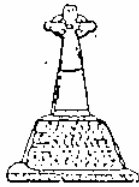


BRYMBO



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 10TH JANUARY 2023 AT BRYMBO SPORTS AND SOCIAL COMPLEX

Present (Chairman) Cllr P Rogers also CBC

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

Bwlchgwyn Ward- Councillor M Peacock

County Borough Councillor J Wellens

Apologies- Councillors L Prince, S Rawlinson, J Barton, D Griffiths, G Hughes and CBC G Brown.

Police PCSO Tim Peers

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST-Cllr M Peacock Bwlchgwyn vacancy.

2. POLICING

The Clerk had circulated both reports to Councillors prior to the meeting. PCSO Peers went through the Brymbo/Tanyfron report with Councillors. The Chair thanked him for attending and for the thorough report he had presented to Council. PCSO Peers said that there were concerns regarding the vacant Taylor Wimpey site, however this was being monitored.

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CBC Wellens said that he was still pursuing the speeding issue at the Four Crosses. Sensors had now been placed there and also a radar box. The results would be available soon. CBC Wellens would also be liaising with Go Safe. CBC Wellens said that over the next 12 months he would be concentrating on 2 areas: lack of public transport and carbon footprint. He was hoping to look into trailing pilot schemes to measure carbon footprint in the village. CBC Rogers opened by thanking everyone who had been involved in all the planned Christmas events that the CC had funded. He said that the events had been a success and this was down to the hard work of all Councillors and volunteers. With regards to the doctor's surgery there was an issue with the energy rating which was being rectified. The building would now be licensed rather than leased. CBC Rogers said that with regard to the gates at Brymbo Pool the posts had rotted away and repairs were needed. The fishing pegs were still not complete.

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

The Chair said that Bwlchgwyn and Tanyfron lighting needed to be looked at as the poles were in dire need of replacing. Expenditure on lights had been high this year however this had been budgeted for.

8. WAR MEMORIAL

No further information.

9. PLANNING

VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING

PERMISSION P/2018/0908 TO AMEND APPROVED PLANS

13 GWENFRO TERRACE TANYFRON ROAD TANYFRON WREXHAM

P/2022/1040- No observations

10. PRECEPT AND QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS

The Clerk told members that the tax base had increased to 1953 .Currently ratepayers were paying £51.22 with the annual precept for 2022/23 being £99520.46. The Clerk went through the budget and accounts with members.

The Clerk suggested the following changes: an increase to the Audit fees from £600.00 to £800.00, a reduction to the Community Centre contingency fund from £1000.00 to £500.00, an increase to the miscellaneous budget from £1000.00 to £1500.00, a decrease from the postages from £220.00 to £100.00, increase clerk's salary from £13000.00 to £18000.00. The Clerk said that the Community Environmental Schemes budget had not been fully utilised for a number of years, therefore this would decrease from £33036.00 to £29036.00.The youth and play scheme budget would be set at £24810.00.This would bring the total expenditure for the year to £114416.00.Members discussed the future price rises in energy costs and said that a small increase in the precept would be required. The overall increase would bring the cost to the ratepayers of £52.72 per annum. This would therefore generate a precept of £102962.16 which was significantly lower to the proposed expenditure. If there was a shortfall at the end of the year this would be taken from the reserves. Cllr Ashworth proposed an increase of £1.50 for the year and this was seconded by Cllr Peacock. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

The Clerk said that she had received the new SLA from WCBC for the maintenance of the play areas. There had been a slight increase of 3% which worked out at £315.00. Members were happy for the Clerk to sign the agreement.

The Clerk circulated the income and expenditure for the last quarter. The Chair and Clerk signed the bank reconciliation.

11. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk had circulated copies of the risk assessment prior to the meeting. Cllr Ashworth said that an amendment needed to be made to the risk of cash and the controls to manage the risk. Where it stated that 3 signatures were needed on all cheques the clerk should add that as the CC were now using on line banking this also should state that 3 signatories were needed for all bank transfers. The Clerk would amend the risk assessment.

12. DONATIONS

2 donation requests had been received. The Clerk said that there was £1650.00 left in the budget allocated for 2022/2023.

Wales Air Ambulance- Cllr Peacock proposed and Cllr Mathews seconded that £650.00 be allocated to the charity. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

Brymbo Male Voice Choir- Cllr Peacock proposed and Cllr Mathews seconded that £1000.00 be allocated to the charity. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

13. VACANCIES

Co-option notices were to be placed in the noticeboards and on the website for the Brymbo vacancy.

One letter of interest had been received for the vacancy in Bwlchgwyn .The Clerk read this out to members. Cllr Ashworth proposed and Cllr Garston seconded that Karen Peacock be invited for co-option for the Bwlchgwyn Ward. A vote was taken. All were in favour. Cllr M Peacock declared an interest and abstained from voting.

14. CLERK'S ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW

The Clerk left the meeting. 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. CONTAINER

The Chair went through the breakdown of costings to install electricity and water to the container which was used for the Youth/Play project. The overall costs were approx. £16,500.00. He had made enquiries regarding the Methodist Church however this was not now an option. Cllr Ashworth proposed that the funds be allocated from the remaining balances of the Environmental funds at the end of the financial year as these funds could not be carried over. If there was a shortfall this could be taken from the budgets for the next financial year. Cllr Peacock seconded this. A vote was taken. All were in favour.

16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

115 MEGA ELECTRICAL INSTALL XMAS LIGHTS	3024.00
116 SCOTTISH POWER TYF MUGA	120.86
117 SCOTTISH POWER BRONWENS GREEN	75.99
118 LUMALITE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	7911.36
119 SHERRATTS 8605 BRONWENS GREEN	327.70
120 B HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	9.50

121 B HUGHES SALARY	*
122 BVHA YOUTH SERVICE	130.00
123 SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY	1139.41
124 MEGA ELECTRICAL INSTLL XMAS LIGHTS	4872.00
125 R JONES ELECTRICIAN DE FIB	72.00
126 BRYMBO SPORTS AND SOCIAL ROOM HIRE	75.00
127 ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING	35.00
128 RE-IMBURSE CLLR MATHEWS PADLOCK B/G	34.99

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed Chairman