

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Thursday, 30th July 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R. Kedward (Clerk), Cllr V James.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr C Williams, Mr R Woodyatt, Mr D Cocks, Mrs A Jones.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1658. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 27th February 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

1659. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Police were not in attendance at the meeting.

1660. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr V James provided an update on Old Church Lane. The residents had received a reduced price from CCBC for the work, however it was felt that this was still too much. Cllr James was still chasing the list of unadopted roads. The work to The Boot was undertaken privately by the residents who all contributed to the cost.

The Clerk reported that she had received an update from Anna Lewis WHQS regarding the skate park and outdoor gym. Both were under the procurement process and shouldn't take much longer. Cllr Harries queried about the new slide and whether it would replace the old one or be an addition. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries. Cllr Harries queried about the new path that had been laid to allow disabled access to the inclusive swing, as someone had informed her that the swing was not a disabled swing. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries.

Cllr Harries informed the meeting that the Community Centre had been successful in obtaining a grant for a wild flower / butterfly garden.

Regarding, Cllr Joynes' previous concerns about the drains in St Anne's Gardens – Cllr James asked him to email him and he would look into it.

1661. **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.

1662. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk stated that the new notice board had finally been installed.

The Clerk explained she had contacted the Rotary Club to enquire about Santa's sleigh, but stated that it looked very unlikely that the Lantern Parade would be going ahead this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Discussion ensued about whether the sleigh could still possibly travel around the village for the children to enjoy from their homes and whether the Council could purchase gifts for each child and do something similar to the Easter Bunny event that the Community Centre did in April. It was agreed to keep monitoring the situation until closer to the time.

The Clerk presented a report on the help given to parents of Free School Meal children in Maescwmmmer Primary School. It was discussed and agreed that this would not be continued, and that help would instead be given in the form of a free school uniform for each child attending the school. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Mr Harris to arrange this.

The Clerk informed the meeting that both the OAP hall and Community Centre had been successful in gaining £10,000 Covid-19 grants.

The Clerk reported that the new website was fully up and running and was proving to be very good.

The Clerk requested consideration for a new defibrillator to be purchased and placed in a position that could be accessed at all times by the residents of the village. The Clerk suggested it could be placed on the outside of the OAP Hall as this was a central place. This was agreed and the Clerk agreed to liaise with Jean Davies to see if they would agree to this.

The Clerk gave a report on the CIL funding and explained that another amount of £22,726.17 had been received. She stated that a small amount of £1012.50 would need to be spent by October 2022 or it would be claimed back. The Clerk suggested a new bench for the main road to replace the old red one by the traffic lights. This was agreed and it was suggested that a number of places in the village could also benefit from a bench. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with CCBC regarding the replacement one and everyone agreed to think of some areas in the village where other benches could be placed.

Cllr Rao reported that all meetings had been suspended but was hopeful for them to restart in September – depending on the Covid-19 situation.

1663. **APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS**

The Internal Audit report was discussed and approved. The External Audit report was worked through and approved. The Clerk explained that the Notice of Electors Rights was displayed on the Notice Board and on the Website as required.

1664. **FINANCE**

The Clerk produced a report with all payments made since February's meeting. This was considered and payments approved and signed on the monthly payment schedule.

The Clerk produced an up to date budget report, which was considered and approved.

The current balance was £24,644.05 plus CIL funds of £71,075.98.

1665. **PLANNING**

Case Ref 20/0490/COU

Unit 2 Dyffyn Court Alder Avenue, Dyffryn Business Park, Ystrad Mynach.

Change the use from warehouse (B8 use) to health and fitness centre

Noted

Case Ref 20/0574/FULL

Ty Ein Teulu 4A Park Road, Maesycwmmmer

Erect Single Storey rear extension

Noted

1666. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Harries reported that the dangerous spikes were back in the fire pit in the woods. Cllr Joynes reported that there was an oak tree that had snapped and was overhanging the pathway and there were a number of trees that looked as though someone had been cutting them down. The Clerk agreed to contact CCBC to discuss these matters.

Cllr Joynes made an enquiry to the possibility of publishing the rights of way in the village. Cllr James suggested that these could be put on the website and would contact CCBC and let the Clerk know the outcome.

Cllr D Williams explained that she would be resigning as the School Governor. Cllr Rao offered herself as replacement but would wait for the school to get in contact after Cllr Williams resignation.