

## **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at Maesycwmmmer OAP Hall on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: Mr. A. Joynes, Mrs. M. Harries, Miss J. Rao, Mr. C. Williams, Mrs A. Jones.

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. R. Hares (Clerk), Cllr. V. James, Mr D. Earey.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. R. Woodyatt, Mr. D. Cocks.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### 1753. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and AGM held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 were confirmed as a true record.

#### 1754. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Police were not in attendance at the meeting but provided a report which was read by the Clerk. The report confirmed that the police had attended the school at collection time on several occasions with one vehicle being asked to move due to it being parked on a junction and sticking out into another street.

Cllr James reported that he had been in contact with the new Community Safety Officer for the village and he has also agreed to attend the school at collection times.

There was a lengthy discussion on CCBC's reply to Mr. Earey's traffic calming report. Mr. Earey addressed the points and stated that community involvement was needed at all levels including the school. Mr. Earey requested that Cllr Harries inform the Head Teacher of his intentions to meet with him and hopefully work together. The Clerk was asked to enquire with CCBC about the date for the audit mentioned in their response to the report.

#### 1755. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk informed the meeting that works had been delayed on the new slide in the playground until after half term.

Discussion regarding the skate park took place and the Clerk was asked to contact CCBC to request a site meeting between Councillors and the contractors to discuss the issues.

The Clerk informed the meeting that CCBC were not keen to move the dog bin as there were no other suitable places for it to be relocated and this would result in it being removed, not replaced, thus leading to increased dog fouling. The Clerk agreed to respond to CCBC and suggest it be moved near the grit bin at the bottom of the school hill.

The Clerk informed the meeting that CCBC had scheduled the removal of the grit bin, but this would not be replaced as Jenkins Street and Erasmus Terrace are on the gritting route and there is another grit bin on the corner between Chave Terrace and West Avenue.

The Clerk informed the meeting that CCBC Housing had scheduled an inspection of the railings to see what works were needed on the broken railings in The Crescent. Councillor Harries informed the meeting that the railings had now been fixed.

The annual Remembrance Service was discussed, and due to the fact that most other areas within the Borough were holding physical services, it was agreed that an outdoor service would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

The Clerk agreed to liaise with Pastor George and the School. It was agreed to forego the refreshments after the service due to Covid-19 concerns.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had ordered and received wreaths and requested permission to order new wooden crosses. This was considered and approved.

It was decided to attach the Tommy statues to the OAP front wall.

The Lantern Parade was discussed, and it was hoped it would be able to go ahead. The Clerk stated that the sleigh and centre were provisionally booked. Cllr C Williams agreed to speak to the centre about number restrictions and to arrange the purchase of selection boxes.

#### 1756. **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 had been received from CCBC's weed control team, requesting a list of the areas in the village in need of weed control, cleansing to footpaths etc. This was discussed and the Clerk agreed to respond to CCBC with the areas.

#### 1757. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the relevant lampposts had been converted in readiness for the new Christmas lights.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had priced up the cost of installing Wi-Fi in the OAP Hall. This was costly, especially as the Council could potentially only need to use it 10 times per year. There was an option of purchasing a 'Mi-Fi' which would mean a one-off cost rather than installation fees and monthly contract fees to have Wi-Fi. It was agreed to purchase a 'Mi-Fi' instead.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had discussed the Hawtin Park housing development with CCBC Electoral Services Department, and they were indeed to come under the Maesycwmmmer ward. As houses were still under construction actual numbers could not be confirmed.

Cllr Rao reported that she had attended the next One Voice Wales remote meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> and was elected Chair of the T&CCLC on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### 1758. **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 current balance was £77,281.49 less CIL funds of £46,957.00 = £30,324.49

#### 1759. **PLANNING**

Case Ref 21/1021/FULL

4 Hawtin Park, Gellihaf, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood, NP12 2EU

Insertion of new windows on ground floor and first floor of industrial building, demolition of 2 sprinkler tanks with associated pump houses plus adjacent open sided store, removal of a loading bay, platforms and levellers.

Noted

Case Ref 21/0989/COU

Biotage GB Ltd Unit F Distribution Way, Dyffryn Business Park

Erect extension and change use of existing industrial unit from storage to chemist laboratory.

Ask for further information.

#### 1760. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

None.