth.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST-None

2. POLICING

The police sent their apologies. Due to staffing issues they were not able to attend, however they hoped to be attending regularly from next month. A report had been sent to the Chair. Speed checks had been carried out on Phoenix Drive and there had been a decrease in anti-social behaviour. There had been issues with off road vehicles and the police urged residents to report any sightings to 101. There had been 2 incidents of dog on dog attacks, Warning letters had been given. The police said that they would like to discuss CCTV with BCC at a future meeting.

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CBC Rogers told members that there had not been any progress between BHT and Brymbo Developments. A meeting regarding the school site was to be held the coming Friday. CBC Rogers said that he had met with the Welsh Ambulance trust and the defibrillators were being installed on the 27/01/2022. He asked if any Councillor would be available to meet with him as the electrical work needed to be countersigned. Any fly-tipping and pot holes needed to be reported on-line or directly to WCBC. This would ensure they were dealt with. CBC Rogers said that with the Housing Budget he had secured funding for off street parking near to the pensioner's bungalows and he was also looking at parking near the flats at Park View Tanyfron. He had also chased the grit bins as they had not been delivered. CBC Rogers told

members that the Clerk had received the new SLA for the maintenance of the play areas. There had been an increase of £205.00 for all 10 play areas in the 3 villages. Members agreed to carry on funding this as it would be taken out of each individual village's' Environmental Fund. CBC Rogers said he had been approached by residents of the new estate to purchase a piece of play equipment for the play area there. The residents maintained this by paying a fee to a contract service. He said that assurances would be needed before any purchase was made that the equipment would be maintained by the company. Cllr Shone said that the CC should not purchase anything if assurances could not be given. CBC Rogers said he would therefore explore the option and bring back to full Council.

4. ROADS

The Chair told members that the Tanyfron signs were in hand but no timescale had been given as yet.

5. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

No further information.

7. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

The Chair told members that there had been an issue with the lighting at the MUGA in Tanyfron. 4 out of the 8 lights were not working and the timer had failed. Mega Electrical had been out and fixed the timer and proposed that the bulbs be replaced with 4 LED lights instead of 8 standard lamps. The cost for this would be approx. £3000.00. There were funds available in the Tanyfron Environmental Fund. Cllr Griffiths proposed and Cllr Hughes seconded that the lights be replaced with LED's. A vote was taken. All were in favour. The Chair said he wanted to make members aware that there was no street lighting on College Fields as there was an on-going dispute between WCBC and the water company regarding the sewage pipes. WCBC would not adopt the road and therefore refused to put bulbs in the street lamps. Cllr Mathews said that the footpath at Halcog was damaged. The gates either side had been broken and were dangerous. The Chair said that Cllr Ashworth had met with WCBC and he would speak to her. Cllr Marsh said that approx. 26 lights were out in Bwlchgwyn and had been for about 12 months. The Chair asked him to forward them to him and he would then contact Jones Lighting. The Clerk would be copied into the e-mail. The Chair said that some of these could possibly be Scottish Power fault however they would need to be reported firstly to the maintenance contractor. He asked if the numbers on the columns and also if possible photographs could be sent to him. He would then take this up with Jones Lighting. The Chair added that a request had been made for an additional lamp on Edwards Avenue. He would obtain a quote and bring back to Council.

8. WAR MEMORIAL/CHURCH

The Chair told members that Jason Jones had repaired the roof on St. Mary's Church. There were still some smaller issues that needed to be looked at. Residents had raised approx. £1300.00 in donations and pledges of about £2300.00 had been made. A meeting was to be held in March to put forward a 5 year plan for the Church

to keep it open. He asked that the CC fund the cost of hiring a room for the meeting. All were in favour.

9. PLANNING

NONE

10. QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS

A copy of all income and expenditure was circulated to members. The Chair and Clerk signed the bank reconciliation.

11. DONATIONS

Project Hightown Barracks. Offa CC had sent a donation application in for funding. A project to erect a life-size sculpture of a Royal Welch Fusilier with the regimental goat in bronze in a flood lit landscape setting was being proposed by their Councillors. They had requested funding from each CC in the Wrexham County. The total cost of the project was approx. £90,000.00. Cllr Shone proposed that BCC donate £1000.00 to the project. This was seconded by Cllr McNeil. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

Bwlchgwyn Village Hall Association.

2 requests for funding had been made. One for replacement windows and doors and the other for a new kitchen. 3 quotes had been received for the windows and doors and 2 for the kitchen. The treasurer was still waiting for one more quote for the kitchen. The Clerk had contacted One Voice Wales with regards to the amounts requested. They had replied by saying that the CC could make the grants, however it would be under the power of wellbeing. They said that all expenditures made under this power would go towards the S137 limit which would be $1960 \times £8.41 = £16,483.60$. That was the maximum the CC could spend on all payments under the scheme. The Clerk told members that spending had already been made of just under £6000.00 therefore this would leave approx. £10,000.00 for the financial year to grant the Assoc. The CC would then be able to grant a further sum during the next financial year. The funding would come from the Capital account as £80,000.00 had been set aside for a number of years for a project in the village of Bwlchgwyn. As the quotes were higher than the amount able to grant, the Clerk asked the Bwlchgwyn councillors if they could find out if the Assoc. would be able to claim back VAT on the projects. This would then enable the CC to make a grant and perhaps the Assoc. would be able to pay the VAT before claiming it back. The Councillors said that they were happy to make enquiries. As a result, the matter would be on the Agenda for the next meeting where it could be discussed fully. The Clerk would also contact OVW for clarification on granting money to the Assoc. for a building that was not on their asset register.

12. CLERKS ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW

The Chairman told members that the Clerk's annual salary increase was to be discussed. Members agreed that the Clerks pay increase would be in line with SLCC pay scales and annual increments as in previous years.

13. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk told members that there was one addition to this year's risk assessment. The internal Audit had recommended to a number of Councils during the 2021/2022 audit in relation to the risk assessment that it should be updated to include supplier

(procurement) fraud including the adequacy of supplier on boarding controls. As a result the Clerk had added this to the risk assessment. The document was approved by members.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None

15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

3785	B HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	14.45
3786	B HUGHES SALARY	*
3787	SHERRATTS BRONWENS GREEN	327.70
3788	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1102.62
3789	VRON GARDEN SERVICES B/G WAR MEMORIAL	327.70
3790	JONES LIGHTING MAINTENACE	222.31
3791	CLLR RIOGERS RE-IMBURSMENT TIMER LIGHTS	45.94
3792	CMR ENG REPAIRS TO DUGOUT B/GREEN	405.60
3793	BVHA YOUTH PROVISION	40.00
3794	WCBC JET WASH RAILWAY ROAD	762.00

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.m

Signed Chairman