

## **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at Maesycwmmmer OAP Hall on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at 7:00pm.

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. R. Kedward (Clerk), Mr D. Earey

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. V. James, Mrs A. Jones.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### 1745. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and AGM held on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were confirmed as a true record.

#### 1746. **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.

There had still been no Police presence at the school during drop off and collection times despite numerous requests. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police and write to Jeff Cuthbert to inform him of the situation and the growing concerns.

The Clerk reported that upon receipt of Councilors' approval, she had passed Mr. Earey's report to the Transport Engineering Manager at CCBC, but had not yet received a response.

#### 1747. **MATTERS ARISING**

A date of 24<sup>th</sup> September had been given for works to commence on the new slide in the playground, it was expected to take 4 weeks to complete.

The Clerk had been contacted by CCBC to explain that there were potential issues regarding drainage on the site where the skate park was planned to be situated. A proposal had been put forward that a pump track could be installed instead, as this would not provide the same drainage issues. Discussion ensued and it was decided to consult the community on their thoughts before providing an answer to CCBC. Cllr C

Williams asked the Clerk to find out if there were any other pump tracks in the area that the Councillors would be able to look at to gather a better understanding of what it could look like.

Rights of Way in the village were discussed and the Clerk agreed to contact the gentleman reporting the matters to CCBC and invite him to a future meeting. The Clerk agreed to include Cllr C Williams in the email, so that he could discuss the rights of way further, in the event the gentleman would not be able to attend a meeting. Cllr Joynes stated that at one time a leaflet had been issued by CCBC providing the different rights of ways in the village. It was confirmed that these were now provided by way of a link on the CCBC website to a map.

The Clerk agreed to chase the dog bin, grit bin, and railings as none of these matters had been resolved by CCBC.

#### 1748. **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.

One particular correspondence was regarding the relocation of bus stops in the village. The Councillors felt that the information received from CCBC was unclear and asked the Clerk to contact the relevant officer and request a meeting to explain the reasons for the relocation etc.

#### 1749. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that the Tommy statues had arrived. Cllr Harries kindly offered for her husband to erect them.

The Clerk reported that she would be away when the lamppost poppies were due to be erected. Cllr Harries agreed to put a post on social media to ask for volunteers to do this.

The Clerk reported that works on the lamppost conversions in readiness for the new Christmas lights was to be undertaken shortly and she had been reassured this would be done in time for the switch on date of December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The annual Remembrance Service was discussed, and it was agreed that it would be best to follow the same arrangements as last year. The Clerk agreed to contact Pastor George regarding this. Cllr Harries agreed to contact the McGuffie family to ask if they would be involved.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the community centre had been provisionally booked for 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Mr Harris had agreed this date if the Lantern Parade was to go ahead. The Clerk had made enquiries with the Rotary Club regarding Santa's sleigh but had yet to receive a response. The Clerk agreed to chase this up.

Cllr Rao reported that the next One Voice Wales remote meeting was due to be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk informed the meeting that measures would need to be put in place for people wishing to attend future council meetings remotely. The most efficient way for this to happen was to have wi-fi installed at the OAP hall so that the Clerk could facilitate meetings via Teams. The Clerk agreed to enquire with the OAP association if this was acceptable to them.

The Community Empowerment Fund was discussed. The Clerk agreed to inform the OAP of this funding opportunity. Cllr Harries requested that the Clerk ask Cllr James to forward the information to her to publicise on social media in order to facilitate a larger community awareness of the funding available.

1750. **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 second precept payment had been received.

A budget report was considered and approved.

The Clerk reported that the current balance was £77,717.89 less CIL funds of £46,957.00 = £30,760.89

1751. **PLANNING**

None.

1752. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Woodyatt brought up the issue of the residents in the new Hawtin Park housing development and raised the question if they were to be included in the Maesycwmmmer Ward on the Electoral register. The Clerk agreed to contact CCBC Electoral services and make enquires.