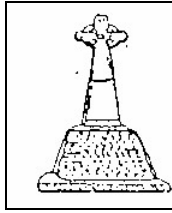


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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2005 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BWLCHGWYN.

Present - Cllr D Moran (Chairman)
and

Brymbo Ward Councillors – N Davies, D Greenaway, G Jones, K Monti, M Shone, A Stapley, B Stapley.

Bwlchgwyn Ward Councillors – S Tilston, P Thomas..

Vron Ward Councillors – A Birch, M Crowther.

County Borough Councillor – N Price. Police – Pc Steve Owen.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs H Williams and D Griffiths. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Moran felt unwell part way through the meeting and vacated the Chair. Cllr A Stapley was asked to deputise.

1 POLICING

Pc Steve Owen gave a crime report for the period since the July meeting. He apologised for not being at the July meeting as he was on a driving course, which he has since passed.

Brymbo – Seven reported incidents, which included two stabbings, harassment, burglary, vehicle crime, computer fraud, and an assault resulting in an arrest. There were two reports of anti social behaviour but none for juvenile nuisance. Pc Owens said that he will pay a visit to Brymbo School prior to Halloween, and reported that the installation of CCTV cameras at the School is imminent.

Bwlchgwyn – Nine reported incidents, which included four offences at a childrens home which resulted in arrests, theft from vehicles, and threatening phone calls. There were three reports of anti social behaviour but none for juvenile nuisance, and Pc Owen reported that a vehicle collision had occurred on the A525. He said that the Fun Day had gone well in the village, but unfortunately there had been a serious accident on Brymbo Road in the afternoon.

Tanyfron – Four reported incidents, which included criminal damage, interference with a vehicle, and assault. There was one report of anti social behaviour but none for juvenile nuisance, and Pc Owen said that he had paid a visit to Tanyfron Youth Club. However, he said that last Monday 32 children had attended the Club only to find that it was not open, and he had spent an hour talking to them. Cllr Birch said that this has happened twice in the last fortnight .

Pc Owen informed the Council that the Neighbourhood Panels will be up and running after Christmas with the one for Bwlchgwyn starting first, Brymbo earmarked for January, and Tanyfron for March. A questionnaire will be circulated and Inspector Chesters will hold a presentation evening. The membership of the panels will include residents who will be involved in discussing problems relating to their neighbourhood and possible solutions to these. The panels will meet every two and half months. Pc Owen said he was pleased to announce that the fluorescent bibs have now been obtained for the schools Road Safety Project, and he showed councillors the bibs that will be used by St Mary’s School Brymbo, Bwlchgwyn School, and Tanyfron School. Nearly £3,000.00 funding had been raised for the Project. Cllr Crowther asked whether the number of road accidents had increased in the area over the summer, and Pc Owen said this is normally the case because of the influx of tourists into North Wales. Cllr A Stapley reported that two vans are still being parked long term in the time restricted parking area opposite Brymbo Post Office. Cllr Birch reported that the no-entry signs on the section of road off College Hill need to be put back urgently, before there is a bad accident. There was a general consensus that vehicles are speeding on some roads in the community area, and Pc Owens said that he has now received speed gun training, and informed councillors that the Arrive Alive vehicle will be spending time in the community area in the near future. Cllr Tilston said he would welcome this in Bwlchgwyn. The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from North Wales Police to his letter requesting information about the incident in Brymbo, when two males were stabbed, but had not received a reply from the North Wales Ambulance Service. The Chairman thanked Pc Owen for his report

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2. **CAMBRIANHOUSE** No further information.

