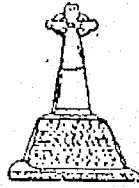


# BRYMBO



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Present – Cllr Monti (Chairman)

Brymbo Ward- Councillors Z Clarke, M Reston, P Rogers, S Rawlinson, and M Shone.

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

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors M Jones and B Woodfine-Jones

County Borough Councillor D Kelly.

Apologies- Councillors- J Clarke and S Tilston

Police PCSO M Simster

### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr P Rogers Brymbo Enterprise Centre

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## 2. POLICING

Crime Stats – Bwlchgwyn

Crime	Incidents
ASB Nuisance	1 (Youths drinking alcohol)
Theft Other	1 (Undetected. Mobile phone theft)
Common Assault	1 (Detected community resolution)

Crime Stats – Brymbo

Crime	Incidents
ASB Personal	1 (Youths disagreement – resolved)
ASB Nuisance	2 (1 Domestic related, 1 off road bike)
Burglary Dwellings	1 (Purse/cash taken from property)
B.O.T.D.'s	1 (Attempted – offender disturbed)
Criminal Damage	3 (To vehicles wing mirrors. On-going)
Theft Other	1 (theft of heating oil from garden tank)

Crime Stats – Tanyfron

Crime	Incidents
ASB Personal	1 (neighbour dispute – resolved)
ASB Nuisance	1 (youths congregating)
BOTD	1 (Allotments– vegetables taken, undetected)
RTC	1 (damage only)

### 3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Rogers opened with positive news about Brymbo Post Office. A consultation was to be held with a view to re-opening the PO in January. It would be open Monday to Friday between 9a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Enterprise Centre. Cllr Rogers declared an interest. Cllr Shone asked if terms had been agreed with the Enterprise Centre as another applicant had shown an interest and had been told that these terms would not be available. He said that there could be an issue of discrimination in this case. Cllr Rogers said that he was shocked at how accommodating and flexible the PO had been. Cllr Z Clarke said that perhaps the PO had realised that it was these terms or nothing. She agreed that it had been unfair to the other applicant.

Cllr Rogers said that during the many firework displays in the area, a horse had tragically died. He said that WCBC would be promoting how dangerous fireworks could be and the impact on animals.

Cllr Rogers thanked the Chairman for laying on refreshments after the service on Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Kelly said that he had received notification regarding the erection of a wind turbine near Treuddyn Village Hall. A petition had been organised by residents that lived nearby. He said he was concerned as communities nearby had not been notified. The turbine would be approx. 77 meters in height. He asked whether this should be passed to the planning rep. for Bwlchgwyn to make representations on behalf of residents affected. Cllr Shone said that the application should be supported as this was the way forward in alternative energy. Cllr Reston said that they were ugly and unsightly and a waste of time. Cllr Shone proposed that the CC should support new energy technology. This was seconded by Cllr Jones. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that each application would affect residents differently, and this should be taken into consideration. A vote was taken. 6 were in favour and 4 against. The motion was carried.

### 4. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

The Chairman said that he had received 2 call outs as the fire alarm was playing up. He had rung the contractors who said that the alarm needed servicing. He asked whether the CC would agree to this. All were in favour.

### 5. ROADS

Cllr Rogers said that it had taken 3 weeks to tarmac Tanyfron Road and it had still not been finished. Machinery had broken down and WCBC apologised for the delay. It would hopefully be finished by the end of the week.

Cllr Rogers said that he had received an e-mail from WCBC proposing road safety improvements totalling approx. £4000.00. They were requesting that BCC agree to part fund these improvements. This would be a one off opportunity. Vicarage Road and Blast Road would be re lined and new signage erected. A new vehicle active

