

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held at Maesycwmmmer OAP Hall on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs M. Harries, Mr A. Joynes, Mr D. White, Mrs W. Howls, Miss J. Rao.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R. Hares (Clerk), Mr D. Earey. CSO90 Price, CSO202 Coomer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs C. Smith-Stockwood, Mrs E.E.A. Jones.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1846. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24th November 2022 were confirmed as a true record.

1847. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Police were in attendance and went through the figures for the crime and anti-social behaviour calls. It was explained that they were higher than normal this month, but this was due to a large number of incidents belonging to a neighbourly dispute.

The increase of vandalism in the village was discussed and it was identified that residents were not reporting matters to the Police. The Clerk agreed to post the Police surgery dates and times on the website and the notice board and to let the Police know when the OAP meetings were held so that they could attend and speak to residents.

1848. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to both Elsbury and CCBC regarding the new lamp post conversions and this was now underway. There was an offer on Christmas Lights for buy one get one free, but this needed to be done by the end of the month. The Clerk agreed to order the new lights once she had heard back from Elsbury regarding any broken existing lights that would also need replacing. It was decided to add some new colours to dilute the current blue and white theme.

The Clerk reported that she had been informed by CCBC that last years Playscheme had been paid for in full by a grant they had been successful in applying for so would bare not cost to the Community Council. CCBC were waiting to hear if there would be further funding for this year's scheme.

The option of providing short play sessions for under two hours was discussed. The Clerk agreed to find out more on the regulations surrounding this.

The Clerk handed out examples of park benches and explained there were lots of colours and styles. It was agreed that it would be wise to wait until the skate park was

in place and then hold a site meeting with CCBC to decide how many benches and where they could be placed before agreeing on particular styles and colours.

1849. **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.

1850. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that she had sent a letter to Garin Davies to inform him that he was disqualified from the Community Council on the grounds of non-attendance for over 6 months. This meant there was now a vacancy and the Clerk agreed to advertise it as per regulations on the notice board and the website. If there was no interest, co option would be possible.

The Clerk reported CCBC's Play Officer would be attending March's meeting to discuss play sufficiency in the village.

Cllr Rao reported on her recent One Voice Wales meeting where they had received a presentation from Transport Wales regarding the metro. Cllr Rao agreed to forward the presentation on to the other Councillors.

1851. **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 £62,674.68 less CIL funds of £33,832.91 = £28,841.77.

1852. **PLANNING**

None.

1853. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Harries raised the possibility of having the subway decorated by Valley's Street Art. This was discussed and the Clerk agreed to make enquiries with CCBC regarding permissions etc.

Mr Earey discussed a letter from the Senior Chief Planning Officer for the Senedd to CCBC that pointed out 'fundamental concerns' with the Parc Gwerna Development and its failure to conform with 'Future Wales', pointing out a range of issues that needed to be addressed.

Cllr Joynes reported that there were wet leaves on the lane to the shop that made the hill slippery and dangerous. The Clerk agreed to report this to CCBC.

Cllr White asked if it would be possible to advertise the Warm Hearts & Bellies meeting on the notice board. The Clerk agreed to do this.

Cllr White pointed out the lack of street lighting on both ends of the viaduct. Cllr Rao agreed to address this with CCBC.