

## **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council online on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7:00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs R. Hares (Clerk), Mr D. Earey, CSO 90 Price, CSO 202 Coomer.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr D. White, Mrs E.E.A. Jones.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### 1862. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were confirmed as a true record.

### 1863. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The police were in attendance and shared the latest figures for crimes in the area. The police commented that as usual the crime numbers were much lower than surrounding areas, especially as motor offences on the main road are included in Maesycwmmers' total.

Crimes included:

Break in at Zoar Presbyterian Church of Wales, Main Road – Youths entering the building, owners have been contacted to secure it.

3 criminal damage incidents at Parkside residential home on Hill View from a resident.

Smashed front window on house in Erasmus Terrace.

2 sofas stolen from address in Hill view.

2 Adult ASB calls.

Cllr John requested emailed copies of the police reports. The Clerk agreed to forward any reports she received.

Cllr Cocks enquired whether there had been reports about trouble on the far side of the viaduct in Hengoed. The police confirmed there had been no reports. Cllr Cocks enquired if the viaduct was monitored with CCTV, the police confirmed that it was monitored by Tiryberths' monitoring office.

Cllr Harries brought up the issue of cars being parked on the pavement by the car wash on the main road, the police confirmed they were aware, and it was on their list of items to deal with.

Cllr John brought up the issue of dangerous parking around the school at pick and drop off times. It was agreed that this was a long-standing issue that had been

discussed many times. The police explained that they are not able to enforce parking fines or issue tickets, and that parking wardens from CCBC would be able to. Cllr Rao agreed to make enquiries on this matter.

#### 1864. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Chair welcomed Cllr John to the Community Council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

The Clerk reported that CCBC had confirmed that there would be no funding this year for a Sports Scheme and asked for other ideas for this year's summer holidays provision.

The idea of providing a number of 2-hour sessions at the Community Centre was discussed further. Cllr Harries agreed to speak to the relevant people.

The idea of funding a new football club was also discussed, Cllr John agreed to find out if there was any interest in the community for this and any volunteer helpers.

Cllr Cocks reported that there was still graffiti on the green box by the notice board, despite this being reported to CCBC. Cllr Harries reported that this was also the case for the graffiti in the park. Cllr Cocks and Cllr Harries agreed to email the details to Cllr Rao who agreed to chase these up.

The street art on the subway was discussed. The Clerk agreed to email Cllr Rao and copy in the CCBC officer she had been corresponding with. It was agreed that Cllr Rao would contact Cllr Simmonds in order for them both to provide CCBC with their views on this matter.

#### 1865. **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.

#### 1866. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported CCBC's Play Officer had needed to rearrange and would be attending May's meeting to discuss play sufficiency in the village.

The Clerk reported that she had chased CCBC for an update on the Skate Park, as it was now way passed the date that it should have been started. The officer in CCBC had promised to chase the contractor and get back with a new start date as soon as possible.

Cllr Rao reported that she had attended the One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting on the previous night. Jeff Cuthbert the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner had given a presentation on Gwent Police's new initiative.

#### 1867. **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 £50,142,58 less CIL funds of £33,832.91 = £16,309.67.

The Clerk reported that she had received notification that the first precept instalment of £9150,00 had been paid by CCBC.

The Clerk reported that the 2022-2023 accounts had been balanced and reconciled and were ready for the next audit.

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return and Governance Statement would be ready to consider in next months meeting.

1868. **PLANNING**

Case Ref: 23/0212/HH

14 Rhymney Lane, Gelli-haf, Pontllanfraith, NP12 2QZ.

Erect single storey flat roof rear extension.

Noted

Case Ref: 23/0158/COU

Valley Greyhound Stadium Twyn Road, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7SN

Change use from athletic football club to greyhound boarding kennels.

Noted

Case Ref: 23/0194/FULL

Valley Greyhound Stadium Twyn Road, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7SN

Erect single storey racing kennels.

Noted

1869. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr John enquired if any updates had been received regarding the LDP. Cllr Rao agreed to find out the deadline. Mr Earey said he would be sending an email to officers in CCBC to make enquiries.

Mr Earey reported that the dog waste bins by the Community Centre were always overflowing. It was agreed another bin was needed in this area. The Clerk agreed to contact CCBC to make enquiries regarding this.

Cllr Howls reported that the road on The Crescent hill was sinking and that drain covers were loose and that this has been reported several times. Cllr Rao agreed to raise this with CCBC.