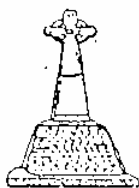


# **BRYMBO**



## **CYNGOR CYMUNED      COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE.

Present (Chairman) -Cllr P Rogers

Brymbo Ward- Councillors-D Ashworth, K Mathews, S Monti, L Prince, S Rawlinson, M Shone and J Phelan.

Tanyfron Ward- Councillor D Griffiths.

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors J Bassford-Barton and L Steele.

County Borough Councillor D Kelly.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

K Mathews Brymbo Heritage Group

P Rogers Hill Tots House day Nursery (Brymbo Enterprise Centre)

Mike Shone Hill Tots House day Nursery (Brymbo Enterprise Centre)

### **2. POLICING**

CBC Rogers told members that the police would be in attendance on a quarterly basis whenever possible.

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

CBC Kelly asked if BCC would be working for the benefit of the community and work with a common purpose with regard to BVH. The Chairman told CBC Kelly that the Community Council were bound to act on the advice of their legal team. This advice was to await for formal action to be taken. When this had been triggered the CC could then engage the legal team to act on their behalf. The legal team had specifically said that BCC could not engage directly on the matter, as the legal costs would not be covered. The CC had never received any formal correspondence from WCBC. The Chairman told members that at a previous meeting members had agreed to await for a formal approach from WCBC. The legal representation had advised BCC to take the matter off the Agenda until any formal correspondence had been received. Cllr Shone said that the CC had neither occupation nor ownership of the building. CBC Kelly said that under law the CC had freehold of the land. The Chairman said that the land was not the issue but the building and who was liable for it. He said that the CC were covered by their insurers for when any action was triggered. CBC Kelly said that the previous month's minutes had said that the

Bwlchgwyn project had been discussed. The Chairman told him that the precept was to remain at £51.22 per household as there were many capital projects on the horizon and works were outstanding in Brymbo, Tanyfron and Bwlchgwyn. CBC Kelly asked members if the resignation of Cllr White from Bwlchgwyn could be dealt with at the same time as an election in Tanyfron. The Clerk told him that as she had only received the resignation 5 days earlier it was to be dealt with under correspondence. He again asked why the 3 vacancies could not be dealt with together and have two Elections at the same time. The Clerk said that the Vron vacancies were being advertised on the 17/01/2020 as had been discussed at the previous meeting. The Clerk had already informed Electoral at WCBC that the Vron vacancies were being advertised again. After advising members of Cllr White's resignation the next step would be to inform Electoral services. The Clerk told CBC Kelly that legal procedure had to be adhered to. She would be told by WCBC to place a public notice in the village and on the website after the next meeting. CBC Rogers said that after the meeting with BDL in December concerns had been raised with the handling of the planning application. BDL had said they would not release any land until planning permission was in place. BDL proposed to submit a new planning application. Cllr Steele said that residents had raised concerns with regard to the increased amount of traffic. She asked whether this could be used to reduce the speed limit on the road due to safety issues. CBC Rogers said he would feed this back to WCBC.

CBC Kelly said the boundary review 2022 would determine whether Brymbo would need 2 CBC's to reflect the increase in population.

CBC Rogers told members that Brymbo Heritage Trust would be submitting a lottery application and asked whether members would consider sending a letter of support in principle for the bid. Cllr Shone asked what members would be supporting. He said that before sending a letter of this kind that the CC would need to see the bid. He proposed therefore, that members see a copy of the bid in order that members were aware of what the group were trying to achieve. Cllr Ashworth seconded the proposal. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

#### 4. ROADS

No further information.

#### 5. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

Cllr Griffiths was concerned with the changes in stops for the number 14 bus in Tanyfron. Also, parents were concerned with regards to bus services for schools being stopped to Bryn Alyn with the new legislation.

#### 6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

No further information.

#### 7. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

CBC Kelly said that there had been a severe number of outages in his ward of Minera. He said this was costing more money and he said that the LED lamps were not very good.

#### 8. WAR MEMORIAL

No further information.

## 9. PLANNING

No planning applications had been received.

## 10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CBC Kelly updated members on the current situation. The Inspector had challenged the report on two issues including the number of houses and the Gypsy /Traveller issues. The hearing was due to commence on the 24/02/2020 and they would have to wait to see what additional information came forward.

