

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 29th March, 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr. D. Cocks, Mrs. M. Harries, Mr. A. Joynes, Miss J. Rao and Mrs. D. Williams

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. G. Thomas, Clerk.
Councillor V. James.
C.S.O. Chris Savva.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Mr. C. Williams and Mr. R. Woodyatt.
Ms. R. Kedward, Clerk.
P.C. Craig Ellis.

1496. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 22nd February, 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

1497. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that all the Section 137 grants agreed at the last meeting had been paid apart from the donation to the works at Tabor Chapel (further information regarding this scheme is expected). Letters of thanks have been received from all the recipients of the grants.

1498. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

C.S.O. Savva reported that there had been 6 crimes reported in the last month and 1 report of anti-social behaviour. Cllr. Cocks raised the issue of increased dog fouling in the area. Cllr. James said he had had many reports of this referred to him. He had discussed this with Caerphilly C.B.C. and more signage had been put up and there were to be increased visits by the enforcement officer to the areas affected.

1499. **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.

One Voice Wales – Notification that a maximum of two motions per Community Council could be submitted for consideration at the AGM on Saturday 29th September 2018. The motions need to be submitted for consideration no later than noon on 31st May 2018. It was agreed that members would bring any suggestions to the next meeting.

Maescwmmer Heritage Group – A letter from the chairman, informing the Council that they were no longer able to proceed with the replacement of the village War Memorial, was discussed and noted.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. The Clerk gave details of the recommendations in the report. It was agreed that the scheme agreed at the April 2018 meeting be retained apart from changing the mileage rates to the new ones listed in the report.

Wales Audit Office - The Clerk reported the receipt of the survey regarding relationships with other public bodies which had to be completed online by 6th April 2018. Responses to the questions in the survey were agreed and the Clerk was authorised to submit the responses on behalf of the Council.

1500. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk gave an update from R. Kedward on progress regarding the registration of the playscheme and the appointment of staff for the playscheme. She also reported that the application for National Lottery grant had been rejected. She had received feedback and would be grateful for any ideas which would help strengthen the application in the areas of community involvement, feedback and community benefit. She has also arranged for training on the maintenance of the website on 18th April 2018. Cllr. Rao gave a report of the meetings she had recently attended.

1501. **FINANCE**

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported.

The Clerk pointed out that as this was her last meeting she had arranged payment of all outstanding amounts to her to be included in the March payment. This would allow the new Clerk to get to know the payroll and tax system without the complications of producing a P45 in her first month. The Clerk's official retirement was 31st March 2018 but in order to have a smooth handover would continue to do work on the tax system, complete the accounts for 2017/18 and prepare the minutes for the March meeting.

1502. **PLANNING**

None.

1503. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. Williams raised the issue of residents being unable to fit a cat flap in doors in Y Glyn. Cllr. James agreed to make inquiries into the issue. Cllr. Rao thanked the Clerk for all her excellent work over the last ten and a half years and wished her well for her retirement. Other members present echoed these good wishes. The Clerk said that she had enjoyed working for the Council but was now looking forward to pursuing other interests in her retirement.