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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2005 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BRYMBO.

Present Cllr S Tilston (Chairman)

and

Brymbo Ward Councillors – D Greenaway, K Monti, D Moran, M Shone, A Stapley, B Stapley.

Bwlchgwyn Ward Councillors – P Thomas, H Williams.

Vron Ward Councillors – D Griffiths..

Police – Pc Steve Owen.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Davies and G Jones. The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2004 were approved and signed by the Chairman. .

119 POLICING

Pc Owen gave a crime report for the period since the December meeting. He said that in Brymbo there had been 8 reported offences, which included damage to property and vehicles, and a youth had been arrested for threatening behaviour. There had been a theft of cash from an OAP and enquiries are still ongoing. Nothing had been reported for Tanyfron and Bwlchgwyn, although a hit and run incident involving a resident is still being investigated. There had been 3 reported incidents of juvenile nuisance for the whole of the community, which PC Owen said was very encouraging considering that the period included Xmas and New Year. Cllr B Stapley said he wished to thank Pc Owen for having the abandoned car on the Wern removed. but reported that a van delivering goods to the shop at Offa Street is still causing an obstruction. Pc Owen said that the one-way system in Brynyffynnon Road is still being monitored, and he wished to inform the Council that the funding bid by PACT for the road safety campaign involving school children in the community has now been lodged. He said that next Tuesday there will be another tidy up initiative in Brymbo, and the removal of abandoned vehicles will be a priority. He informed councillors that an application had been made for another Beat Manager for the community area, on the grounds that the increase in housing which will result from the development of the Steelworks site will mean a significant increase in population. The Clerk said that the next PCCG meeting is on 20 January, and he has sent the Agenda etc to the Council's Reps. The Chairman thanked Pc Owen for his report.

120 CAMBRIAN HOUSE

No further information.

121 COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Shone said that his report mainly involved planning and Bronwens Green, and he would report on these at the appropriate part of the Agenda.

122 ROADS

Cllr Moran said that the roads in Brymbo are a disgrace and that Brymbo councillors are regularly receiving complaints from members of the public about their condition. This was borne out by the fact that a member of the public attended the meeting to report the views of residents. It was agreed that the Clerk is to write to the Chief Engineering Officer WCBC to request a meeting with him at his office to discuss the problems and provide him with a list of work that is necessary to improve the condition of the roads. Cllr Shone said that the Highways Budget is not adequate to facilitate complete re-surfacing of roads in the next 12 months

but he will raise the poor standard of recent repair work with the Highways Maintenance Manager. He said he had received assurances the access road between the properties at Brynyffynnon

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will be re-surfaced in the near future, and Cllr B Stapley said that he had spoken to the Brymbo/Broughton Estates Manager about the condition of this road on a number of occasions. The Clerk is to report that surface water is accumulating on a section of the road between Mount Pleasant and Penrhos and this is causing cars to move to the centre of the road with the consequent danger to oncoming motorists. The Clerk read a letter from WCBC stating that an order has been placed for patching work at Pen-y-Graig Road, and Blast Road is to be inspected with a view to further repair work..

123 BUS SHELTERS SERVICES AND STOPS

The Clerk has asked WCBC when the bus shelter, removed from Coed-y-Felin Road, is to be replaced.

124 PLAYINGFIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

The Clerk read out a letter from the Chief Leisure Officer WCBC, which stated that the Sports Council of Wales have withdrawn the Phase 2 application for funding for the proposed MUGA for Blast Road field. This is because WCBC have been unable to prove ownership of the land, although the scheme can be re-submitted if ownership is confirmed. Cllr D Greenaway said he is sure that WCBC could have entered into some sort of negotiations with BDL Ltd for the possession of the entire site. One possibility for progress to be made would be that the Council could get a quotation for the refurbishment of the existing kick-about area, although proof of ownership would still be an issue. The Chairman said that at the December meeting Cllr Price had stated that any proposal to site a skate park on the King George Recreation Ground in Bwlchwyn would be handicapped by the contours of the land. He said that there is a level piece of ground at Caer Efail which could be considered as a possible location. Cllr Thomas felt that parents with younger children in Bwlchwyn would probably opt for any funding acquired to be spent on upgrading the equipment on the existing play area at the King George Recreation Ground.

125 LAMPS

The Clerk read out a letter from Cllr Monti which asked whether the Council should be paying energy charges for lamps on Holland Road which may not be within the community boundary. Cllr A Stapley is to check his schedule and the Clerk said that the Council's contractor submits the list of the Council's lighting stock to Scottish Power which then determines the energy charge. The Clerk said that he had reported lights out on Glascoed Road, and Cllr Griffiths said the new pole at the corner of Park Road/Bryn Gwenfro still has no lamp on it. A quotation has been received for the upgrade of lamps on Pleasant Lane which will provide a safer environment for children attending the Brymbo Homework Club.

RESOLVED – It was proposed by Cllr A Stapley, seconded by Cllr D Moran, and agreed, that the quotation of £320.00 plus Vat. be accepted.

126 FOOTPATHS No further information

127 WAR MEMORIALS No further information

128 CHURCHYARDS No further information

129 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered and approved -

P/2004/1617 – 5 Ffynnon y Ceirw Brymbo Rd Bwlchgwyn – convert existing double garage into new disabled bungalow.

P/2004/1618 – Former Builders Yard off Green Rd Brymbo – outline application to erect one dwelling.