The Chairman added that the inspectors letter had raised the points to which the legal adviser for BCC had raised. WCBC had until 31/01 to respond. The CC and any objectors could respond by 16/02/2020. This would need to be raised at next month's meeting.

## 11. QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS

The Clerk gave out copies of all income and expenditure for the last quarter. The Chairman and Clerk signed the bank reconciliation. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work and told members that the workload was increasing and the last few months had been very demanding whilst she was only employed for 15 hours a week.

## 12. DONATIONS

2 requests for funding had been received with all correct and requested paperwork submitted. The annual donation budget was £3000.00 and as this was the year end there was £1550.00 remaining.

Eisteddfod Powys Rhos had requested any amount to assist with the Eisteddfod in the village.

Hill Tots House Day nursery had requested a grant of £5000.00. The Chairman vacated the Chair as he declared an interest and left the room along with Cllr Shone. The Clerk told members that as the request for the nursery was a large one it would need to come from Brymbo Environmental Fund. There was a remaining balance of £4153.45. Cllr Griffiths proposed that a donation of £700.00 be made to the Eisteddfod. This was seconded by Cllr Mathews, A vote was taken. All were in favour.

Cllr Prince proposed that the remaining balance of £4153.45 in the Environmental fund be granted to Hill Tots House Day Nursery and the remaining funds in the donations budget be granted to make a total of £5000.00. This was seconded by Cllr Griffiths. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

## 13. PUBLIC LIBRARY PROVISION/PLAY AREAS

The Clerk had received a letter from WCBC requesting that the CC make an expression of interest in funding a local branch library or mobile library. Costings had been sent to the Clerk. The forecasted budget for Brynteg Library was £79,053.00 in total. The Mobile Library service costings were £82,432.00. As the mobile library visited the area for 1% of its time this equated to a total of £824.00.

Members said that they would not be happy to fund Brynteg Library however the mobile library was visiting the villages and used by many. Cllr Steele proposed and Cllr Griffiths seconded that BCC contribute £824.00 to support the mobile library. Members asked if the Clerk could add in her reply that a few more stops in the villages would be beneficial.

The Clerk had received a letter from Carla Hughes regarding the bark Mulch on Play areas. The play area in question was Argoed in Brymbo. As the use of herbicide on play areas had ceased, this had resulted in severe weed growth on the bark mulched play area. WCBC said that the best and cheapest long term solution was to remove the bark mulch safely and replace it with a new turf grass mat. The cost to provide and lay top soil, turf and grass mats underneath all fixed play equipment was £5138.74. A temporary solution was to trim the weed growth. This would incur continual annual costs in addition to the cost of topping up the bark mulch periodically. The cost would be £2184.40.

Cllr Prince proposed and Cllr Monti seconded that the CC agree to remove the bark mulch and replace it with a new turf grass mat. A vote was taken. All were in favour. The Clerk had received a new SLA for the play area maintenance. The SLA had increased to £361.70 for the 10 sites. Members agreed to the increase. The Clerk would contact WCBC and sign a new SLA. The Clerk had received an e-mail from Carla Hughes of WCBC referring to the £13000.00 available Section 106 monies they had received for the Cheshire View play area. It was requesting the old ageing stand-alone slide be replaced with a more modern item with new wet pour safety surfacing. A quotation had been provided. The cost for removing the old slide and wet pour and replace with new challenge climber and new wet pour was £13000.00 which would be paid for by the section 106 monies. To supply and install new green bow top fencing at the top of the play area was £1587.06 and provide a safe self-closing gate 1.2 m high would be £1210.00.

The CC would therefore contribute £2797.06 exc. VAT. Cllr Ashworth proposed and Cllr Prince seconded that the CC would fund the extra £2797.06. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

#### 14. CLERKS ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW

The Chairman requested that the Clerk leave the room. Upon her return the Chairman said that the Clerks pay increase would be in line with SLCC pay scales and annual increments as in previous years.

#### 15. CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation of Mike White Councillor for Bwlchgwyn ward.

#### 16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

3484	B HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	5.28
3485	B HUGHES SALARY	*
3486	INLAND REVENUE	738.58
3487	JONES LIGHTING MAINTENANCE	1118.81
3488	BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 31/10	30.00
3489	VRON GARDEN SERVICES B/G WAR MEMORIAL	134.40
3490	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1146.29
3491	WCBC 6X MONTHLY PLAY AREA MAINTRNANCE	6066.48

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

