

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 31st October 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk)
Cllr V James

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Woodyatt

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1634. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26th September 2019 were confirmed as a true record.

1635. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The police did not attend the meeting.

Cllr James reported that he had attended an on site meeting with CCBC's Highway's Department and the Deputy Leader at Pandy Lane. The possibility of the lane matching the criteria to become a leisure route was discussed and this would mean a speed limit of 20 mph could be justified, imposed and therefore enforced with speed police / cameras. Cllr James informed the meeting that a similar process had happened on a road near Hafodrynys and it had proven to have an impact on reducing the speed of traffic. It was hoped that if Pandy Lane does fulfil the criteria, the volume of traffic using the lane as a short cut could be reduced as well as the speed of vehicles.

1636. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Harries confirmed that Gareth had agreed to playing Santa at the Lantern Parade Carol Concert. Cllr C Williams confirmed that he was able to arrange selection boxes for the children and Cllr Harries and Cllr C Williams could arrange the catering.

There was discussion regarding the Remembrance Service catering, and it was agreed that Cllr Harries, Cllr C Williams and the clerk would make arrangements. It was agreed to meet at the hall at 11 am to prepare.

Cllr Harries thanked the Clerk for displaying the Poppies on the main road.

1637. **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. Other correspondence received is detailed below:

A letter from the Poppy Appeal expressing thanks for the purchase of wreaths.

A letter from the Lord Lieutenant, enquiring as to whether a representative of the Lord Lieutenant was wanted at the Remembrance Service. The Clerk had replied requesting a representative did attend and it had been confirmed that HH Judge Helen Mifflin would be attending.

A letter from SSAFA (The Armed Forces Charity) informing all Parish / Community Councils about the 75th Anniversary of the VE Day celebrations taking place in May 2020. There was a discussion regarding what could be done to mark the occasion. Cllr Harries enquired as to whether a commemorative coin will be issued and that maybe this could be purchased as a gift for the children of the village. Everyone agreed to think about possible ideas and discuss at a future date.

A letter from CCBC's Ground Maintenance requesting areas for weed control etc. to be undertaken over the winter period. The form was filled out and the Clerk agreed to return it to the department.

Cllr V James had also sent a letter to the Council, regarding un adopted Council roads in Maesycwmmmer. Cllr James read the letter at the meeting which requested that consideration be given to contributing to the cost of raising the standards of 2 roads (Old Church Lane and The Boot) in order for CCBC to agree to adopting them. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that this would be considered, however, information on exactly how many un adopted roads there were in Maesycwmmmer, and the criteria for possible help from the Council was needed. Cllr James agreed to find this out and report back.

1638. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The clerk confirmed that the Order of Service and Car Park signs were ready for the Remembrance Service. The order for laying wreaths was discussed and recorded.

The Clerk confirmed that a new laptop had been purchased.

The Clerk confirmed that notices for both the Remembrance Service and Lantern Parade had been handed out to the local shops and were on display on the notice board.

The Clerk confirmed that new lights had been ordered for the village Christmas tree. The Chair informed the meeting that she was unfortunately unable to attend the One Voice Wales AGM. She was due to attend a T&CCL meeting but this had limited items on the agenda due to receiving a report on the budget.

1639. **FINANCE**

The Clerk reported that payments for this month (including August) totalled £1768.80 and these were approved and signed on the monthly payment schedule.

The VAT claim for last year had been received (£612.50). In addition to this £2.74 interest had also been received making the total income £615.24. The current balance was £70,664.75 including CIL of £48,349.81.

1640. **PLANNING**

Case Ref 19/0645/TPO

Shappelles New Cottage Dance Centre, The Bridge, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7ED.

Section fell Sycamore tree and carry out lateral reduction to branches of Oak Tree overhanging the main carriageway. (Tree Preservation Order 76/73/MCC)

Noted.

1633. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cil Funding was discussed, and it was queried if further funding was expected. The Clerk explained that it was unknown, and when this question was posed to CCBC previously they were unable to say. However as building was still in progress with further phases of the development underway it was strongly suspected that more funding would be received, however the amounts and certainty could not be clarified at this time.