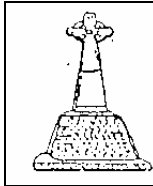


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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2006 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BRYMBO.

Present - Cllr D Moran (Chairman)

and

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

Bwlchgwyn Ward Councillors – H Williams.

Vron Ward Councillors – D Griffiths.

Police – Pc Steve Owen.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. N Davies, S Tilston and P Thomas. The minutes of the meetings held on 10 and 24 January 2006 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

1. POLICING

The Clerk gave a report on the meeting held with the police on 25 January in Brymbo Community Centre. This was attended by Cllrs Greenaway, Jones, Monti, A Stapley, B Stapley and Griffiths. The Police were represented by Inspector Chesters, Sgt.Powell and Pc Owen, and the Brymbo Sub-postmaster, Mr Winstanley, also attended the meeting. The meeting, which proved to be constructive, was arranged to discuss ways to enhance the Community policing provision. A number of initiatives will now be instituted to improve the service for residents living in the Community, and councillors expressed their appreciation for the work currently being done by Pc Owen. Pc Owen gave a crime report for the period since the January meeting:-

Brymbo – There has been a spate of criminal damage reports, an assault, skip fire, and a road traffic accident. 9 calls were received for anti-social behaviour.

Bwlchgwyn – 2 reported thefts and 2 reports for anti-social behaviour.

Vron – 5 reported crimes including criminal damage, burglary, and fly tipping. A stolen vehicle had been recovered, and there had been 4 calls for anti-social behaviour.

Pc Owen reported that the Bwlchgwyn Neighbourhood Panel had met three times, and twenty seven people attended the last meeting at which an Arrive Alive Officer was guest speaker, and an Action Plan was formulated for deterring speeding of vehicles in the village. The Brymbo and Vron Neighbourhood Panels will be formed in the near future. A survey has been done and there will be a presentation night in May. Pc Owen also reported that Operation Queen has been initiated to counteract criminal damage offences. Cllr Jones said that she is rather concerned that recently buses in Brymbo have been targeted by youths who have been throwing stones at them. Pc Owen said that last Thursday night the police had been called to Offa Street but found that a bus had not been damaged and nobody had been injured, but the situation will be monitored. Pc Owen said that one initiative discussed at the meeting with councillors on 25 January was the use of Brymbo Community Centre as a Police Post and Police Surgery, and he had discussed this with the Community Centres Manager. The Clerk said that he had written to Inspector Chesters asking if he will write to the Leader of Wrexham Council in order to express the intention of the Police to establish this Post.. Pc Owen reported that two motorists have now been booked for parking long term in the time restricted parking area near to Brymbo Post Office. The Clerk had given the Councils PCCG Reps. details of an Extraordinary PCCG Meeting to be held on 16 February, which

has been arranged to discuss the proposed Wales police merger. The Clerk said he has written to the North Wales Police Federation in order to express the Council's views about this. The Chairman thanked Pc Owen for attending the meeting.

2. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

Cllr Shone reported that he has met the Chief Development Officer WCBC, and asked him for a full report of the history of the involvement of WCBC in the property. He has also asked for details of the funding sources used when the property was re-furnished.

3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Shone reported that at a WCBC Executive Board meeting on 14 February a decision on the future of Brymbo Community Centre, which is under threat of closure, was deferred because 5 out of 10 Board members were unable to vote on the matter after declaring interests at the start of the meeting. Special dispensation is now being sought from the Standards Committee to enable them to vote. Cllr Shone said that he remains optimistic that the Centre will not close in April. The Clerk said that he has written to the Leader of the Council stating the Council's views on why the Centre should remain open, and Cllr Greenaway said that he has also written to the Leader of the Council, in his capacity as Chairman of the Centre Management Committee. Cllr B Stapley said that WCBC have failed in their duty for a number of years to properly maintain the Centre, and this has had a significant effect on the number of bookings that have been able to be made. Cllr Shone reported that the concrete raft for the Brymbo Enterprise Centre has now been completed and the contractors are starting to do the steelwork. He reported that the contractors will be back on site at Bronwens Green in March to seed the football pitches. Cllr Shone said that he is confident that BDL Ltd would agree to transfer ownership of the site, on which the Blast Road kick-about area is situated, to the Council and if the Council was able to fund the provision of a MUGA he said that WCBC would agree to take over the maintenance of the facility. In view of the fact that WCBC had failed to secure Sportlot funding for a MUGA for Brymbo he said that this could be a way forward. He informed councillors that the field north of Bryn Gwenfro in Tanyfron, that has been used as a football pitch, is up for sale and suggested that WCBC may be able to be persuaded to top slice any capital receipts which could possibly be used to provide a sports facility such as a MUGA for the youth of the village. The provision of MUGAs is to be an Agenda item for the March meeting. Cllr Griffiths said he would also like to see another project initiated, namely the renovation of the track running alongside the Tanyfron allotments which could become part of a village walk

4. ROADS

The Clerk gave councillors details of a WCBC workshop on a Health Impact Assessment of its Winter Maintenance (Gritting) Policy scheduled for 1 March. Cllr B Stapley reported that the surface of Blast Road is in poor condition, with one bad pot hole near to a grid. Cllr Shone said that he had received assurances from WCBC that as a result of the development of Bronwens Green, there will be speed restrictions placed on Pool Road and Blast Road. He said that some resurfacing work has been carried out in Brymbo, namely to Ael y Bryn and Railway Road, but there are other roads that also need improving. Cllr A Stapley reported that few motorists are using the off-street parking provision recently constructed by WCBC in Offa Street. The Clerk is to write to the Estates Manager to request repairs to the access roads to garage sites at Cae Merfyn, and the rear of Edwards Avenue/Pen y Graig Road. A road nameplate for Ael y Bryn, which has been displaced by a vehicle, is to be reported.

5. BUS SHELTERS SERVICES AND STOPS

The Clerk said that he has been informed by Cllr Thomas that the bus shelter by the OAP bungalows on Ruthin Road Bwlchwyn has been replaced but in its original position, which is not the position requested by the Council. The Clerk has informed the Transport Co-ordinator WCBC, who is to inspect it and report back. Cllr A Stapley said that residents of Brymbo have asked why some buses

are not following their established routes, and the Clerk is to write to the Transport Co-ordinator for details of the routes now being followed by operators, including school buses.

6. PLAYINGFIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS. No further information.

7. LAMPS

Cllr Griffiths reported that he had met the NWP supervisor to organise the trimming of vegetation which has been shielding lamps in Tanyfron. A lamp on the Brymbo Link Road that is being shielded by overgrown vegetation is the property of WCBC, and the Clerk is to report the problem to them. Gower Homes are to do the excavation work in the near future to enable the mains supply to be connected to the unlit lamp on Mount Hill, after which it will be adopted by WCBC. Cllr A Stapley reported that a lamp by No 38 Pen y Graig Road has been moved.

8. FOOTPATHS

The Clerk read out an Email he had received from Cllr Tilston, which informed the Council that having attempted to walk a number of Public Footpaths in Bwlchgwyn he has found them to be obstructed with undergrowth or overgrowth. The Email also stated that recently members of the Bwlchgwyn Residents Association had met with the Rights of Way Inspector WCBC. The Clerk is to write to the Rights of Way Inspector to determine the outcome of this meeting, and establish whether there is now a strategy formulated for ensuring that Public Footpaths in Bwlchgwyn remain open for the enjoyment of future users. Another Public Footpath Report Form is to be submitted by the Clerk for Paths 1 and 2 (Red Path), the surfaces of which are in a bad condition, and railings on Path 2 are in need of repair. The Report is to point out that councillors now feel that it is a health and safety issue.

9. WAR MEMORIALS No further information.

10. CHURCHYARDS. No further information.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered and approved –

P/2006/0024 – Land to rear of Bron Haul Wesley Road Bwlchgwyn – erection of dormer bungalow.

P/2006/0047 – Grassed area near to Linden Lea Dyke Street Brymbo – installation of a pouch box. An observation has been made following consultations with residents.

P/2006/0057 – Cwm Dirgel Furnace Road Ffrwd – single storey extension (renewal of application granted permission under P/2000/1130)

P/2006/0074 – Bwlchgwyn CP School Brymbo Road Bwlchgwyn – siting of shipping container in designated area of car park (renewal of planning permission P/2004/0971)

P/2006/0079 – Penybryn Fronheulog Hill Bwlchgwyn – erection of detached two-storey dwelling with integral garage and construction of new vehicular and pedestrian access.

P/2006/0094 – Brooklands Tanyfron Road Tanyfron – erection of conservatory.

P/2006/0133 – Nant Eos Ruthin Road Bwlchgwyn – siting of plastic bunded fuel tank.

The Clerk said that he has received Planning Application Notices for the recent application for the former Brymbo Steelworks Site, inviting comments on the applications. Copies of recent WCBC planning decisions have been received by the Clerk. Cllr B Stapley asked the Clerk if he will obtain another copy of the current WCBC UDP. The Clerk is to send for copies of a new Welsh Assembly Planning Handbook for Planning Sub-committee Chairmen. Cllr B Stapley gave councillors details of a tree planting ceremony at the former Steelworks Site, scheduled for 1 March, which will be attended by pupils of Brymbo and Tanyfron Schools.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – February 2006

1481	Scottish Power – Energy (Dec 05)		566.54
1482	NWP Electrical Ltd – Maintenance (Jan)		538.70
1483	WCBC – Contrib to play equip at King George Rec Bwlchgwyn		5000.00
1484	WCBC – Contrib to grass cutting Tanyfron Playing Field		200.00
1485	A R Cardiff – Salary		383.81
1486	Inland Revenue – Tax/NI		118.52
1487	A R Cardiff – Refund of postages		15.00
1488	Planning Aid Wales – 3 copies of Planning Handbook		15.00
1489	Encore Office Systems – Photocopying paper		17.57

The Clerk has received from WCBC an acknowledgement of the Council's Precept requirements for 2006/7

13. DONATIONS

The list of donation requests to be considered at the March meeting was agreed. Letters of thanks for donations granted by the Council have been received from Bwlchgwyn Bowling Club, and All Saints Church Southsea PCC.

14. BRYMBO ONLINE

The Clerk reported that he has received an Email from Cllr Davies, which informs the Council that he has met the West Wrexham Urban2 Key Fund Administrator to submit the monitoring report for Brymbo Online. He reported that classes are taking place, leaflets are being produced to send out to the communities, and £500.00 for the production of these will be invoiced soon.

15. ONE VOICE WALES

One Voice has been given a quota of 24 invitations for a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 11 July, and have invited Councils to submit names of their Chairmen who might wish to attend. Cllr Moran said that she is ineligible as nominees cannot include those who have previously attended a Garden Party.

16. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Clerk is to arrange a meeting of the Risk Management Sub-committee, who will report back to Council at the March meeting.

17. BRYMBO ANGLING CLUB

Cllr Davies has informed the Clerk that the Urban 2 Key Fund Administrator has not yet been contacted by the Club about progressing their bid for funding to help with the cost of insurance and work on the paths by the Pool.. Cllr Davies has offered his assistance in preparing any bid.

18. AGE CONCERN NE WALES

The Research Officer has written to the Clerk stating that Age Concern is currently putting together the second edition of Wrexham's directory for people aged 50+ living in the County.

The directory will give details of activities and services for, or specifically relevant to, Wrexham people over 50. Details are to be sent to her at AVOW. The Clerk said he has suggested that she could put information on the Community Web Site.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received by the Clerk –

AVOW – “Social Economy in Wrexham Succession Strategy” - extracts of report, executive summary, and project initiatives. WCBC – criteria for the Assisted Gardening Scheme and update. Welsh Assembly – Local Govt Partnership Scheme report 2004/5. Meeting of the Regional

Committee 24 March. Local Health Board – caring for our Health Report 2005/8. Welsh Assembly Regional Co-ordinator – offer to talk to community groups about the work of the Assembly. SLCC – AGM and meeting of Clwyd Branch in Llandudno on 3 March. The Voice – copy of Vol 2 Jan 2006 issue. Welsh Assembly – Borrowing by Community and Town Councils Loan Sanction for 2006/7. Kidney Wales Foundation – invite to Walk for Life 19 March. Brymbo/Broughton Housing Renewal Area Steering Group – notice of meeting 18 Jan. The Local Channel – details of the service it offers. Dogs Trust – poster. Play for Wales – Winter 2005 issue. Health Challenge Wales – issue 1 Winter 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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