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sign was to be placed on Blast Road to warn drivers. Cllr Shone said that his understanding was that the speed limit was set at the village perimeter and that once implemented repeat signs could not be erected. Cllr Rogers asked if BCC would consider granting the shortfall of £2243.22 to carry out these improvements. Cllr Kelly asked if the CC would not agree to this funding whether the improvements would still go ahead. Cllr Rogers said that they would, but the signage would be lost. Cllr Reston said that in his experience the 30 m.p.h. signs did slow down traffic. It was a bad road and signage was needed as children waited for buses there and if the PO relocated to the Enterprise Centre more people would be crossing it. Cllr Z Clarke asked if the flashing sign was needed. Cllr Shone said that he was concerned that WCBC Highway Dept. had the opportunity to put pedestrian crossings and signage outside the Enterprise Centre when plans for the Enterprise centre were being drawn up; however they had declined the offer. He found it bizarre that 8 years on this was being re-visited. Cllr Reston said that the CC should focus on the future and not what had happened previously and the CC should take advantage of this offer. Cllr Woodfine-Jones asked which budget this funding would come from. Cllr Reston proposed that the CC contribute the shortfall of £2243.22 that would enable WCBC to carry out the full improvement scheme. This was seconded by Cllr Griffiths. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

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

No further information.

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

No further information.

#### **8. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING**

Cllr Kelly said that he had received a complaint about lights in Bwlchgwyn. The Clerk had received an e-mail from the resident as well. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that when he had been told of the problem the CC was in the process of switching maintenance contractors and this had held back the process of rectifying the fault. The Clerk had contacted Jones Lighting who went out to investigate the very next day. They confirmed that the fault was a Scottish Power one and they would make a fault report that day. This had been done and the resident had been contacted. Unfortunately Scottish Power had failed to rectify the situation as they can take up to 28 days to respond under their contractual obligations.

Cllr Rogers said that on a positive note the majority of Scottish Power faults on Blast Road had been fixed. New poles had been erected and the power supply re-connected.

#### **9. WAR MEMORIAL**

No further information.

#### **10. PLANNING**

No planning applications had been received.

#### **11. DRAFT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR COUNCIL FACILITIES**

Cllr Reston had drawn up a draft document for Bronwen's Green and other CC facilities. A copy had previously been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Reston said that



this document could cover a number of facilities as it had been generalised to suit different facilities. Cllr Shone said that it was a meticulous document and of an ambiguous and detailed nature. He thought that it may be too much for the user groups and perhaps it could be condensed. Cllr Jones said that the one document was detailed however this would then cover all facilities. Cllr Birch said that some of the content would be difficult to manage. Cllr Z Clarke said that the draft document would protect the CC and that the CC could not be responsible for user groups not understanding it. Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that he thought the CC's insurers should review the document when the CC had decided what action to take. Cllr Birch said that the CC was not in a position to tell people what they should do. Cllr Reston said that the CC was responsible for public liability. Cllr Shone said that any document should protect the Council's assets and reputation. Cllr Jones believed that this document did this. Cllr Monti said that the CC needed to make a decision on the matter. Cllr Rogers proposed that the CC accept the document subject to appropriate advice gained from the Council's solicitors. Cllr Woodfine-Jones seconded this proposal. A vote was taken. 7 were in favour, and 2 against. The motion was carried.

## 12. WCBC BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Cllr Birch said that the CC should vote in favour of cutting the mayoral budget as had other Community Council's. Cllr Kelly said that the CC should be very careful if taking this approach as there had been a lot of misinformation in the press. Cllr Jones said that the CC could not make a decision on this without correct and accurate information. Cllr Shone agreed with Cllr Birch and said that the CC should be able to express an opinion. Cllr Shone proposed that Councillors viewed accurate figures before the matter be put on the agenda for a future meeting. Cllr Woodfine-Jones seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

The Clerk had received a response to her letter from Lawrence Isted.

The letter contained a list of all Play Areas and MUGA's to be considered. (10 in total). Approximate costings were given for the maintenance of the PA's and MUGA's. These had risen from £480.00 in the original letter to £1707.00 if inspected weekly. The CC would be given the choice of monthly or weekly inspections. The Clerk told members that the costings based on the information given were:

Brymbo 6 Areas in total.

