

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk)
CSO 90 Price – Gwent Police
Emma Price – Studio Response

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr V James.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1575. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 28th February 2019 were confirmed as a true record.

1576. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the response for the Toilet Strategy consultation on behalf of the Council; however it had been heard by some Councillors that all public toilets were to be closed as of April 1st which was disappointing news. The new development in Blackwood would hopefully mean that at least public toilets would be available there.

The planning application from the last meeting was discussed, and the Councillors agreed that the plans looked overbearing and out of character for the area. The Clerk agreed to contact CCBS's planning department to voice the objections of the Council, and to enquire if similar objections had been made by planning officers. If this was not the case, it was agreed that Cllr Woodyatt would attend the planning meeting to speak in opposition to the plans on behalf of the Community Council.

1577. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

It was reported that as usual the crime rate for Maesycwmmmer was very low compared with surrounding areas.

The numbers of reported crimes for the month of March for Maesycwmmmer was 8, in comparison with Hengoed – 40, Ystrad Mynach – 39 and Nelson – 20.

The crimes for Maesycwmmmer included 3 fuel thefts and break ins to units on Duffryn Industrial Estate, a theft of a cat box from a van, a grass fire by Bryn Meadows and 1 vehicle damage. There were no anti-social behaviour crimes reported at all for the month.

1578. **PRESENTATION FROM STUDIO RESPONSE**

The co-director Emma Price provided an informative presentation on Public Art, Community Engagement and Creative Place Making. Afterwards it was agreed the Clerk would liaise with Studio Response with regard to prices etc.

1579. **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.

1580. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that she had received a response from PETRA with regards to prices for the community book project. The prices were discussed and it was agreed that they were much higher than was expected. The Clerk agreed to contact PETRA and enquire about any funding they might be aware of to help with costs.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Zurich Insurance informing the council that the annual premium was due for renewal and that as they had entered into a Long Term Agreement, would receive a discount. It was agreed to go ahead for the next year with Zurich, but for the Clerk to contact them to find out the terms of the Long Term Agreement.

The Clerk reported that unfortunately due to no one being able to attend the Gwent High Sheriff's Funding workshop, the Council's application had come to an end.

Cllr Rao reported that she had attended a Joint Liaison meeting where the Toilet Strategy and the budget were discussed. There had also been a discussion regarding the plans for a reduction in the number of Councillors and increase in Assembly Members. Cllr Rao agreed to bring the material that she was provided with on the proposals to the next meeting.

1581. **FINANCE**

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported.
The invoice for annual maintenance of the Council's website was approved (£600).

1582. **PLANNING**

Case ref: 19/0116/FULL

27 The crescent, Maesycwmmmer, Hengoed, CF82 7QF

Convert existing garage space into new study replacing garage door with new UPVC casement window.

Noted

Case ref: 19/0132/FULL

Ivy Cottage 24 Main Road, Maesycwmmmer, Hengoed, CF82 7RN

Erect two storey side extension.

Noted

1583. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Woodyatt informed the meeting that the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales was conducting a review into the boundaries in Caerphilly Council. Cllr Woodyatt proposed that the boundary for Maesycwmmmer should end at the Crown Public House and that the land passed this point (including the Hawtin Park housing development) be transferred to Pontllanfraith ward. All Councillors were in agreement and requested that the Clerk write to the Boundary Commission to suggest, once again that the boundaries were changed.