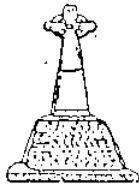


# **BRYMBO**



## **CYNGOR CYMUNED      COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 AT BRYMBO SPORTS AND SOCIAL COMPLEX

Present (Chairman) Cllr/CBC P Rogers

Brymbo Ward- Councillors D Ashworth, K Mathews and L Prince

Tanyfron Ward- Councillors J Barton and D Griffiths

Bwlchwyn Ward- Councillors J Bassford-Barton and D Marsh

County Borough Councillor P Rogers

Apologies- Councillors G Hughes, J Phelen, R McNeil, S Rawlinson and D Roberts.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman announced that Albert Stapley, a former Community Councillor for Brymbo and Reg Herbert, the press officer for the Evening Leader had passed away. He passed on his condolences to both families.

Cllr Roberts was in hospital after suffering an accident. The Chairman sent his best wishes.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST-None

### **2. POLICING**

Apologies had been received by the Police. A report had been sent to the Chairman. Anti-Social behaviour had fallen. There had been 2 dog attacks and owner's spoken to. No burglaries had been reported. Test purchasing had been carried out in local shops and all had passed with flying colours.

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

CBC Rogers said that the Youth Service was doing very well in Cheshire View. A launch event was going to be held. The Tanyfron service was improving and he asked members if the CC would consider funding a container like the one in Brymbo from Tanyfron. The Clerk said that 3 quotes would need to be obtained. Cllr Prince proposed, and Cllr Griffiths seconded that the CC obtain quotes to purchase a container for the Youth service in Tanyfron. A vote was taken. All were in favour. The Chairman said that WCBC were now resuming works on the Highways.

#### 4. ROADS

Cllr Griffiths asked CBC Rogers about the signs in Tanyfron. He said there was still no further progress, however WCBC had asked if BCC could find a private company to design them. Cllr Marsh said that he could pass on a company that had been used previously in Bwlchgwyn.

#### 5. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

#### 6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

No further information.

#### 7. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

Cllr Ashworth had obtained 2 quotes as requested at the previous meeting to clear the footpath on Coed y Felin Road. Cllr Ashworth proposed and Councillor Marsh seconded that the cheaper quote be accepted. Cllr Ashworth said that this company had been out to price the work and the tender was to a good specification. The other company had requested that she video the work that needed doing. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

#### 8. WAR MEMORIAL

The tender process for the works at Bwlchgwyn War Memorial had closed. Only one tender had been received. The Clerk said that this was significantly higher than the previous company. The Bwlchgwyn Councillors would discuss the tender to see if the specification could be changed slightly.

#### 9. PLANNING

No planning applications had been received.

#### 10. BVHA FUNDING

The Clerk told members that she had sought legal advice from One Voice Wales regarding funding for the Village Hall as it was not the responsibility of BCC. OVW had e-mailed to confirm that they could make the grant under the power of the Local Government Act 1972 S133 as this stated that 'A parish or Community Council may acquire or provide and furnish buildings to be used for public meetings and assemblies or contribute towards the expenses incurred by any other parish or CC or any other person in acquiring or providing and furnishing such a building.' OVW stated that it was not an issue who the freeholder was. OVW had also confirmed that the power the CC could make this grant was through the power of Wellbeing, however all expenditures made under this power went towards the S137 limit which would be  $(1960 \times 8.41) = £16483.60$ . That would be the maximum amount BCC could spend on all payments in one financial year. The Clerk told members that as S137 and grant funding had totalled £3800.00 for this financial year the amount granted could not be more than £12500.00. 3 quotes had been received for new windows and doors and 3 quotes for the new kitchen. Cllr Marsh said that the windows and doors were needed first followed by the new kitchen. Members said that they could allocated £12500.00 towards this which would be taken from the budget for the current financial year. The quotes were much higher however a healthy balance due to grant funding from WCBC was in the account of BVHA and also BRA had funding

which may be available. BCC would look at contributing towards the new kitchen in the next financial year which could also give the Assoc. time to fundraise. Cllr Ashworth therefore proposed that £12500.00 be granted as a contribution to fund the new doors and windows. This funding would be taken from the reserve amount for the Bwlchgwyn project. This was seconded by Cllr Marsh. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

