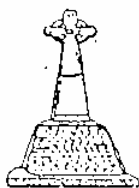


# **BRYMBO**



## **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 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT BWLCHGWYN VILLAGE HALL

Present (Chairman) Cllr P Rogers

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

Tanyfron Ward- Councillors D Griffiths and N Plevin-Kelly.

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

County Borough Councillor D Kelly.

Apologies- Councillors M White.

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST-Cllr K Mathews. Brymbo Heritage Group.

### **2. POLICING**

No police statistics had been sent to the Clerk.

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

CBC Rogers told members that the Arbed am Byth Scheme had been launched and funding was available for certain areas with Brymbo being one. The closing date for applications was Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. CBC Rogers said that with regards to the LDP the counsel representing Brymbo residents had done a good job. There were debates regarding pitch numbers as officers had counted Southsea incorrectly. The action group had funded a highways report.

CBC Kelly said that Cllr Mike White had enquired about speed surveys. These had been undertaken on all A and B roads. There was no funding available for further surveys on other roads. He had spoken to Darren Green who had suggested using Arrive Alive. CBC Kelly told members that the wall had been knocked down again opposite George Edwards's buses. He said there may be an outstanding issue with the surface. CBC Kelly asked whether an application for funding had been made by Rhian Marsh on behalf of BRA. The Clerk said that she had e-mailed a copy of the donation application form and had asked for it to be returned by that evening. This had not been done. CBC Kelly said that Arriva Click Arrive were considering a scheme for the area where there was a small amount of funding available for a responsive scheme. He said that some areas had no service whatsoever and these should be the areas that needed to be identified. He was unsure of the details.

#### 4. ROADS

No further information.

#### 5. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

#### 6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

No further information.

#### 7. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

No further information.

#### 8. WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Prince had obtained a quote for the War Memorial in Brymbo. As the amount was over £7000.00 the Clerk said that three quotes should be obtained.

The Chairman told members that the plaque on Edwards Avenue needed replacing. He had obtained a quote for £180.00 & VAT. Cllr Mathews proposed and Cllr Ashworth seconded, that BCC would provide the funds . A vote was taken. All were in favour.

#### 9. PLANNING ERECTION OF 1 NO. PAIR OF 2 BED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES AND CONSTRUCTION OF 3 BAY PARKING AREA ON LAND OPPOSITE OFF HOLLAND ROAD

LAND AT JUNCTION OF HOLLAND ROAD AND GREEN ROAD BRYMBO  
P/2019/0682-No observations.

#### 10. BRYMBO HERITAGE TRUST

BHG had sent an e-mail to the Clerk which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The e-mail contained a draft memorandum of agreement that BHG had written. There were 10 headings that BHG wanted BCC to adhere to. The Clerk had written back to BHG stating that having considered the content of the Memorandum of Understanding, she was informing them that the Community Council would be unable to enter into any agreement which would conflict with the statutory obligations and potential breach of the Members Code of Conduct. Members could not put themselves in a position where their integrity is called into question by financial or other obligations to individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their duties. She had then received an e-mail back with an alternative to the original memorandum of agreement. CBC Rogers told members that talks between BDL and BHG were at a stalemate and WCBC were hoping to get involved to salvage something from the situation. BHG wanted the land for £1.00. The Chairman said that BCC could not enter into any agreement with BHG. He said that he was not entirely confident that BHG could deliver the project. Cllr Shone said he was slightly disappointed that the e-mail received had asked for high standards of integrity, honesty and mutual respect between BHG and BCC. Cllr Shone said that BCC always supported community organisations and worked hard to maintain a high level of honesty and integrity already. He said that the code of conduct and standing orders made this possible. Cllr Plevin-Kelly asked members if they could find out who Miller Field was owned by. He asked if the area could become under the ownership of BCC and that BCC could maintain it as there had been high levels of disturbance during the last few months. Cllr Shone said that the