3. COUNTYBOROUGHCOUNCILLORSREPORTS

The Clerk read out a letter from WCBC regarding the proposed skate park for Bwlchgwyn. This stated that consultation letters had been sent out to residents adjacent to the proposed skate park site. They have been given 21 days to comment on the proposal before the scheme is progressed any further. Cllr Price confirmed this and said that 34 letters had been sent out, and the 24 that have responded to date are opposed to the scheme which now raises doubts about its viability. He said that it is important that the money set aside by WCBC should not be lost and if this project is not a viable one the funding should be secured for an alternative project in the village. Cllr Thomas said that residents would appreciate a meeting with Cllr Price in order to discuss the options that may be available. Cllr Tilston said that he is pleased to see that WCBC are at last now undertaking a proper consultation process. Cllr Price said that WCBC will be inspecting the gates at the entrance to Bwlchgwyn Community Centre, and if they are deemed to be a danger to the public they will be removed. The Chairman thanked Cllr Price for his report. The Clerk read out a letter from the Chief Leisure Officer WCBC which confirmed that Cllr Shone has received an order for paint supplies for the re-decoration at Brymbo Community Centre and will be undertaking the task of co-ordinating the project with NACRO. The letter confirmed that no funds are available from the WCBC budget to pay for the re-decoration.

4. ROADS

The Clerk had received a reply from WCBC regarding the Council's complaint about the inadequate notice given regarding the closure of Old Road Bwlchgwyn to facilitate traffic calming measures. This set out the requirements that need to be observed by the Highway Authority for works regarded as minor. WCBC have now confirmed that as Church View and The Wern are unadopted there is no highway funding to carry out repairs on private property, and that a further request for a direction sign for Tanyfron on the A525 at its junction with the Brymbo Link Road will not be granted as current guidance only allows the signing of primary destinations off primary routes. A WCBC Traffic Weight Restriction Order has now been made, which prevents heavy commercial vehicles from using Fron Heulog Hill from its junction with A525 to its junction with the B5430. At the request of the Principal Engineer Highways WCBC, the Clerk is to provide him with a list of road problems in the community area and to request a copy of the Planned Maintenance Schedule for community roads. Cllr D Greenaway asked the Clerk to write to the Brymbo/Broughton Estates Office to request repairs to the forecourt at the Davies Avenue garage site. Jacobs Babbie have written to inform the Council that they will be submitting a planning application to infill the underside of the disused railway bridge at Minera Road. This was welcomed by councillors.

5. BUS SHELTERS SERVICES AND STOPS

The Clerk read out a letter from WCBC which stated that there is no current funding available for the provision of a shelter in Nant Road but the Council's request will be kept on file. The Council's request for the shelter at the OAP residences on Ruthin Road Bwlchgwyn to be turned around has also not been granted, because it was installed in its current position in order not to obscure the visibility for traffic coming out of the adjacent road on to a main road. The Clerk is to ask when the shelter at Coed y Felin Road is to be returned, in view of the fact that it was promised by the end of August, and to report that a panel is still missing out of a shelter on High Street.

6. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

The Clerk had received details of two seminars on play and leisure provisions to be held in Rhondda and Warrington in September.

7. LAMPS

The Clerk had received a quotation from NWP for a replacement column at Bwlchgwyn Community Centre at a cost of £1287.00 plus Vat.

RESOLVED – It was proposed by Cllr Tilston, seconded by Cllr Birch, and agreed that the quotation be accepted and an order made for the work. The Clerk is to request that vegetation shielding a lamp on The Wern is further cut back, and he is to send a letter to Power Systems to request information on why there is no supply to the new column 44 on Mount Road Brymbo. NWP have quoted for the movement of this column and connection of the supply at £1523.69 plus Vat.

8. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Thomas gave the Clerk a Public Rights of Way Problem Report for paths 80 and 81. WCBC have informed the Council that it will be publishing a Rights of Way Improvement Plan for its area and are seeking views on the existing Rights of Way network with regard to possible improvements. The consultation period will close on 24 February 2006. The Clerk gave copies of the letter to Footpath Representatives.

9. WARMEMORIALS

WCBC have written to say that the damaged concrete bench at the Memorial Bwlchgwyn will be removed.

10. CHURCHYARDS

Cllr Tilston read out a letter from the Residents Association regarding the cemetery at Bethesda Chapel Bwlchgwyn. The poor state of this had received press publicity recently, and a group of residents had done an excellent job in improving its condition.

A resident, Mr Jason Lewis, was allowed by the Chairman to speak at the meeting, and said that the Church authorities had informed him that they had no money to maintain the cemetery, but would be prepared to put in motion the legal transfer of the land to the Council if it was prepared to take over the administration and upkeep of the cemetery, which could produce 60 burial plots. Cllr A Stapley said that exactly the same problem exists at St Mary's Church in Brymbo. The Clerk said he had spoken to some other Clerks whose Councils are maintaining a cemetery. The feedback had been that the running costs are financially onerous because staff need to be employed for admin duties, grave digging, grass cutting and general maintenance work, and a significant increase in the local rate also can be expected. Cllr Shone said that Community Councils have no statutory duty to manage a cemetery, but was delighted to see that residents have taken the initiative to improve the condition of one in the community. He suggested that one way forward would be the formation of a Residents Trust who could take over the maintenance and running of a cemetery in their locality. He said that this seems to be a solution that is being adopted by a number of communities in the Borough to provide facilities and services in their community that due to budget constraints the County Borough Council state it cannot fund.

11.PLANNINGAPPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered and approved –

P/2005/0777 – 8 King George Court Stryt Maelor Bwlchgwyn – alterations and extensions to existing dwelling together with new garage.

P2005/0800 – 9 Wesley Road Bwlchgwyn – outline application for the demolition of existing building and erection of 4 bedroomed dwelling with garage.

P2005/0802 – Hen Laethdu Glascoed Road Ffrith – the erection of detached double garage.

P2005/0809 – Plot 1 Golau Fryn Tanyfron Road Tanyfron – amended position of brick and timber panelled fence on boundary of property. (previously agreed under code P/2002/0356)

P2005/0860 – To the rear of 44 Cefn Road Bwlchgwyn – removal of condition no 2 imposed under planning permission code no P.2004/0764 to allow use of the building as a cattery on a permanent basis.

P2005/0882 – Land of Offa Street/Dyke Street Brymbo – erection of a garage.

P2005/0888 – Awely Mynydd Fron Heulog Hill Bwlchgwyn – conversion of existing triple garage/workshop to single dwelling.

P/2005/0954 – 7 Arllwyn Bwlchgwyn – 2 storey rear extension.

P/2005/0955 – 8 Arllwyn Bwlchgwyn – 2 storey extension to rear to provide one extra bedroom and dining room, porch over front door and extend lounge to front.

Application P2005/0260 for the erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings on land adjacent to 4 Church View St Albans Road Tanyfron has been withdrawn. Amended plans have been received for the siting of three dwellings and provision of children's play area on land at Mount Isa/Railway Road Brymbo. The Clerk has given copies of recent reports by the Chief Planning Officer to the Planning Committee, and copies of the Chief Planning Officers report on the seminar "Your Role in Planning" to Sub-committee Chairmen. Copies of recent WCBC planning decisions had been received by the Clerk.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – September 2005

1434	Scottish Power – Energy (July)		566.54
1435	NWP Electrical Ltd –Maintenance (July)	538.70	
	- Maintenance (Aug)	538.70	
	- New col. Wesley Rd/Fron Heulog Hill	1677.08	
	- Ornamental Brackets Ruthin Rd Bwlch	1169.13	3923.61
1436	BT – Telephone account		101.83
1437	Mr T Crofts – Maint. War Mem. Bwlchgwyn/add.work (July)	90.0 0	
	Maint. War Memorial Bwlchn/add.work (Aug)	85.0 0	175.00
1438	A R Cardiff – Salary (Sept)		383.8 1
1439	Inland Revenue – Tax/NI (Sept)		118.5 2
1440	A R Cardiff – Refund of postages		19.4 4
1441	Brymbo Angling Club – Donation (Sponsor a Peg)		20.0 0
1442	Royal British Legion – Donation/ Wreaths Remembrance Day		120.0 0
1443	Cllr Shone – Lock and Chain for gate at Bronwens Green		19.9 9
RECEIP TS WCBC	Precept 2005/6 – 2 nd instalment		16,666.6 7

13.DONATIONS

The following donations were agreed –

St Mary's Church Brymbo PCC £600.00 proposed by Cllr B Stapley, seconded by Cllr Monti, and agreed.

Brymbo W.I. £100.00. proposed by Cllr Monti, seconded by Cllr Shone, and agreed.

No accounts had been received from other donation requests on the Agenda, Bwlchgwyn Parish Church PCC, Brymbo Angling Club, and Radio Maelor. Letters of thanks for donations granted had been received from Shelter, and Bwlchgwyn Residents Association. Cllr Birch asked for a donation request from All Saints Church Southsea PCC to be discussed as an Agenda item at the October meeting.

