

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 22nd February, 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs. M. Harries, Mrs. A. Jones, Mr. A. Joynes, Miss J. Rao and Mr. R. Woodyatt.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. G. Thomas, Clerk.
Ms. R. Kedward, Clerk.
P.C. Craig Ellis.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mr. C. Williams and Councillor V. James.

1488. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 25th January, 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

1489. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Woodyatt reported that he had contacted Caerphilly C.B.C. and the fallen tree and the spikes in the woodland area would be dealt with. Cllr. Joynes confirmed that the fallen tree had been removed but the spikes had not been dealt with yet. Cllr. Woodyatt agreed to follow this up.

1490. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

P.C Ellis reported that the level of calls regarding crime and anti-social behaviour in the area remained low. He had undertaken some observations in an unmarked car at the traffic lights on Main Road but had not seen anyone jumping the lights. Mobile police surgeries will be held in the village on Saturday 24th February and Sunday 11th March 2018. He also reported that more use was being made of Twitter and Gwent Now in order to get information to residents. Cllr. Rao raised the issue of cars exiting the wrong end of the one way system at the shops on Main Road and P.C. Ellis agreed to look at this.

1491. **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.

A letter detailing of the cost of remaining a member of One Voice Wales was reported. It was agreed to renew the Community Council's membership at a cost of £292. Cllr. Woodyatt asked if in future the cost could be made known before the budget was set. Cllr. Rao agreed to take this up with One Voice Wales.

1492. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk (RK) gave an update on progress regarding the registration of the playscheme and the appointment of staff for the playscheme. She also reported that she had applied for a National Lottery grant and was in the process of arranging training for administering the website. Cllr. Rao gave a report of the meetings she had recently attended and also gave details of meetings she was planning to attend in the next few weeks.

1493. **FINANCE**

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported.

Consideration was given as to which organisations should be given Section 137 grants. It was agreed that the following should be granted £200 each:-

Mount Pleasant Baptist Youth Club
Mount Pleasant Baptist Mother and Toddler Group
1st Maescwmmer Brownie Pack
Maescwmmer OAP Association
Maescwmmer Primary School
Maescwmmer Granny and Toddler Group

It was also agreed that £100 would be made available to help with the clearance of Tabor Churchyard.

The changes required to the list of authorised signatories for the bank account were discussed. It was agreed that Rebecca Kedward and Cllr. Joynes be added as approved signatories and that Gillian Thomas and Gary Enright be removed as signatories. The Clerk (RK) to liaise with the bank to establish the best way to achieve this to minimise disruption to the councils banking arrangements.

1494. **PLANNING**

None.

1495. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. Woodyatt gave an update on the position regarding the replacement of the Memorial Wall by Maesycwmmmer Historical Society. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the society stating that the Community Council would in principle support a replacement on the existing site provided the two memorial plaques currently on the wall were included in the design.