area concerned was on top of contaminated slag and the CC should be very careful in taking this on as it could prove to be expensive. Cllr Prince said that at present there was no due diligence on the part of BHG or BDL as WCBC were acting as mediators. He said that the relationship needed to be built up between the two groups before the CC could become involved in any part of the scheme. Cllr Rogers agreed and said that BCC needed to remain impartial. Cllr Prince said that a working group could be formed with a member of BCC involved. The Chairman asked the Clerk to respond to the second e-mail that had been sent that evening saying that due to outstanding issues regarding ownership there would be no reason to hold a meeting. Matters between BHG and BDL would need to be resolved first before BCC could step in. Cllr Prince proposed and Cllr Rawlinson seconded that BCC would not enter into any memorandum of agreement. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

#### 11. BWLCHGWYN VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman read out the e-mail that had been sent to the Clerk regarding BVHA. The Chairman said that BCC needed to take a very cautious approach regarding the hall as there was a legal process that needed to be adhered to. BCC had to listen to the advice of their legal representatives. Cllr Shone said that members had already explained at the previous meeting that they were obliged to act upon the advice issued by the Auditor which was, that the CC should consider the level of general reserves and consider taking steps to reduce the level of reserves. CBC Kelly argued that the CC were making decisions regarding the use of funds to the detriment of the village. The Chairman said that BVHA had never made a formal request for any funding to the CC. CBC Kelly said that funds could be put aside as Mr Blaze had suggested in his e-mail, 'would it not be possible to transfer funds required by the hall to a separate account until the ownership is finally settled'. The Clerk said that under no circumstances could she move funds to ring-fence money for the upgrade of the VH. This would go against the instructions of the Auditors and also the integrity and honesty of the CC. She explained that she was answerable to the External and Internal Auditors. CBC Kelly said that three inexperienced members had a few years ago agreed to grant funds to Bwlchgwyn Cabin Crew at an amount of approx.6000.00. The Clerk said that this was granted, as the organisation had made a formal request for funding and had also provided bank statements and all other documentation that had been requested. This had also been agreed by full Council.

#### 12. DONATIONS

One request had been received.

Bwlchgwyn Playgroup had requested a donation of £750.00 to replace the play frame.

Cllr Ashworth proposed and Cllr Bassford-Barton seconded that a donation of £500.00 be made. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

#### 13. EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Auditor General for Wales had issued BCC with a qualified audit report. The details for this were:

##### Contracts

They noted that the Council had extended an existing contract without going out to tender as per part 18 of the adopted Standing Orders and part 11 of the adopted Financial Regulations. This was therefore unlawful expenditure. Once a contract had

come to an end, the Council should ensure a new procurement process is followed in accordance with its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations.

The Auditor general for Wales said that Councils should enter into contracts with suppliers of goods and services. Councils should always seek to get the best value for money possible. The procedure should make sure that all decisions in relation to awarding contracts are transparent and reasonable.

Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Elector's Rights.

The Council had failed to publish the Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights electronically for 14 consecutive days before the start of the inspection period and during the inspection period. In future years the Council should ensure the Notice of Appointment of date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights is published electronically in accordance with the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, Section 56.

#### 14. QUARETRTLY ACCOUNT

The Clerk gave out copies of all income and expenditure for the last quarter. The Chairman and Clerk signed the bank reconciliation.

#### 15. CORRESPONDENCE

NIGHTINGALE HOUSE NEWSLETTER

FLINTSHIRE CC DEPOSIT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

#### 16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

3450	B HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	8.63
3451	VRON GARDEN SERVICES B/G WAR MEMORIAL	134.36
3452	WCBC PLAY PROV SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	5715.00
3453	WCBC YOUTH SERVICE	7865.50
3454	HAFREN DYFRDWY B GREEN	80.48
3455	BWLCHGWYN RES. ASSOC. GRANT	995.00
3456	B HUGHES SALARY	*
3457	INLAND REVENUE	738.38
3458	BVHA YOUTH SERVICE	10.00
3459	BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 11/09	30.00
3460	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1109.27

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman