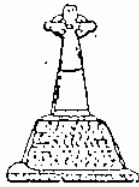


BRYMBO



CYNGOR CYMUNED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bethan M Hughes Clerk and Financial Officer

15 Chestnut Avenue Wrexham LL12 7HS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 12TH AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE.

Present (Chairman) Cllr P Rogers

Brymbo Ward- Councillors D Ashworth, K Mathew, S Monti, S Rawlinson and M Shone.

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

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors L Steele and M White.

County Borough Councillor D Kelly

Apologies- Councillors Z Clarke and L Prince and PCSO Jones

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday November 14th 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman with one amendment under playing fields and playgrounds. Cllr Shone did not say that the land had no commercial value but that it had a covenant on it.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST Cllr P Rogers Enterprise centre.

2. POLICING

BRYMBO & TANYFRON



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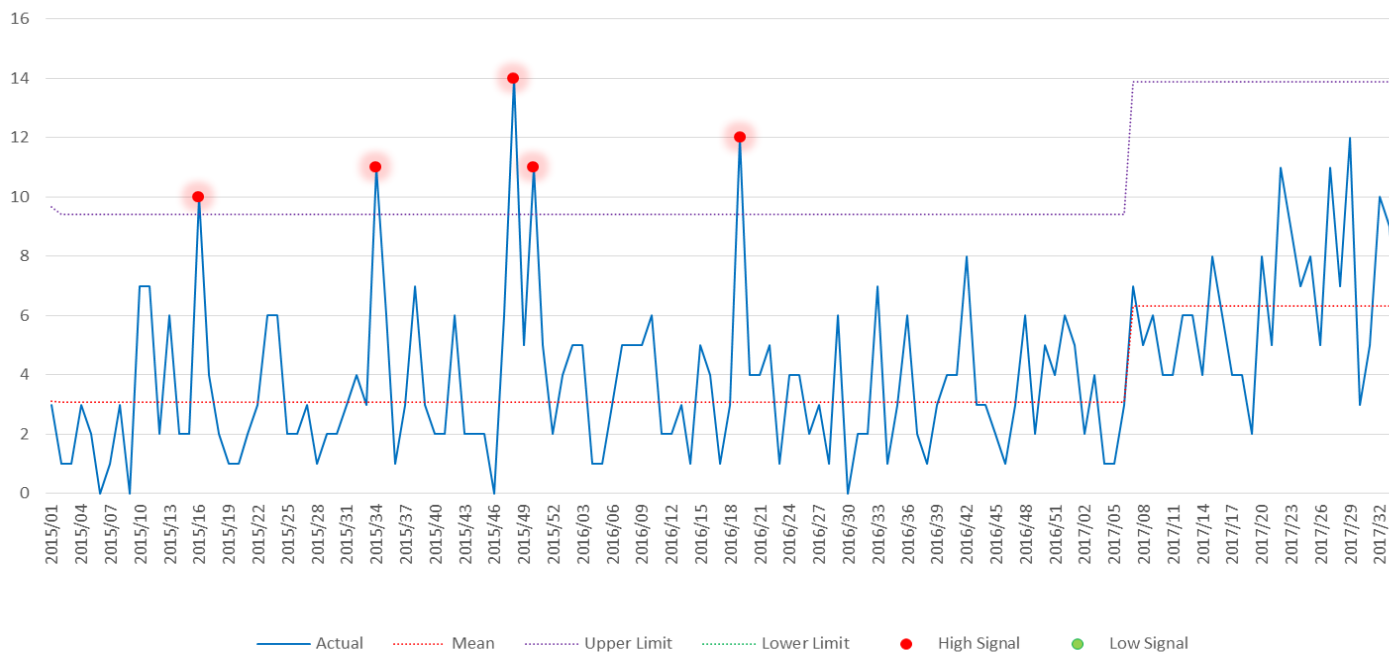
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NORTH WALES POLICE

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Week 36

Current Week	YTD	LYTD	% Change
5	207	128	61.7%



WRW 15 Brymbo and Tanyfron – Main graph which shows year to date crimes. The increase in percentage of total crime in the ward is due to pervious months Burglary residential / Theft and Handling relating to Power Tools stolen from sheds and garages

Criminal damage & arson

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
1	31	40	-22.50%

November – 2/11/2017 Bryn Gwenfro - tyres slashed, 6/11/2017 St. Albans Tanyfron - tyres slashed, 6/11/2017 Dyke Street - bin , 8/11/2017 Wilkinson Court -Door, 16/11/2017 College Fields - tyres slashed, 28/11/2017 Enterprise Centre - various. 6/11/2017 Dyke Street - bin, 11/11/2017 Argoed MUGA - bin.

Vehicle crime

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
1	11	9	22.2%

November - Nil

Burglary residential

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
1	21	9	133%

November – 1/11/2017 Pen-y-Graig Road pet

Burglary business & community

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
0	5	0	0

November – 13/11/2017 Garage - attempted

Theft & handling

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
0	19	4	300%

November – 8/11/2017 Pen y Garth Home- Medication, 9/11/2017 Steel Close – Money, 13/11/2017 Argoed – Bin, 21/11/2017 Cheshire View – Mobile phone, 24/11/2017 Davies Avenue –Money.

ASB for November 2017 – 8 6/11/2017 Dilan Kebab House – Youths, 6/11/2017 Bryn y FFynnon Road – Youths, 6/11/2017 Offa Street – Youths, 7/11/2017 Dilan Kebab House – Youths, 8/11/2017 St. Albans Tanyfron – Youths, 8/11/2017 Pen y Graig – Road Rage, 17/11/2017 Dilan Kebab House – Youths, 23/11/2017 Bryn y FFynnon Youths

BWLCHGWYN

A breakdown of the main graph:
Criminal damage & arson

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
0	6	12	-50.0%

Vehicle crime

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
0	1	7	-85.7%

Burglary residential

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
0	7	3	133.3%

Burglary business & community

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
0	0	2	-100%

Theft & handling

Current week	YTD	LYTD	% change
0	12	11	9.1%

ASB for November 2017 - 3

Personal – 2

Nuisance – 1

Environmental – 0

Cllr Rogers said that following the incident at the Enterprise Centre with the youth service the situation in the village had quietened down. He said that the police had requested that BCC's youth service budget be used in other villages however Cllr Rogers said that the CC could not possibly fund youth services in other areas outside of Brymbo, Bwlchgwyn and Tanyfron. Cllr Shone said that more engagement was needed. Cllr Rogers said that whilst PCSO Gareth Jones had taken a firm approach this was not consistent with other PCSO's. Cllr Rogers said that the youth provision was now outside based. He raised concerns that the police were not referring the youths to the youth justice system.

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CBC Kelly said that the recent bad weather had caused problems however most people had been patient and understanding. There were 12 gritters available for the whole area. Bwlchgwyn residents had unfortunately had to cancel the Christmas fair that had been due to be held the previous Saturday.

Cllr Rogers said that the Sunday had been a difficult day weather-wise but he believed the bin collections had now resumed. Arriva had cancelled most bus services as this was in line with their Health and Safety policy.

4. ROADS

No further information.

5. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Cllr Rogers said that the tender process for Cae Merfyn had now been clarified and there was one firm who had placed a tender much lower than the other two. The order had now been placed and work would begin after February half-term. Cllr Rogers said that with regard to the play areas in Brymbo some funding would be available from the housing developers. (Cheshire View).

There was damage at Argoed and the cost for repairing it would be approx. £10,000.00. He asked that this item be placed on the Agenda for discussion in January.

7. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

Cllr Monti had asked the Clerk to circulate the minutes of the lighting consortium meeting she had attended previously. She told members that the loan scheme which had been discussed was beneficial as all the lamps would need to be replaced with the new LED lights. Members agreed that all 3 lighting reps. would meet with Jones Lighting to discuss the replacement of the lights and the costs the scheme would incur.

8. WAR MEMORIAL

No further information.