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An observation has been made and information requested on the location of a main sewer pipe.

P/2004/1624 – The Lodge Glascoed Rd Bwlchgwyn – erection of boarding cattery and construction of new vehicular and pedestrian access.

P/2004/1634 – 3 King George Court Stryt Maelor Bwlchgwyn – extension to existing dwelling.

P/2004/1636 – 8 Cae'r Efail Bwlchgwyn – alterations and extensions to existing dwelling.

With regard to P/2004/1639 – land at Mount Isa/Railway Rd Brymbo – erection of three dwellings, provision of childrens play area, and construction of new vehicular and pedestrian access, the Clerk had received a copy of a letter to WCBC sent by a Planning Consultant in support of the application by Gower Homes. Cllr Shone said that when the site meeting was held it was agreed with those present that if the Council was to support this application there should be a statement in the planning application that the play area and adjoining area will be fenced, and a traffic calming provision incorporating a childrens road crossing constructed. There is no reference to this in the application and the Chairman of the Brymbo Planning Sub-committee is to state this in the Councils response to the application. The Clerk had received copies of recent WCBC planning decisions. Cllr B Stapley reported that after a site meeting had been held to look at the on street parking project for Offa Street it was agreed that the provision was to run the length of Offa Street from Nos 15 - 43, and that the northern end of the street should be given priority because of a bad corner.

130 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – January 2005

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| 1366 – Scottish Power – Energy (Nov) | 468.72 |
| 1367 - NWP Electrical Ltd – Maintenance (Dec) | 541.59 |
| 1368 – WCBC – Licence for field North of Bryn Gwenfro | 25.00 |
| 1369. – Encore – Photocopier maint. contract (Nov/Dec/Jan) | 35.25 |
| 1370 – SLCC – Membership Sub. 2005 | 82.00 |
| 1371 - A R Cardiff – Salary | 372.76 |
| 1372 - Inland Revenue – Tax/NI | 115.44 |
| 1373 - A R Cardiff – Refund of postages | 11.60 |
| 1374 – Nibbs – Stationery & office supplies | 118.35 |
| 1375 – Family Friends – Donation | 100.00 |
| 1376 – Hope House – Donation | 100.00 |

131 BRONWENS GREEN

Cllr Shone informed the Council that following a site meeting he had with the Chief Community Services Officer WCBC, a further £10,000 of funding is to be given by WCBC for the development of the sporting facility. Cllr Shone said that two estimates have now been received for the scheduled work, and the one that includes changing facilities is approximately £72,000. However, he said there are other costs to be considered such as the installation of services, and the possibility that VAT will also need to be paid. He said that the Council will now need to consider the legal arrangements to be made to draw up a Service Level Agreement and Lease, which could be arranged with a Development Trust, formed to manage the project. He said that the Council will also need to consider whether the capital funding set aside for the project is transferred to the Development Trust, and whether the Council is prepared to provide some additional financial support for insurance and service running costs.

RESOLVED – It was proposed by Cllr Monti, seconded by Cllr B Stapley, and agreed unanimously, that the Council will make the necessary legal arrangements with the Development Trust who will develop and manage the project, transfer the capital funding accumulated to the Trust, and contribute to the initial running costs of the project. The Clerk reminded the Council that the Deprivation Grant which is to be used for part of the project needs to be spent by 31 March.

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132 COUNCIL WEB SITE

The Clerk reported that he had met Cllr Davies in order to finalise the application for funding that will be put before the Key Fund Committee at AVOW on 24 January.

133 ONE VOICE WALES

Cllr B Stapley reported that he has recently spoken to the Wrexham Area Representative, Mr Malcolm Jones, and was informed that there is to be a North Wales office. A new Chief Executive has been appointed who is a barrister, and the Welsh Assembly are making a funding contribution to the Association of £100,000 per year for the next 3 years. Cllr Stapley said that as some of the initial problems have been addressed it is time that the Council considers joining One Voice, as it will provide a service to councils that will be valuable in a climate of increasing legislation and legal complexities. He said that the membership is now growing significantly.

RESOLVED – It was proposed by Cllr Monti, seconded by Cllr Moran, and agreed, that the Council will join OVW from 1 April 2005.

134 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was agreed that Mrs Ella Charlton, who will take over the Clerk's duties when he visits his family in Australia, will submit a time sheet for work done and will be remunerated at the appropriate rate.

135 PRECEPT FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

This will meet on Tuesday 1 February at 7,00 pm. It was agreed that because of his role as Brymbo Urban 2 Committee Chairman and the Council's funding involvement in Bronwens Green, Cllr Shone is to be co-opted to the Sub-committee. Cllr Griffiths will deputise for Cllr Birch if he is unable to attend.

136 CAB OUTREACH SERVICE

The Wrexham & District Bureau Operations Manager, Gaynor Roberts, is to be invited to the February meeting to discuss venues for the service, and the request for some additional funding.

137 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received by the Clerk –

Head Teacher St Mary's School Brymbo – letter of thanks for the donation of the Council's old computer and photocopier. KRUF – details of "Walk for Life" event 13 March 2005. SLCC – next meeting 26 January, which the Clerk will attend.

The Clerk put the following on display –

Nat Assembly – Consultation document on Providing Indemnities to Members and Officers of Relevant Authorities (Dec 2004) AVOW – Winter Newsletter. North Wales Rambler – Annual Report and Newsletter 2003/4. Their AGM is 22 January.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm...

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