

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2005 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BRYMBO.

Present - Cllr S Tilston (Chairman)

and

Brymbo Ward Councillors – N Davies, D Greenaway, G Jones, 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 Cllr A Birch and County Borough Councillor N Price, who had been ill recently. The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman

159 POLICING

Pc Owen gave a crime report for the period since the February meeting. In Brymbo there had been 4 reports of criminal damage to property, and 4 assaults some of which were domestic and alcohol related. A serious road accident had occurred by the Tai, and there has been a seizure of a significant quantity of drugs an arrest having been made. Twelve reports of anti-social behaviour had been received, 8 of which involving the throwing of snowballs. In Bwlchgwyn one report of damage at Pentre Saeson Childrens Home had been received, and 2 cases of anti-social behaviour involving the throwing of eggs and flour. In Tanyfron a car windscreen had been broken, and 2 cases of anti-social behaviour involving youths playing football in a cul-de-sac had occurred. Pc Owen said he has now held two surgeries in Brymbo Library but the take up has been disappointing, however he will continue with the sessions. He said that tickets have been issued to owners of vehicles for parking long term in the lay-by opposite Brymbo Post Office and that the parking facility offered by the Warden of the Tai Owens flats has now been withdrawn. The police problem solving meeting at Brynteg had been well attended, and it is clear that future policing strategies will be significantly influenced by the wishes of people in the communities. Cllrs reported the following – Cllr Griffiths – youths throwing rubbish by the OAP bungalows at the top of Bryn Gwenfro. Pc Owen is to patrol.

Cllr Jones – suspicious behaviour of a female running from a car, climbing a wall and collecting a black bag in Brymbo. Cllr Moran – untaxed car in Ffordd Owain. Cllr B Stapley – untaxed vehicle in Offa Street. Cllr Thomas – anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Bwlchgwyn Community Centre. Concern was expressed at the actions of a young female with a baby who is a resident of the Offa Street flats and is letting youths into the flats through a window, who are causing a nuisance to residents. Pc Owen said he will be visiting the flats with the Estates Manager, and Cllr Shone suggested that an organisation experienced in parenting skills could be asked to intervene. The Chairman thanked Pc Owen for his report.

160 CAMBRIAN HOUSE

No further information.

161 COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Shone said that he held a surgery in Brymbo last Saturday, but only two residents attended. He said that last Saturday saw the official opening of the Tanyfron School House Project, and he was pleased to see

a number of councillors attended. Cllr B Stapley's report on the Project will be in the Leader on Monday. Cllr Shone was pleased to report that the WCBC Council Tax increase will be the lowest in Wales, but is

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concerned that Martyn Jones MP, in his role as the Chairman of the Welsh Affairs Select Committee, has written to community councils to put pressure on local members to act to reverse the decision of members not to extend the Neighbourhood Warden scheme. Cllr Shone said he voted for the decision and explained to councillors the reason why that decision was made after considerable debate. He said that he supports the principle of a Neighbourhood Warden scheme, but is against funding an extension to the scheme involving an increase in wardens from 14 to 22 at a cost of £200,000 when budget savings had to be made. He said that from 2006, when any support funding from outside bodies ceases, the cost to WCBC would have risen to £1.25m. At a time when members have been trying to budget frugally to keep the Council Tax increase as small as possible he could not support any extension, and prefers to wait to see what benefit to communities the existing scheme brings. The Chairman thanked Cllr Shone for his report.

162 ROADS

The Clerk read out a letter from the Highways Maintenance Manager, WCBC, which set out the measures that will be taken to improve roads that were looked at during the site meeting held on 17 February. He is to be reminded that some problems discussed such as repairs to Pool Road, signs for lorries exiting from the former Steelworks site, and chevrons for the bend by the sub station on the road up through Penrhos were not mentioned in the letter. A leak is to be reported which is causing a surface water problem on Blast Road, and Cllr Williams reported a section of pavement collapsing in Pen-y Graig Road. A letter from the Brymbo/Broughton Estates Manager promised remedial work to the access road to the garage site off Brynyffynnon and to potholes at the rear of the Edwards Avenue flats, WCBC had sent details of the budget available for traffic calming schemes that qualify under a points system, and 50% funding support is required from community councils.

163 BUS SHELTERS SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

164 PLAYINGFIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

The Clerk read out a letter from solicitors Allington Hughes, which confirmed that the playing field off Coed y Felin Road was conveyed to Clwyd County Council in the early 1980's and any further enquiries should be directed to WCBC. The Chairman reported that he, Cllr Thomas, and the Clerk, had attended a site meeting with Jonathan Price of WCBC to look at the possibility of locating a skate park on a level section of car park at Bwlchgwyn Community Centre. Mr Price will produce drawings and costings for the project and the Chairman said that young people in the village are willing to meet representatives of WCBC to discuss it. Cllr Thomas said that the Chairman of Bwlchgwyn Community Centre Management Committee has expressed concerns about potential nuisance problems. The Chairman has met some residents, who intend to form a Bwlchgwyn Residents Association, to let them know that voluntary bodies can have access to funding not available to statutory bodies. WCBC have sent details of a UEFA Mini Pitch Initiative, but it was agreed that because of the short time scale for applications, and the considerable funding support needed, that the Council will not proceed with the matter. Cllr Griffiths said he was very concerned that WCBC are intending to allow 40 houses to be built on the playing field north of Bryn Gwenfro. Cllr Shone said that there is little he can do to oppose this as the previous local member did not object to the original application as long as allotment holders interests were safeguarded. The application was opposed by the Community Council, but it was granted by the Planning Authority and the only way it

can be challenged is through the courts. Cllr Shone said he is aware that it is the only playing field in Tanyfron, but said that a New Opportunities Fund bid has been made for the levelling of the field adjacent to Tanyfron School, and he will exert pressure to ensure that this is developed as a playing field before any development is started at Bryn Gwenfro. Cllr Griffiths said that trees on the site of the proposed housing

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development should have a Preservation Order. The matter is to be put on the Agenda for the April meeting, when it is hoped the Vron Ward Planning Sub-committee Chairman is present.

165 LAMPS

The Clerk has written to the Developer about the lamp on Mount Hill that has no supply. The floodlights at the kick-about area off Blast Road have now been repaired.

166 FOOTPATHS

The Clerk has received a report from WCBC on various Public Footpaths around Brymbo and a copy is to be sent to Cllr Monti. The Clerk had sent Cllr Crowther a copy of a letter from WCBC asking for comments on proposals for Path No.58.

167 WAR MEMORIALS

No further information.

168 CHURCHYARDS

No further information..

169 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered and approved -

P/2005/0114 – Former Brymbo Steelworks – approval of reserved matters for 532 dwellings. The Council have made some observations. The Clerk has received a copy of an objection to the application by two residents.

P/2005/0157 – The Bungalow Mount Pleasant Brymbo – demolition of existing garage/utility room and construction of single storey extension.

P/2005/0162 – Bryn Awel Wesley Road Bwlchgwyn – replacement of existing garden shed.

P/2005/0192 – Gorphwysfa 6 Nant Road Bwlchgwyn – boarding cattery comprising 10 units and store shed.

P/2005/0215 – Penycoed Farm Minera Road Ffrith – erection of porch.

The Clerk gave copies of the WCBC Unitary Development Plan Notice of Adoption to Planning Reps. The next Brymbo Steelworks Liaison Committee meeting has been re-arranged for 16 March. Cllr Monti, who had to leave the meeting early, reported that following a meeting of the Brymbo Ward Planning Sub-committee to consider application P/2005/0114, he as an individual had written to the Marketing Director of Morrisons Supermarkets to ask whether they would be interested in locating a supermarket on the former Steelworks site. The reply was that they do not think they would be able to obtain planning permission for the size of store they would wish to build. Cllr Monti said he has become very concerned about the way the provision for retailing and business is decreasing on the site, and feels this is not being adequately marketed. The Clerk has received copies of recent WCBC planning decisions.

170 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – March 2005

	£
1385 Scottish Power – Energy (Jan)	468.72
1386 NWP Electrical Ltd – Maintenance (Feb)	541.59
1387 BT – Telephone account	137.94

1389 WCBC – Election expenses for June 2004	449.92
1390 A R Cardiff – Salary	
372.76	
1391 Inland Revenue – Tax/NI	115.44
1392 A R Cardiff – Refund of postages	11.94
1393 Encore Office Supplies – Photocopying paper and ink cartridges	48.76
The Clerk said that WCBC have acknowledged the Council’s Precept request for 2005/6.	

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171 DONATIONS

The following donations were agreed -

Wrexham Homework Clubs - £100.00. Proposed by Cllr Shone, seconded by Cllr B Stapley, and agreed.
North Wales Assoc. for Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus - £50.00. Proposed by Cllr Moran, seconded by Cllr Williams, and agreed.

Wales Air Ambulance - £50.00. Proposed by Cllr B Stapley, seconded by Cllr Jones, and agreed.

A donation request from Llangollen Int. Musical Eisteddfod is to be considered when accounts are received.

172 BRYMBO FISHING POOL

The Clerk read out a letter from the Secretary of Brymbo Angling Club. This stated that the number of members in the club has fallen resulting in a decrease in subscriptions, and the cost of insuring the Pool and surrounding area is putting a strain on the Club’s resources. It was agreed that representatives of the Club had signed the Lease which stipulated that the Club was responsible for insuring this area, but the Council would consider some financial help if the Club made a donation request. Cllr Greenaway said that he had attended two recent Club meetings, including the AGM, and a new committee has been elected. Changes have been made to the Constitution and a working party has been formed to erect signs and lifebelts at the Pool. A site meeting at the Pool is to be arranged between representatives of the Council and Club when the new committee has been given time to establish itself. The Clerk is to write to the Secretary.

173 BRONWENS GREEN

Cllr Shone reported that work on the car park and access etc is due to start this week, and should be completed by 31 March. The Clerk is to arrange for the Deprivation Grant to be made available for this stage of the construction of the Project.

174 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Risk Management Sub-committee had met on 15 February, and the Clerk said that it has produced a Risk Assessment Strategy for the approval of the Council. Copies were given to councillors.

RESOLVED – It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr A Stapley, and agreed unanimously, that the Risk Assessment Strategy drawn up by the Sub-committee should be accepted by the Council, and a copy will be forwarded to the Internal Auditor.

175 INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED – It was proposed by Cllr B Stapley, seconded by Cllr A Stapley, and agreed unanimously that JDH Business Services Ltd are to be retained as auditors for the year ending 31 March 2005, and a letter of engagement was signed by the Clerk.

176 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received by the Clerk – letter from Brymbo Heritage Group. Agenda item for April meeting. Senior Amenity Warden – re fly tipping and dog fouling notices in Bwlchgwyn. TCC – meeting on alternative measures of waste management 11 March. Nat. Assembly – next meeting of Regional Committee 18 March. Burial Ground Survey in England and Wales. WCBC – proposed collection changes for rural postboxes. Brymbo/Broughton Housing Renewal Area Steering Group – copy of minutes of meeting 2 Feb. Calor – launch of Calor Village of the Year for Wales 1 March. SLCC – AGM 18 March.

The Clerk put the following on display – Nat. Assembly – pamphlets “Your Govt. Your Money” Open Space Society – Spring issue. WCBC – Wrexham Compact. Ramblers Assoc. – Spring issue Walk mag.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm...

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