

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at the Maesycwmmmer Old Age Pensioners Hall on Friday, 27th November 2020 at 7:00p.m.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Woodyatt.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1680. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 23rd October 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

1681. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Police were not in attendance at the meeting.

1682. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Rao and Cllr James had attended the virtual remembrance service. Everyone present agreed that it was a wonderful service that had been enjoyed by the whole community.

Cllr C Williams reported that he had received many concerns from residents due to the early switch off of street lighting in the village. It is felt that it is contributing to more crime and accidents. Cllr Rao said that the same concerns were echoed in the latest T&CCL meeting. The Clerk agreed to write to CCBC to express the concerns and see if anything could be done about it. The Clerk also agreed to contact the police to request their presence at the next meeting, or a report if they are not able to attend.

Concerns were raised over illegal parking around the Primary School at drop off times. Parents are parking on the yellow zig zag lines and it is becoming a regular occurrence. The Clerk agreed to add this to her letter to the Police and request a presence at drop off times.

Concerns regarding the traffic light sequence were raised and that it is still disproportionately shorter for residents leaving the village. As a result, motorists are taking more chances in getting through and it is felt that this is dangerous. The Clerk agreed to also add this matter in her letter to the Police.

Cllr Woodyatt had emailed the Clerk regarding CIL funding and the possibility of purchasing Chromebooks or something similar for the pupils of the Primary School. The Clerk advised that she didn't think this would be permitted under the CIL rules, however she would contact Lisa James and clarify.

1683. **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 reported that she had received the following letters:

A letter from David George, Chair of the Governing Body of Maesycwmmmer Primary School – thanking the Community Council for the donations to the school for wet weather gear and P.E. kits.

A letter from The Head Boy and Girl from Maesycwmmmer Primary School – thanking the Community Council for the donations to the school for wet weather gear and P.E. kits.

1684. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the agreed donation of selection boxes had been given to a member of the Community Centre Committee and some residents who were arranging a socially distanced parade to distribute them to the children and OAPs in the village. The Clerk had been contacted by The Head Teacher of Maesycwmmmer Primary School to request that some boxes could also be donated to the school so that children who did not live in the village would not miss out. This was agreed.

The Clerk reported that Anna Lewis had replied regarding the Year 6 pupils providing a logo for the skate park. She agreed with the idea but said she would need to see the logos first. Cllr Harries agreed to liaise with the Year 6 teacher to move forward with this.

The Clerk reported that plans for the new bench on the Main Road were underway with CCBC assessing the site shortly.

The Clerk informed the meeting that on taking down the village poppies and flags, unfortunately one had gone missing again.

The Clerk informed the meeting that in response to her correspondence with CCBC regarding the Toucan crossing (information disseminated via email) she has been

assured that the Community Council had been contacted at the earliest opportunity as the full plans had only just been completed.

The Clerk reported that Anna Lewis WHQS had been in touch with a gym plan. The clerk would add this to the website.

Cllr Rao reported that she had attended some virtual meetings. She had chaired a meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee where a presentation on CCBC's response to Covid-19 had been given. Other topics covered were CCTV coverage, street lighting concerns and the winter maintenance programme. Cllr Rao said she would circulate copies.

The Clerk informed the meeting that normally she would be handing out the dates for next years meetings, however due to the Covid-19 situation it was still necessary to hold meetings where possible in the Community Centre. She was unsure what dates the Centre would be available and if and when lockdowns would be in place. It was agreed to arrange the first meeting for the last Friday in January and then go from there depending on the situation.

1685. **FINANCE**

The Clerk produced a report for payments. This was considered and payments approved and signed on the monthly payment schedule.

The Clerk reported that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been received. There were no matters for concern. The report was considered, approved, and accepted.

The Clerk produced an up to date budget report with estimations for next year. Based on the assumptions that play scheme would resume and new Christmas lights would be purchased, it was recommended and agreed that the Precept remain the same for the following year at £18,300.

The Clerk pointed out that she would be circulating some options for new Christmas lights in the new year and the most expensive of these options would be approximately £11,000. This was the figure included in the budget estimations as a worst-case scenario.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the section 137 expenditure limit had been received and was £8.41 per elector.

The current balance was £25,537.33 plus CIL funds of £71,075.98.

1686. **PLANNING**

None.

1687. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

None.