#### 11. COLLEGE FIELDS AND CONCRETE COLUMN REPLACEMENT

The Chairman said that he and Jones Lighting had identified columns within close proximity that needed to be replaced. There were 5-6 of these by the shops on Offa Street. There were also a few in Tanyfron. He asked members if he could obtain a quote from Jones Lighting to commence with the replacement project which had been agreed at an earlier meeting. The work would then go ahead. All were in favour.

The Chairman said that WCBC had backed down from their dispute regarding the lighting on College Fields which were on an un-adopted road. They had suggested that they may be able to adopt the lights on the road but not the road itself. The Chairman asked members if an agreement could be made that BCC would adopt these light (approx. 5) if WCBC did not. Cllr Mathews proposed that an agreement in principle could be made to adopt the lights if WCBC did not. This was seconded by Cllr Griffiths. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

#### 12. BRYMBO WAR MEMORIAL-LIGHTS AND PAVING

The Chairman had met Gareth from Mega Electrical who had drawn up a scheme for the War Memorial. A few slabs were damaged which could prove expensive if the whole area needed to be slabbed and new lighting installed. He asked if the War Memorial sub-committee could meet and go back to Mega Electrical to reduce the cost by just replacing the slabs that had been damaged. The Chairman said that he was very impressed with the plan drawn up by Mega Electrical who would also be looking at the Bwlchgwyn War Memorial. All were in agreement.

#### 13. VILLAGE TIDY UP EVENTS

The Chairman said that WCBC had funded skips for a village tidy up which had been successful. He asked if Councillors would be happy to fund giant skips in the 3 villages which residents could use. These could be funded from each Environmental Fund. He said the day could be planned and Street scene would be on hand to assist. This could also be co-ordinated with the litter pickers. All members agreed to this and said that as many Councillors as possible could be in attendance

#### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair said that Tony Lambert from Brymbo had contacted him to say that he was concerned about land ownership by the George and Dragon. He wanted to make clear that he owned the land extending out. Only 2 people had right of access to the track. Mr Lambert wanted this minuted at the CC meeting.

The Chairman said that there was a land dispute on Cambrian Court. He wanted to make members aware that this was not a matter for BCC. WCBC were aware and it was a civil matter between the landowners.

**BRYMBO RESIDENT COMMITTEE PETITION RE BRYMBO HERITAGE TRUST**

The Clerk had been sent a petition by Brymbo Residents Committee. They said they were submitting a vote of no confidence in BHT, its leadership and management as the fossil forest after 19 years was still exposed to elements and the fossils were damaged. The petition said that 2 grants had been lost as work had not been completed. The petition had also been sent to WCBC, the Welsh Assembly and the Charity Commission. The Chairman said that BHT should be placed on a future Agenda for discussion by BCC.

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| 15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT |  |         |
| 3806                     | BTRT HIRE OF ROOM 04/02                | 30.00   |
| 3807                     | AVOW PAYROLL                           | 49.50   |
| 3808                     | SHERRATTS BRONWENS GREEN               | 327.70  |
| 3809                     | BRYMBO SPORTS AND ASOCIAL HIRE OF ROOM | 125.00  |
| 3810                     | MEGA ELECTRICAL STRUCTURAL SURVEY      | 3181.20 |
| 3811                     | OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DONATION        | 1000.00 |
| 3812                     | BVHA YOUTH PROVISION                   | 20.00   |
| 3813                     | INLAND REVENUE                         | 976.22  |
| 3814                     | B HUGHES SALARY                        | *       |
| 3815                     | ONE VOICE WALES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP      | 705.00  |
| 3819                     | ELECTRICIAN CYF DEFIB INSTALLATION     | 1127.40 |
| 3817                     | SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY                  | 1029.16 |
| 3818                     | B HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES            | 8.50    |

The meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman