

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 27th September 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk), Mrs L James CCBC, Miss L Brideaux and Mr E Griffin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr V James
Mr C Williams
Mrs D Williams

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1541. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26th July 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

1542. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Woodyatt gave his apologies in advance of next month's meeting. He offered to read a poem at the Remembrance Service and offer thanks to the Maesycwmmmer Heritage Society on behalf of the Council.

It was agreed that the unveiling of the new memorial plaque would be added to the notice of Remembrance Sunday and the clerk would get these ready to hand out for the next meeting in order for them to be placed in the shops, pubs and school etc. There was further discussion regarding the Remembrance Sunday Service regarding invites and other tasks for the Clerk to undertake regarding the Order of Service and ordering of Wreaths.

The evening for G Thomas was agreed to be Thursday 18th October.

It was reported that the spikes previously reported to CCBC had now been removed.

Cllr Woodyatt agreed to check the gates to see if there was any improvement. In response to allegations of dogs being killed on Park Road, Cllr Woodyatt reported that he had spoken to the resident in question and had been informed that this was not true. Neither of her dogs had been run over by speeding vehicles.

1543. MAESYCWMMER HERIATGE SOCIETY

Mr E Griffin informed the meeting that the final proof for the memorial had been signed off and was on track to be in place for Remembrance Sunday. There had been a lot of information found regarding the 12 casualties in the First World War and 7 in the Second World War and a booklet was being prepared to be circulated on Remembrance Sunday.

It was proposed that there would be an unveiling of the plaque during the Remembrance service and the Clerk agreed to ask Rev George to give a dedication during his service. It was proposed that Cllr Rao and Mrs S Griffin would unveil the new plaque.

Cllr Woodyatt acknowledged all the hard work of the Heritage Society and fully endorsed the plans and ideas for the unveiling, service and booklet.

It was agreed the booklet would be included in the Order of Service.

1544. LISA JAMES – CIL PAYMENT

Lisa James provided a brief overview of CIL payments and gave examples of what the money could be spent on within the next 5 years. Any amounts not spent within this time would need to be repaid.

Lisa had gathered information from T Evans Policy Unit CCBC regarding Solar Panels for the school and suggested this could help them with their ECO Schools status. The cost for this was estimated at £8000. Cllr Woodyatt expressed interest in further information regarding this.

Other ideas included electric car charging points, play equipment, benches, improvements to pathways etc.

Cllr Woodyatt pointed out that the upkeep of parks would also need to be considered if this avenue was to be explored further. There would be a need to liaise with CCBC re quality and maintenance etc. L James advised that there was also opportunity for match funding from CCBC on certain projects. L James agreed to send out basic costs regarding parks.

The Clerk raised a query regarding the effect of the payment on the budget and if it would have an impact on setting the Precept. This was discussed, and the Clerk agreed to make enquiries.

Cllr Woodyatt had been thinking about the possibility of a bike park or bike ramps in the wooded area the children use as a bicycle trail. The Clerk agreed to speak to Park Services re the possibility of attending a meeting to discuss possibilities.

1545. ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

There was no Police report provided or attendance from the Police at the meeting.

1546. 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 had received Bye Laws regarding Land Drainage which were to be kept in case of future enquiries.

1547. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from the Rotary confirming that Santa's Sleigh was booked for the Lantern Parade on December 7th.

The Clerk reported that new twinkling Christmas lights had been ordered for the village Christmas tree and the switch on date for the lights was also confirmed as December 7th.

The Clerk enquired about usual arrangements for refreshments for the Remembrance Service and the Christmas Carol Concert. It was confirmed that Cllr C. Williams and Cllr Harries usually arrange this.

The Clerk reported that she had responded to the correspondence regarding Pandy Lane/Park Road from Mr Smith.

1548. **FINANCE**

The Clerk provided an update on the budget and a breakdown of income and expenditure for the year to date. A breakdown of the Play Scheme budget was also provided.

The Clerk presented the Annual Return findings and the Audit Report for the year ending 31st March 2018. There were 2 points to note regarding gratuity and Section 137 payments. The Clerk confirmed that the Notice of Conclusion had been displayed as per requirements. The Council approved and accepted the Annual Return.

The Clerk reported that the second payment of the Precept had been received (£9150.00).

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported.

1549. **PLANNING**

None.

1550. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Miss L Brideaux attended the meeting with her portfolio from Play Scheme. The Clerk provided feedback from the inspection report which had been very good, and Cllr Woodyatt thanked L Brideaux for all her hard work. Cllr Harries reported that from the activities she had seen through the Play Scheme's face book page, it looked like the best one yet. Cllr Cocks said that it had been rated very highly by the residents.

Cllr Harries reported that next year the Velathon will in fact be taking place in South Wales.