9. PLANNING

No planning applications were received this month.

10. BRYMBO SIGNS

Cllr Rogers has asked for recommendations for placing the new gateway signs in the village. 4 locations had been suggested in Brymbo and one for Tanyfron. All five locations were acceptable to Highways. The cost per sign was approx. £500.00. Cllr Ashworth proposed that a maximum budget of £3000.00 be set aside to pay for all 5 signs. Cllr Mathews seconded the proposal. A vote was taken. All were in favour. The funds would come from the Environmental pot.

11. PRECEPT

The Clerk circulated copies of the budgets allocated for 2017/2018 and the expenditure up to 30/11/2017. The tax base for 2018/2019 had increased slightly from 1939 to 1946. The precept for the year 2017/2018 was £99315.58 at a cost of

£51.22 per ratepayer. The Clerk said that as the CC had large balances in reserve members could not justify increasing the precept. The Clerk told members that there were 3 large financial committed projects that needed to be safeguarded. £80,000.00 had been set aside for the Bwlchgwyn project and £30,000.00 for the Cae Merfyn Play Area. The CC had not been invoiced for the youth service as yet which would be approx. £16,000.00. The Chairman told members that funding from the reserves could be used if the CC agreed to fund the youth service for another year. The service was very successful in Bwlchgwyn and Tanyfron. He also reminded members that an agreement had been reached to bring both war memorials up to standard in readiness for the 100th anniversary of the First World War. The Clerk told members that some of the budgets needed amending slightly. The audit fee budget should be reduced from £1000.00 to £600.00, chairman's allowance increased by £50.00 to £950.00. The Clerk had increased her hours in February from 12 to 15 and therefore the budget would need to be amended from £8500.00 to £12000.00. The training budget should reduce from £1000.00 to £500.00. Room hire would need to be increased from £100.00 to £150.00. This would mean a proposed annual expenditure of £100556.00. The Clerk said that as the ratepayers of the 3 villages paid £51.22 (and with the small increase in the tax base) this would generate £99674.12. Members agreed there would be no increase to the ratepayers and the amount paid would remain at £51.22. The Clerk would inform WCBC that a precept of £99674.12 would be requested. Cllr Ashworth proposed that the precept request would be £99674.12. This was seconded by Cllr Birch. A vote was taken. All were in favour. Cllr Ashworth thanked the Clerk for her work in preparing the budget for members. The Chairman echoed her statement.

12. FIELDS IN TRUST

The Chairman gave members an update on the Fields in Trust proposal. Denise Garland of WCBC had advised him that WCBC had been through a process of looking at sites which were suitable and which also met the criteria for Fields in Trust. The land at Coed y Felin was unsuitable on the basis that it was not deemed public open space as it was a designated school field and the governing body could at any time change their decision that it could be used by the public. The Chairman said that another issue with this land was that the access to the field was sub-standard and as a result it could not be considered as an alternative site. The Chairman said that WCBC would be identifying sites and would be clarifying these with Fields in Trust as to their suitability. Cllr Rogers said that the land at Coed y Felin had a covenant on it and when the school relocated, there would be no risk to its future. Cllr Shone said that under the covenant no building could be erected on it.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received this month.

14. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

3176	WCBC ELECTION EXPENSES	470.35
3177	WCBC LODGE C/CENTRE	531.70
3178	B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	11.05
3178	JONES LIGHTING	2273.78
3179	JONES LIGHTING MAINTENANCE	2273.78

3180	INLAND REVENUE	804.17
3181	B M HUGHES SALARY	*
3182	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1027.06
3183	AJI ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS PAYROLL	19.39
3184	T LLOYD BRONWENS GREEN	150.00

The Chairman had asked the retired Councillor Steve Tilston from Bwlchgwyn to attend in order for him to make a presentation. He said that Mr Tilston had served for over 27 years as a Community Councillor for Bwlchgwyn. He had also been chairman numerous times. The Chairman thanked Mr Tilston for his support and his contribution to the Community, and also his words of wisdom and his patience.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed Chairman