4 weekly inspections and 2 monthly inspections £8900.00

Tanyfron

2 weekly inspections and 1 monthly inspection £4450.00

Bwlchgwyn

1 monthly inspection £1036.00

The Clerk reminded members that the CC had agreed to fund the future maintenance of the Skate Park. Cllr Rogers asked members if the CC were willing in principle to fund the maintenance of Play Areas and MUGA's in the 3 villages. Cllr Jones asked if all the areas were needed. Cllr Rogers said that Martin Howarth of WCBC had said that the Play Area in the Lodge was in a very poor condition as was the one in Cae Merfyn. Cllr Jones asked if the play area was used regularly by the children in the Lodge. Cllr Shone said that it was and that the CC should support it. He said that the children were entitled to a safe area for play and if this one closed the children would have to go to Brynteg. Cllr Shone's concern was that the CC was

shifting the problem over the boundary line. Cllr Z Clarke said that this play area was not within the boundary of Brymbo CC. Cllr Rogers said that Broughton CC were yet to respond to the letter therefore members could not be sure if it was going to be supported by Broughton CC. Cllr Jones said that Brymbo CC had enough responsibility as it was being asked to fund the existing play area's and MUGA for residents of the three villages. She said that tough decisions were going to have to be made in the near future with regards to all facilities in the wards. Cllr Rogers said that there was a safe area for the children to play alongside the Community Centre in the Lodge. Cllr Rogers proposed that the CC defer making a decision on the Lodge play area until Lodge CC had made a formal decision on what they wished to do This was seconded by Cllr Shone. A vote was taken. 8 were in favour and 1 against. The motion was carried.

With regards to the other play areas and MUGA's, Cllr Rogers proposed that the CC pay WCBC to maintain these on a monthly rather than weekly basis up to a maximum of £9300.00 annually for a twelve month period. This was seconded by Cllr Birch. A vote was taken. 9 were in favour and 1 member abstained from voting. With regards to the Community Centres, Cllr Rogers asked the Chairman if he could discuss confidential details. The Chairman agreed. The public and press were asked to leave the room.

### **13. BRYMBO LIBRARY**

Cllr Rogers told members that Brymbo Library had been threatened with closure along with 2 others. There would also be a reduction in opening hours for others. He said that the future did not look good for the village library. He said that he felt all Libraries should be treated the same. Cllr Kelly said that the library in Brymbo had the highest cost per head in the Borough. Cllr Shone said that this was misleading as the Library in Llay was a resource centre where people went but not necessarily to use the library.

Cllr Rogers said that he would fight the proposed closure.

### **14. PRECEPT**

The clerk had circulated the annual income and expenditure to all members prior to the meeting. She said that at the next monthly meeting members would need to discuss and decide the annual precept for the next financial year. Budgeting for Cambrian House, Play Areas, and the general commitments of the CC would need to be prioritised. Also, the External Auditor had reported that an Investment Strategy was needed. She asked members if a 6.30 start would be suitable for the following month. Members confirmed that this would be convenient for them.

### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

ONE VOICE WALES MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING  
SHELTER CYMRU LETTER OF THANKS  
ONE CHURCH LETTER OF THANKS  
IN FOCUS  
WAR MEMORIALS TRUST  
FCC WREXHAM LIMITES COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING



**16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

2576 B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	11.40
2577 BM HUGHES SALARY	480.44
2578 INLAND REVENUE	120.20
2579 DEE VALLEY WATER BRONWENS GREEN	644.95
2580 DEE VALLEY WATER CAMBRIAN HOUSE	22.68
2581 SHERRATT LANDSCAPING BRONWENS GREEN	126.00
2582 SCOTTISH POWER TYF MUGA	85.68
2583 CORONA ENERGY CAMBRIAN HOUSE	48.30
2584 JONES LIGHTING MAINTENANCE	1521.73
2585 TONY CROFTS BWLCHGWYN WAR MEMORIAL	125.00
2586 SLCC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	114.00
2587 SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1057.27
2588 WCBC DOG FOULING SIGNS TYF	100.00

The meeting closed at 9.22p.m.

Signed W. Mouton BEM. Chairman