

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 28th November 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors:, Mr A Joynes, Miss J Rao, Mr C Williams, Mrs E Jones, Mr R Woodyatt, Mr D Cocks

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk) and Anna Lewis WHQS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs M Harries and Cllr V James

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1642. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 31st October 2019 were confirmed as a true record.

1643. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The police reported there were no spikes in crime. Cllr Rao enquired about the crash on the main road, Cllr Woodyatt stated there had been 3 or 4 crashes in the last 2 weeks and the problem with the traffic lights still remained. Due to priority being given to the main road, there is not enough time for vehicles exiting the side roads, leading to dangerous situations. Cllr Woodyatt asked for the timings to be looked at outside of peak periods. Cllr Williams requested a non-uniform presence so that they are able to see what the situation is really like.

1644. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Woodyatt remarked that the Remembrance Service had gone well and noted it was the first time it had been attended by a representative of the Lord Lieutenant. The Clerk agreed to send a letter of thanks and extend an invitation to the Lantern Parade.

Discussion ensued regarding the unadopted roads in the village and Cllr Woodyatt stated there were no other roads, but some back lanes and provided a brief history on previous attempts to upgrade Old Church Lane.

It was agreed that a full breakdown of costs was needed for both roads before any further consideration be given for assistance with funding.

The Clerk confirmed that invites had been sent for the Lantern Parade. Cllr Williams agreed to confirm with Cllr Harries regarding the high vis jackets. Cllr Woodyatt agreed to arrange marshals at the school and speak at the carol service.

Cllr Harries had requested in her absence that the matter of the Caretaker's pay in the community centre be discussed. CCBC would shortly be dropping funding for 1 hour of the weekly pay and it was requested that consideration be given for the Community Council to fund the lost hour. It was agreed that a donation could be given to the Community Centre who could then pay the Caretaker from this amount.

Anna Lewis provided an update on the community projects that had been agreed for the village by the Project Board. Total costs were £112,000 with £45,000 from the Community Council's CIL funding.

Anna explained the projects were currently with the landscape architect and would not take long to complete. All projects had to be completed by 2021.

The projects approved included:

Lighting and improvements to the Subway.

Replacement of the helter skelter slide in the park.

Outdoor Gym situated in the park.

Skate Park.

More dog fouling bins located throughout the village.

Clean up the area around the Community Centre.

Culvert next to Community Centre fenced off (if Highways feel this is viable).

Dropped kerbs around council properties and walking routes.

Cllr Woodyatt enquired to the whereabouts of the Skate Park. Anna explained this would be looked at as part of the tender process and that the community would be involved in the design, but it would be situated within the current park.

Cllr Cocks enquired who would be responsible / liable for the Skate Park and Outdoor Gym. Anna explained that they would both be maintained and insured by CCBC.

Cllr Woodyatt asked if enquires could be made with the Police to see if there was a possibility of anti-social behaviour. Anna agreed and said she had spoken with the neighbours living in the area where the Skate Park would be situated and none of them had any problems with the plans.

1645. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that a number of documents had been forwarded to Councillors by email and requested that Councillors contact her if any action was required.

1646. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the notice board had been crashed into and destroyed during a car crash. The elderly gentleman was ok thankfully and the insurance process with the Community Councils' insurers had begun. It was agreed for the Clerk to continue to sort a replacement and something similar to the damaged one would be preferable.

Cllr Rao informed the meeting that she had attended a T&CCL meeting last week where the main topic was the budget proposals. She explained there was a consultation on the CCBC website for ideas and views on the proposals.

Cllr Rao stated she would be attending One Voice Wales meeting in Builth Wells shortly.

1647. **FINANCE**

The Clerk reported that payments for this month totalled £1578.37 and these were approved and signed on the monthly payment schedule.

£3.02 interest had been received and the donation of £100 from Chris Evans had cleared. The current balance was £20,839.59 plus CIL funds of £48,349.81.

Copies of the budget were distributed which showed a predicted end of year surplus of £5956.14. It was agreed that the precept for 2020/2021 should remain the same at £18300.

Confirmation had been received that the limit for expenditure on section 137 was £8.32 per household.

1648. **PLANNING**

None.

1649. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

None.