

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 26th April 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. R Kedward, Clerk.
Miss L Brideaux
C.S.O. Chris Savva Lesley Mckean

APOLOGIES

Councillors Mr. C. Williams and Mrs E.E.A. Jones
Councillor V. James.

1504. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29th March 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

1505. **MATTERS ARISING**

Regarding works taking place at Tabor Chapel, Cllr. Woodyatt reported that he had asked for clarification on any grants that have been applied for. He said it is hoped that the Youth Offending Team will undertake some work at the site and usually a contribution towards costs is requested. It was agreed to await confirmation from Mr P. James regarding both matters before reaching any decisions.

Cllr. Rao reported that unfortunately the One Voice Wales RCT/Merthyr/Caerphilly area committee meeting had not gone ahead as planned on Wednesday 18th April due to problems accessing the venue. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday 10th May 2018.

Cllr. Joynes expressed an interest in attending an upcoming 'Understanding the Law' training course. Cllr Rao agreed to make enquiries with One Voice Wales and liaise with Cllr. Joynes.

1506. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

C.S.O. Mckean explained that she was attending on behalf of a colleague and unfortunately was unaware of any local issues, but requested that any matters needing addressing be brought to her attention. Cllr. Cocks reported that he had become aware of 2 vehicle break-ins in the village and he understood that one of the victims had contacted 101 but had yet to receive a response. C.S.O. Mckean took details and agreed to chase up the matter. C.S.O. Mckean left the meeting, but returned shortly after, to report that she had visited the victim and the matter was now in hand.

1507. **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.

1508. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted C.I.W. for an update on the registration of the Play Scheme. She was still waiting for a reply.

She also reported that she had spoken to the National Lottery grant team and gained an understanding of the new criteria to be successful in obtaining a grant. The Clerk outlined the three criteria's and asked for ideas on how the Play Scheme could meet one of them, along with evidencing community involvement in the design of the Scheme. Much discussion ensued, and it was decided to defer the matter to 'Any other Business' for further thoughts and ideas.

The Clerk reported that she had been to the bank to provide her proof of identity for the new signatory on the account and passed the forms onto Cllr Joynes who would now need to provide his proof. Once this had been done the required updates on the account would be complete.

1509. **FINANCE**

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported.

It was reported that a BACS payment for £9150.00 was to be received in the next few working days as part of the precept.

1510. **PLANNING**

18/0284/TCA. Land at Rose Cottage Summerfield Hall Lane, Maescwmmmer, Hengoed, CF82 7RG. Reduce height of Sycamore tree by 7-8 metres. Noted.

15/0774/FULL Erect a single turbine at Land at Tyle Crwth Mountain Road, Maescwmmmer to Machen Ynysddu. Noted.

18/0289/NCC. Gellideg Industrial Estate, Gellideg Lane, Maesycwmmmer.
Vary condition 2 of planning permission 12/0269/NCC (Vary condition 2 of planning permission 08/0539/OUT) Erect residential development and associated access.
To provide a further three years for the submission of Reserved Matters -
Cllr. Woodyatt advised that 5 years has passed since planning permission was first granted, and it was agreed that MCC can see no reason for further delay in the matter. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the chief planning officer to voice objections and urge that usual planning guidance take place or that permission lapses.

1511. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion regarding the Play Scheme resumed. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Groundwork and the CCBC Park Rangers to see if they were available to work with the children.

Cllr Cocks suggested a collaboration with RSPB to teach the children about the local wildlife.

Cllr Woodyatt said he would talk to Mr Harris, Head Teacher of Maesycwmmmer Primary School regarding a possible project.

It was agreed that the Play Scheme could meet the objectives of the grant if it focused on field and nature lessons in the woodlands and surrounding areas, team work, respect of nature and the environment, and possibly some projects to improve the area around the community centre.

The Clerk to collate all ideas and resubmit the grant application asap.

L Brideaux informed the meeting that 7 play workers had been appointed and that they were all very highly qualified and talented with a range of different expertise e.g. dance, fitness, art and crafts.

L Brideaux enquired about keys for the new padlocks under the stage in the community centre as she needs to see what equipment is available for Play Scheme. It was agreed the Clerk would make enquiries.

Cllr. Woodyatt said that as he had missed the last meeting, he had not had chance to say farewell to G Thomas and thank her for all her hard work over the years. He suggested that as had happened in the past, an occasion and thankyou gift should be arranged. It was agreed that Cllr Harries contact G Thomas to ask her about dates and the Clerk to make enquiries regarding a gift.