14.FORMERBRYMBOSTEELWORKSSITE

Cllr B Stapley gave a report on the Liaison Committee Meeting held on 7 September. He said that the work on the reclamation of the site has progressed extremely well, and is almost complete. Currently the office block is being demolished. An Open Day will be held on 1 October followed by a firework display in the evening. Cllr Shone reassured Cllr Birch that none of the dwellings to be built on the site will be in the ownership of housing associations. The Clerk had received a copy of the minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting on 6 July.

15.WREXHAM&DISTRICTCABOUTREACHSERVICE

The Clerk read out a letter from the County Manager CAB, which informed the Council that if it wishes to continue funding the outreach service for another year the cost will be £2818.40, but if the Council wishes to increase the service to a bi- weekly provision the cost would be £5,636.80.

RESOLVED- It was proposed by Cllr Monti, seconded by Cllr B Stapley, and agreed, that funding be provided for another year for the existing provision at a cost of £2,818.40.

16.COMMUNITYBOUNDARYREVIEW

A letter received from the Electoral Manager WCBC advised the Council that a report will be submitted to the WCBC Executive Board on the 20 September to consider what changes, if any, to community boundaries may be desirable. The Clerk is to inform her that the requests made by the Council in October 2002 remain the same.

17.COUNCIL'SANNUALRETURN2004/5

The Clerk read out a letter from UHY Hacker Young, the external auditors, asking for details of the Capital Fund and Business Call account balances. He said he will give them a full breakdown.

18. BRYMBO ONLINE

The Clerk informed councillors that he has put copies of the minutes for the current year and press reports on the Community Web Site.

19. FLY TIPPING IN GLASCOED WOOD

A number of residents of Bwlchgwyn attended the meeting and one of the residents, Mrs Kyle, was allowed by the Chairman to address the Council on the problem of fly tipping. She read out a prepared statement. The Clerk explained that a site meeting had been held with a representative of the Environment Agency in February 2004 to look at the problem, and publicity had been given through posters and the local press. However, residents confirmed that subsequent phone calls to the Agency's hot line number, giving information about culprits have not provided an acceptable response. The fly tipping is on land not owned by the Local Authority, but in the light of new Government initiatives to address the problem of fly tipping, it was agreed that the Clerk will write to the two County Borough councillors, Cllr Price and Cllr Shone, to ask whether they can persuade the Local Authority to take some action to address the problem, and a copy of the statement presented to the Council by the residents is to be enclosed with the letter. Cllr Price informed the residents that he has taken up other concerns relating to Glascoed Road with the Enforcement Officer WCBC.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received by the Clerk –
Mayor's Charity Ball – invite for 21 October. SLCC – meeting 14 September and AGM 9 October. Welsh Assembly – proposed Amendments to the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001. Responses required by 21 October. Adjudication Panel for Wales – Annual Report 2004/5. One Voice Wales – notice of meeting of Area Committee 22 September. Minutes of meeting 9 May and copies of Newsletter. Notice of Conference/AGM 22 October. National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks 2004. Guide to Good Employment Practice in Local Council's. Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill and Local Authority Resolution. Wrexham Partnership Liaison Group – Seminar 15 September. WCBC – Variation to Licensable Activity under the Licensing Act 2003 re Brymbo Conservative Club, Miners Arms, Y Tai, George & Dragon, Railway Tavern. Macmillan Cancer Relief – info re Coffee Morning 30 Sept..

REPORTS AND CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Welsh Assembly – Draft National Service Framework for Older People in Wales, Consultation Document and Executive Summary. Medicines and Older People. AVOW – Baseline Study of WCB Community & Social Enterprise Activity. Wrexham Local Health Board – Annual Report 2004/5. The Delivery of Primary Care and its Estate July 2005. Welsh Assembly – Our Environment Our Future Your Views. The Ramblers Assoc. – Walk Magazine Autumn 2005. WCBC – Connect Summer 2005. Tai Clwyd – Annual Report 2004/5. Play for Wales – Summer 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.. The October meeting is in Tanyfron on Thursday 13 October..

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