# **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk) A Morgan – Gwent Police Michelle Jones – Petra Publishing Parent Network

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr R Woodyatt. Cllr V James. Cllr A Jones.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### 1567. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

## 1568. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk presented the Local Toilet Strategy questionnaire to those present at the meeting. It was considered and a group response was taken by the Clerk to be submitted to CCBC.

#### 1569. ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

The police reported that there had been 9 crimes reported in January and 9 in February:

- 4 Violence without injury
- 6 Criminal Damage
- 1 Drug Offence
- 1 Sexual Offence
- 1 Shoplifting
- 2 Theft
- 1 Public Order

#### 2 Non-Dwelling Burglaries

The police stated the crime rate was very low in comparison to surrounding areas. The traffic problems regarding Pandy Lane was a lot better since the opening of the Cedar Tree Roundabout.

#### 1570. **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. The Clerk reported that she had received a response from CCBC regarding the cleaning of the football gates. They had agreed to redo them, but warned that due to lack of funding this could be a service that would no longer be available.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Welsh Government notifying that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137 for 2019/20 was £8.12 per elector.

# 1571. <u>REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES</u>.

The Clerk reported that she had submitted bids for funding with both the National Lottery Awards For All and the Gwent High Sheriff. Cllr Harries mentioned that there was also funding available from the British Heart Foundation. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with L Brideaux who has agreed to run Play Scheme this year. Discussions were being had regarding staffing of the Play Scheme.

The Clerk reported that she had submitted a Vat reclaim of £612.

The Clerk reported that as requested by the Chair J Rao, representatives from Studio Response a community art group had been invited to the next meeting.

Cllr Rao informed the meeting that she would be attending a Joint liaison meeting in a fortnights time and also a One Voice Wales meeting the following week. She had also attended a Valleys Taskforce presentation regarding transport in Wales.

# 1572. **FINANCE**

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported. The Council Tax base 2018-2019 was reported as £797.55 per Band D equivalent.

The budget for 2019/20 was considered. The projected level of balances as at 31/03/2019 was £41,893. Part of these balances (£23,642) were not generally available as they were CIL funds. General balances therefore were predicted to be £17,238.

A predicted deficit of £1507 was predicted if the Precept remained at £18,300. It was agreed to set the Precept at £18,300 and to fund the deficit from balances. This would leave predicted balances to be £15731.70 as at 31/03/19 (not including CIL).

The risk assessment for 2019/20 was considered and approved.

The asset register was presented and agreed.

## 1573. PLANNING

Case Ref: 18/1078/FULL

Location: 4 The Crescent, Maesycwmmer.

Proposal: Erect single-story garage to the side of the existing house.

Noted.

Case Ref: 19/0058/NCC

Location: Land at grid ref 315517 194630 Tabor Road, Maesycwmmer.

Proposal: Vary condition 02 (approved plans) of 18/0428/FULL (erect 3-bedroom

residential dwelling) to create a habitable room in the basement.

Noted.

Location: Glas Fryn 74 Main Rd, Maesycwmmer.

Proposal: Obtain lawful development certificate for proposed rear roof dormer to

create a habitable room and bathroom.

Noted.

Case Ref: 19/0099/FULL

Location: 3 Vale View, Tabor Road, Maesycwmmer.

Proposal: Erect 2 storey side extension with single storey portion to rear, single storey extension to front elevation, driveway alterations to provide additional off-road parking and retaining walls with balustrading over, stone wall with iron railings over and install electric gate.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the Planning Department for more information on the plans.

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence regarding an extension of Centerprise International, Duffryn Meadows Business Park, Ystrad Mynach. All Cllrs were in full support of the plans.

#### 1574. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The outdoor gym and football mugger were looked at as possible CIL projects. It was agreed that further information was needed and these would be looked at in more detail in a future meeting.