

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at Maesycwmmmer OAP Hall on Thursday 29th September 2022 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs M. Harries, Mr A. Joynes, Mrs W. Howls, Mrs C. Smith-Stockwood, Mrs A. Jones

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Miss J. Rao.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1822. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and AGM held on the 28th July 2022 were confirmed as a true record.

1823. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Clerk read out the Police report for August 2022.

1824. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Howls informed the meeting that the Sports Scheme numbers had been disappointingly low for most of the scheme, she explained there had been issues with time keeping of instructors, skateboarding dates, children attending from other areas, advertising and first aid kits. Mr D Earey did confirm that the children who had attended that he knew of personally had really enjoyed it. It was agreed this was a shame and that it did not make sense to continue to spend a large amount of money every year on a scheme with such a low uptake. It was agreed to rethink for next year and explore the possibility of joining with neighbouring schemes to share costs. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

The Clerk stated that she had emailed the supplier details of the benches for the park to the Councillors and asked them to take a look and see what options they preferred.

The Clerk produced a diagram of the Christmas Lights display and lamp post numbers and showed where the transformers would be installed in readiness for new lights next year.

It was agreed the switch on would be Friday 2nd December in line with the annual Lantern Parade. The Clerk agreed to contact Elsbury to enquire about a 'switch on' event.

Cllr Harries asked for more lights for the tree on the main road. The Clerk agreed to order these with Elsbury.

The Clerk stated she had been trying to contact the Rotary Club to book the sleigh, however there was no answer and no reply to messages. The Clerk agreed to keep trying.

Cllr Harries confirmed that Santa had agreed to attend the parade and give out gifts to the children. Santa did request a new suit as he had lost weight, the Clerk agreed to source one.

Cllr Harries agreed to speak to Mr C Williams regarding the purchase of selection boxes.

The Clerk stated that Mr Harris confirmed the parade was in his diary and staff / pupils would attend.

The Clerk confirmed she had reported the footway to the park to CCBC who had referred the matter on to Leisure Services as this land belonged to their area. The Clerk would update when she heard more.

1825. **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 stated the Council had received a letter from the OAP committee requesting financial help towards a new handrail outside the hall. This request was considered and approved. It was agreed to contribute £600.

1826. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk confirmed she had still not received a response regarding the area known as 'The bush' despite numerous chase up attempts. Cllr Howls confirmed that CCBC had previously cut it back. It was agreed that when the Community Council received the annual request for areas needing cutting back, trimming etc, this area would be added to the list for attention.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that The Head of Regeneration and Planning at CCBC and Mr Woodyatt would be attending the next meeting to discuss the LDP.

The Clerk provided Councillors with a draft copy of the Council's Training Plan. This was considered and approved. The Clerk agreed to publish this before the deadline of 5th November. The Clerk stated that Code of Conduct training was an essential training requirement for all Councillors and Introduction to Community Council was essential for new Councillors. The Clerk asked all Councillors to ensure they had completed the courses required of them and confirm to her when they were done.

The Clerk stated that CCBC had indicated the Skate Park was next to be installed after Philipstown. The Clerk agreed to ask for an approximate date.

The Clerk stated that preparations were underway for the Remembrance Service and work had begun on invitations, posters etc. Reverend Hywel George had agreed to officiate, and Mr Harris had confirmed the school would attend. Mr Harris had agreed to ask his Deputy Head if she would play the Last Post.

It was agreed that refreshments could be served in the OAP Hall this year.

The Clerk agreed to order wreaths.

Cllr Smith-Stockwood confirmed she would organise the lamp post poppies and flags again this year. The Clerk agreed to buy 30 more at a cost of £300 and source some new flags and cable ties.

The Clerk informed the Councillors they had received an expression of interest from a member of the community wanting to join the Community Council. The Clerk read out the letter and stated she had confirmed with CCBC's Electoral Officer that as there had very recently been an advertisement for vacancies, there was no need to readvertise. Co-option onto the Council was agreed. The Clerk agreed to liaise with the gentleman and invite him to the next meeting.

1827. **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 £68,487.88 less CIL funds of £33,832.91 = £34,654.97.

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

1828. **PLANNING**

Ref: 22/0752/FULL

20 Tredegar Lane, Gelli-haf, Pontllanfraith, NP12 2RD

Erect Rear Conservatory

Noted.

1829. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Jones stated the lamp posts on Summerfield Hall Lane were still not working, The Clerk asked Cllr Jones to clarify the lamp post numbers and she would chase CCBC once she had received these.

The parking outside the school was discussed, this was still felt to be dangerous and the possibility of shutting off Jenkins Street at school pick up and drop off times was discussed. It was agreed to think about best options for this and discuss further in the next meeting.