

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 28th June 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr A. Joynes, Miss J. Rao, and Mr R. Woodyatt.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk), CSO Savva, Mr. W Hodson, Mr. E Griffin, Mrs. J Richards, Mrs. J Davies and Mrs. S Griffin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M. Harries, Cllr C. Williams, Cllr D. Cocks, Cllr V. James, PC Ellis

1524. MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 31ST May 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

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1525. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Woodyatt reported that Cllr C. Williams had resigned from the Village Hall committee earlier in the year and that as his deputy, Cllr Harries had stepped in to cover. Cllr Rao was put forward and agreed to become the new deputy.

Cllr Joynes enquired as to the date for the next Liaison meeting. Cllr Rao said she would find out and let him know.

1526. ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

CSO Savva began his report by comparing the Maesycwmmer Ward's statistics with nearby wards. There were just 8 crimes reported within Maesycwmmer in June, compared to 58 in Hengoed and 41 in Ystrad Mynach. This was hoped and suspected to be due to a genuine lack of crime in the area, rather than people not reporting incidents. Everyone agreed that this was very encouraging.

Recent incidents reported for Maesycwmmer included, 3 thefts from Bryn Meadows Golf Club, 1 water tank stolen from a farm, 1 shed break in, 1 vehicle damaged on the main road, a dog bite and 2 adult public disorder offences. There were also 6 driving offences that occurred on the main road which reflected the 'Your Voice' priorities for Maesycwmmer which were speeding/driving offences. This is thought to be due to the business of the main road and drivers jumping the traffic lights. A filter for turning

right at the lights was agreed to be needed by all, however despite numerous requests it is still not forthcoming.

1527. MAESYCMMER WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Woodyatt gave a quick recap on the background of the project and outlined the reason for inviting members from the Maesycwmmer Heritage Group and the Maesycwmmer Over 50's Club to the meeting.

Mr Griffin began by commenting on Mr Hodson's efforts, stating he had worked tirelessly trying to obtain a grant from various avenues, and a huge amount of work had been done to try to comply with the various applications.

Mr Hodson explained that due to the small numbers within the group and the complicated compliance issues for the various grants, they had resigned to forgo altering the structure of the memorial and apply for a grant from the Welsh Church Fund to pay for the cost of a new plaque to be added to the existing memorial.

Mr Hodson explained the proposed project and that it would involve relocating the two existing plaques to make room for the new plaque and outlined some issues that could be encountered in obtaining a balanced look to the memorial. Nonetheless, it was agreed that the work would be worth it as it meant the new plaque containing the names of the men from Maesycwmmer who gave their lives in World Wars I and II could be added to the memorial.

Mr Hodson showed quotes for the work and diagrams of the desired finish and explained that as lease holders to the land where the memorial stands, they would need to obtain permission from The Over 50's club to make the proposed changes. The Over 50's club said they welcomed the latest proposed changes as they were what they would have wanted from the beginning. They agreed to give consent to the changes, on the provision that Maesycwmmer Community Council agreed to continue with the upkeep of the Memorial Wall and that the Over 50's Club would not be expected to contribute financially towards any costs associated with the work at present or in the future. There was also to be no other alterations made to the hedges or surrounding grounds.

Cllr Woodyatt recommended that the Community Council support the project as it was a very worthwhile cause. This was seconded by Cllr Rao and Cllr Joynes. It was agreed that the Community Council would maintain the upkeep of the Memorial Wall.

The Over 50's Club produced a written agreement which was signed by the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, outlining their support on the terms and conditions previously discussed.

Cllr Woodyatt thanked Mr Hodson and Mr Griffin for their hard work and Cllr Rao also thanked them, stating she was very pleased that the memorial would now contain the names of the fallen men.

It was agreed by all that ideally the work could be completed in time for the Remembrance Sunday Service. Mr Griffin requested that the names of the fallen men and a picture of the memorial be added to the order of service.

The Clerk agreed to provide a letter of written support to the Heritage Group.

1528. 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.

1529. REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.

The Clerk stated that the Play scheme will be running by next meeting and that all preparation was in hand. The date for registration was set to be Monday 16th July 3-5pm at the Community Centre. Posters had been placed around the village and slips were due to be sent out to parents next week.

The Clerk was due to attend a meeting at the community centre on 3rd July to discuss the use of the centre with the committee.

The Clerk reported she had attended the Local Government Finance Training Course and found it very informative.

The Clerk made enquiries regarding a date for the Christmas Lantern Parade, as she was aware contact would need to be made with the Rotary Club for Santa's Sleigh etc. Discussion regarding the usual arrangements took place and the Clerk agreed to start making arrangements.

The gift for G Thomas was discussed, a decision was made and the Clerk agreed to collect the gift and a card for next meeting. A date for the gathering was discussed and Cllr Woodyatt said he would try to get hold of G Thomas.

1530. FINANCE

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported.

Notification had been received from Caerphilly C.B.C. that the Community Council would receive a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £23642.17 to be paid by 30th June 2018. This sum would need to be spent within 5 years or it would have to be repaid. The Clerk informed the meeting that Lisa James from CCBC would be attending the September meeting to provide advice and guidance on the payment. The Clerk agreed to write to all Cllr's to request they start thinking of possible projects that the money could be used on.

The Internal Auditors report for 2017/18 was presented and considered. The report concluded that the accounts were accurate and properly kept and internal control was operating effectively. There were no actions to be considered by the Community Council.

The Annual Return for year ended 31st March 20018 was presented for approval. This was approved, and the Return was signed by the Chairman.

1531. PLANNING

Case Ref: 18/0527/NOTD Site Area: 6124m

Land at former Supac Ltd Gellideg Industrial Estate Gellideg Lane, Maesycwmmer, Hengoed, CF82 7SH

Demolish Factory

Noted.

Case Ref: 18/0428/FULL

Land at Grid Ref 315517 194630 Tabor Road Maesycwmmer

Erect three bedroom residential dwelling

Noted.

1532. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Joynes enquired as to the date of the next meeting regarding the Ystrad Mynach Master Plan. The clerk agreed to find out and book places for Cllrs Joynes, Rao and Woodyatt.

Cllr Rao said she would be attending the One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting on July 12th and would report back in the next meeting.

Cllr Woodyatt informed the meeting that the gates to the woods leading up to the football field were extremely dirty and needed cleaning, if not repainting. The Clerk agreed to contact CCBC to find out who is responsible for their upkeep and to request they be looked at.

Cllr Joynes stated that the spikes used to anchor the old fire pit at the North East corner of the woodland were still there and dangerous. The Clerk agreed to contact CCBC in regard to this matter also.

Cllr Woodyatt proposed funding the changes to the memorial wall if the grant from the Welsh Church Fund failed. This was considered by the meeting and everyone agreed that it was a very worthwhile cause and therefore the Community Council would be amenable to offering financial support should funding fail.

Discussion ensued regarding the annual Remembrance Sunday Service. The Clerk was asked to invite various people and a run through of the usual procedures took place. The Clerk agreed to start making arrangements.