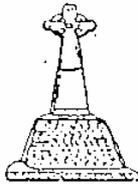


BRYMBO



CYNGOR CYMUNED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2024 AT BRYMBO SPORTS AND SOCIAL COMPLEX.

Present (Chair) Cllr P Rogers.

Brymbo Ward- Councillors D Ashworth, J Garston, K Mathews and W Martin

Tanyfron Ward- Councillors None

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillors K Peacock, M Peacock, and J Williams.

County Borough Councillors G Brown, P Rogers, and J Wellens.

Apologies- Councillors J Phelen, Rawlinson, C Williams, and G Hughes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST-Cllr Ashworth Donations Brymbo WI

2. POLICING

A crime report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting.

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CBC Brown opened by saying that the Given to Shine project had been very successful over Christmas. As a result, he hoped that it could be extended to the Sports and Social Complex next time. He told members that the LDP had been accepted. He said that he was against the Gypsy/Travellers site as the land was not suitable. He said that he had organised the cutting back of plantation on the estate where he lived. He said that there were difficult challenges ahead due to budget restrictions for the coming financial year. He told members that he was involved with the urban villages scheme where he hoped that the role of the Community Council could be stimulated.

CBC Wellens said that the A525 had been re-surfaced. He was still actively involved with issues regarding transport in the village. He said that BTRT Had received a grant for training, and this would benefit BVHA as sessions could be held there.

CBC Rogers re-iterated that the year ahead was going to be challenging with regards to the budget. He said that this would also impact on the next few years. On a positive note, the surgery at Plas Darland had opened. He said that appointments were being booked and he was hopeful that they would increase in the future. There was also a new pharmacy. Regarding the pharmacy on High Street, there were new staff including a new pharmacist which was very positive for the area. He said that the first phase of Queens Road had been completed and the new streetlights on the footpath in Tanyfron had been installed and were now working. He said that the

Blackie in Tanyfron was well looked after however there were issues with fallen trees at the Reddy. He advised members that the local LDP group would be holding another meeting in the next few weeks.

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

No further information.

9. PLANNING

FORMATION OF VEHICULAR ACCESS

31 PEN Y GRAIG ROAD BRYMBO

P/2023/0888- No observations

10. END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS/PRECEPT

The Clerk had circulated copies of all income and expenditure and budget breakdowns prior to the meeting.

The expenditure to date and proposed expenditure had been calculated. The Chair and Clerk signed the bank reconciliation up to 31st December 2023. The Clerk told members that the new SLA for the playground maintenance had been received from WCBC and had increased by 6.7% (rate of inflation). This was an increase of £720.00 for all 10 play areas. WCBC had forwarded the increase costs for the youth provision and play provision that BCC funded. The increase to the youth provision was £953.57. The increase to the play provision totalled £1250.36, however a suggestion to fund an extra session had been made which was a further £2016.03. The Chair said that a decision on the play provision did not need to be made until next month. He suggested that this be discussed with a view to funding from each village's Environmental Fund.

Regarding youth provision, as the increase was only £953.57 members felt that this should continue to be funded. This was also the case for the increase in the play area maintenance. Cllr Williams proposed, and Cllr Martin seconded that BCC carry on funding these from the precept. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

The Clerk told members that the proposed expenditure for the next financial year was £127306.68. The previous year's precept was £102962.16 costing £52.72 to the ratepayers. Last year's tax base was 1953 and the tax base for the year 2024/2025 was 1941. The individual budgets had been e-mailed to Councillor's. The youth provision and play area maintenance and also the lighting loan had been included in the overall budgets. The Clerk had not included the play provision figures due to the increase. The Clerk told members that the precept had been increased last year by £1.50 for the year however this had been the first increase in ten years. The Clerk

said that realistically, in order to provide the same services across the 3 villages for the next financial year there would need to be an increase in the precept, or some services would need to be cancelled. The Clerk said that a sum of £11443.90 was presently due to be refunded in VAT next year, therefore this could be deducted from the proposed expenditure leaving a sum of £115862.72 needing to be raised. This equated to £59.69 per household for the year. This would be an increase of £6.97 therefore an extra 0.58 per month per household. This would result in a precept request of £115858.29 Members agreed that they did not wish to cut any services that were currently being provided. Cllr Ashworth proposed and Cllr Karen Peacock seconded that an increase in the precept was necessary due to increasing costs. A vote was taken. All were in favour. The Chair thanked the Clerk for preparing the expenditure and precept breakdown which he said was an excellent set of accounts.

11. DONATIONS

The budget for donations was £3000.00 per annum. A total of £1250.00 had been spent previously. The Clerk said that in the previous budget meeting a sum of £250.00 had been granted to Macmillan Cancer Support. The Clerk had e-mailed on several occasions requesting bank details to make a bank transfer however had not heard anything back. A request from Brymbo FC had been sent however the requested documentation had not been returned. A request had been made for funding from Wales Air Ambulance however the CC had granted £650.00 in March 2023 therefore could not grant any more funding during the same financial year. The Clerk would keep this one back for the next financial year.

A request for £500.00 had been received from Brymbo WI. Cllr Ashworth declared an interest and left the room. All correct paperwork had been returned. Cllr Garston proposed, and Cllr Williams seconded that a donation of £500.00 be made to Brymbo WI. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

12. CLERK'S ANNUAL SALARY INCREASE

The Clerk was asked to leave the room. Upon her return the Chair said that the Clerk had not received a point scale increase since 2016. As a result in the increase of duties that she was now undertaking, members had agreed to award the Clerk a pay scale increase to point 31 on the NALC Local Govt. agreement

13. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

108	WCBC 6 MONTHLY PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	
109	SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1136.27
110	SHERRATTS BRONWENS GREEN 11060	339.17
111	B HUGHES SALARY	*
112	SCOTTISH POWER TYF MUGA	264.46

The meeting closed at 7.57 p.m.

Signed Chairman

