

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 29th June, 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. G. Thomas, Clerk.
Inspector Andy O'Keefe.
C.S.O. Williams.
Rhianon Passmore A.M.
Councillor Vincent James.
Anna Lewis Caerphilly C.B.C.
Representatives from Maesycwmmmer Historical Society.

APOLOGIES

Mrs. A Jones and Mr. C. Williams.

1436. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th May, 2017 were confirmed as a true record.

1437. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllrs. Harries and Woodyatt gave an update on the position regarding the garages in the village.

1438. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

Inspector O'Keefe introduced himself as the new inspector for the area. There were 8 crimes reported for the period relating to theft of wheelie bins, harassment, criminal damage, assault and a public order offence. There was only one anti-social behaviour complaint regarding barking dogs.

Rhianon Passmore A.M. enquired about arrangements for the Velathon on 9th July 2017. Cllr Woodyatt reported that issues reported in previous years were being addressed.

Cllr. Cocks raised the issue of people jumping the lights on Main Road. Inspector O'Keefe agreed to investigate and speak to the Highways Section, Caerphilly C.B.C. if necessary.

1439. NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR REGULATED CHILDCARE.

Rhianon Passmore A.M. gave the reasons behind the introduction of these regulations and asked if the Community Council would explain the difficulties they were causing regarding the summer playscheme. The Clerk gave details of how the recent changes in regulation, from qualifications commonly held by people working in schools to the new playwork qualifications, meant that it was extremely difficult to find staff with the approved qualifications. The registered Person in Charge of the Maesycwmmmer scheme had now found new employment which did not allow her time off in the summer. Extensive advertising had resulted in no applications from people holding the required qualifications.

Training for a new person was also very difficult as the Community Council could not access funding under the Apprenticeship Scheme and, even if it could be self-funded, the timescales were such that an individual would need to undertake a 9 month training course then wait up to 3 months for CSSIW approval. Then he/she would only be offered 4 weeks work for 16 hours a week. This is not an attractive proposition for future applicants. The playscheme cannot run in 2017 and these problems would need to be overcome for it to run in future years.

Rhianon Passmore said that these problems were happening in other areas across Wales. She asked if the Clerk could write to her setting out the situation and she would take the problems up with the relevant departments in the Welsh Government.

1440. PRESENTATION RE: A NEW WAR MEMORIAL FOR MAESYCWMMER.

Representatives of the Maesycwmmmer Historical Society gave a detailed presentation of the work they had done to date in identifying people from the village who had died in conflicts during the two World Wars. The presentation also covered the work done by the society exploring the options for a new memorial in the village. The options ranged from refurbishing/ enhancing the existing memorial to demolishing the existing one and replacing it elsewhere in the village. The Community Council thanked the Society for the presentation and agreed to consider the options.

It was agreed to inform the Society that the Community Council would only consider the option of enhancing the existing memorial. Any proposed changes would need to involve a representative of the Community Council. At this stage, the Community Council had made no decision as to the funding of any changes.

1441. **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.

Blackwood Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care.

Details of an open invitation to Cancer Awareness Community Day on 7th July 2017.
Noted and poster to be put on noticeboard.

CSSIW

Formal confirmation of the Temporary suspension of the playscheme registration.

Request from Anna Lewis, Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS)
Environmental Officer to attend the meeting.

Anna Lewis explained the work she was doing in the area and asked that Councillors and the community engage with her to get the best results from environmental improvements in the village.

1442. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk asked for the preferred date for the Lantern Parade be agreed so she could liaise with the other parties involved. It was agreed that Friday 1st December was acceptable.

Cllr. Rao reported details of the meetings she would be attending.

1443. **FINANCE**

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported. Income received was also reported. It was reported that expenditure and income against budget was in line to date but this would change to an underspend situation from next month because the playscheme was not running.

Notification had been received from Caerphilly C.B.C. that the Community Council would receive a 2016/17 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £1,012.50 to be paid by 30th June 2017. This sum would need to be spent within 5 years or it would have to be repaid.

The Internal Auditors report for 2016/17 was presented and considered. The report concluded that the accounts were accurate and properly kept and internal control was operating effectively. There were no actions to be considered by the Community Council.

The Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2017 was presented for approval. This was approved and the Return was signed by the Chairman.

1444. **PLANNING**

17/0393/NOTA. Ty'r Y Wen Farm, Pandy Lane, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7TZ. Steel frame agricultural building to be used as a hay/straw and implement shed. Noted.

17/0455/TPO Shappelles New Cottage Dance Centre, The Bridge, Ystrad Mynach. CF82 7ED. Fell sycamore tree. Noted.

17/0456/FULL Ffrwd Farm, Pandy Lane, Llanbradach CF82 7SY. Install 22.5m lattice mast, supporting antenna, dishes together with associated ground based equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto. Noted.

1435. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. James reported that the damage to the resurfaced Main Road would be rectified by the contractors at the end of August at no cost to Caerphilly C.B.C.