

## **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk)  
Cllr V James  
CSO 90 Price  
CSO SS Williams

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr D Cocks

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### 1559. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were confirmed as a true record.

#### 1560. **MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted that the Remembrance Sunday service had been a success with a very large turnout.

Cllr C Williams reported that the gates leading to the football field had only been cleaned on the top half. The bottom was still in a very poor state. The Clerk was asked to contact Parks Services again and copy in Cllr James on the correspondence.

Cllr Harries reported that the gazebo normally used for Santa's grotto was missing. Options for replacing the gazebo or using other alternatives were discussed.

Cllr Woodyatt stated his position as back marker to Santa's sleigh would need to be replaced. Cllr C Williams agreed to stand in.

Cllr C Williams informed the meeting that 160 selection boxes had been bought in readiness for the Lantern Parade/Santa's Grotto.

The Clerk agreed to produce a poster advertising the parade and carol service and display it in the usual places.

The usual donation for the primary school for the making of the lanterns was discussed and agreed. Also, the donation for the Rotary Club for Santa's sleigh was discussed and agreed.

1561. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The police reported that there had been 12 crimes reported since the beginning of November which was higher than usual but still lower than other areas. The crimes reported included:

- 5 neighbour disputes
- 1 incident at Bryn Meadows Golf Club
- 1 attempted theft of copper at Bergstrom
- 1 shoplifting offence
- 1 refusal to pay for a take a way meal
- 1 vehicle damage
- 2 assaults

The police informed the meeting that there was a black Ford Mondeo stranded on the main road that they were aware of and dealing with.

The police stated they would attend the Lantern Parade.

1562. **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.

A letter regarding Awstin's Journey had been received requesting help for medical funding. It was agreed that due to the worthy cause and the family connection to Maescwmmmer a donation of £50 would be given. The Clerk agreed to send this with a covering letter.

Cllr V James had forwarded a letter regarding the Gwent High Sherriff's fund.

Applications were being received for grants. The Clerk agreed to make an application before the next meeting, as the closing date was January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

A letter regarding Section 137 grants had been received.

1563. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported she had received information from Parks Services regarding an outdoor gym and a bicycle park. It was agreed this would be discussed in any other business.

The Clerk informed the meeting she had attended a presentation from the IRP regarding Community Councillors allowances. It had been stated that for next year a sum of £150 was to be made available to every Councillor unless they expressed a wish not to receive it and it was to be a decision made by each individual and not a group decision. The Clerk reported that she had produced a form for each to Councillor whereby they could state if they wished to receive the allowance or not. This was to aid the budget setting process and act as evidence of the individual decisions. The form was handed out to all Councillors in attendance and the Clerk agreed to post forms to the Councillors not present at the meeting.

Cllr Rao provided feedback on the recent Joint Liaison meeting including a presentation by an organisation called PETRA who were working with communities to produce children's books based on the community. The Clerk and Cllr James had also witnessed the excellent presentation. All councillors were interested in learning more about the project and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact PETRA to invite them to a future meeting.

Cllr V James provided feedback on the recent community meeting regarding Tabor Church. He was awaiting a summary from CCBC Planning Department of outcomes and proposed actions and would be writing to the current owners of the church to enquire about their intentions for the building and offering to meet with them to voice the concerns of the community. Cllr James had been assured that there would now be a reactive maintenance programme carried out on the church and new netting was to be attached to the roof asap. There were also enquiries underway regarding the force of sale of the church.

#### 1564. **FINANCE**

Payments made by the Clerk under delegated powers were reported.

The annual Chairman's allowance was agreed.

Donations agreed and made:

Donation of £70 for the British Legion for large poppies on the village lampposts.

Donation to Maesycwmmmer Primary School for Lanterns £100

Donation to Awstin's Journey £50.00

Donation to Pontllanfraith Rotary Club for Santa's sleigh £50

#### 1565. **PLANNING**

Case Ref: 18/0940/OUT

Location: Land to the rear of 67 Main Rd, Maesycwmmmer.

Proposal: Erect a detached dwelling.

Noted.

Case Ref: 18/0950/RET

Location: 1 Viaduct View Court Victoria Rd, Maesycwmmmer

Proposal: Retain imported material and change of use of land to additional residential amenity area for existing dwelling.

Noted.

The Clerk reported she had made enquiries re garages. She had received a response to say no other applications had been received. The agent was copied in to the response to provide an opportunity to comment. No comment had been received as yet.

#### 1566. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr V James had attended a Pensioner's meeting where the issue of dog fouling had been reported. This had been passed on to the relevant department in CCBC. Cllr C

Williams reported that the dog bins were overflowing, he had reported this matter to CCBC in the summer, however it was still an issue.

Cllr V James reported that there had been changes on the Community Centre committee and they were currently waiting on CCBC to appoint a new caretaker. This could take up to 3 months, however thanks to the dedication of the members of the committee the Centre could remain open.

Cllr V James reported that he had followed up on a number of complaints regarding parking outside the new fish and chip shop. Time restricted parking was an option that could be looked at. As parking was being transferred from the police to CCBC and new road markings, signs etc were needed all over the borough, it could take some time before fines etc could be issued.

The outdoor gym and bike park ideas were looked at as possible CIL projects. It was agreed that the outdoor gym seems to be the more viable option and Councillors took the handouts regarding equipment home with them to look into further. It was agreed that this would be discussed in the new year with regards to prices, maintenance etc.