

## **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council online on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7:00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: Mr. A. Joynes, , Mrs. M. Harries, Mrs. W. Howls, Mrs. C. Stockwood, Mr D. Cocks, Mrs A. Jones.

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. D. White, Mr L. John, Miss J. Rao.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### 1883. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and the AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were confirmed as a true record.

### 1884. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Police were not in attendance. The Clerk shared the monthly report that was sent out for May. There were 27 crimes reported, which included:

- Vehicle crime relates to a motorbike being stolen.
- Possession of weapon relates to a border force seizure – attempted weapon being shipped from China – Mount Pleasant.
- Criminal damage - Ex-partner broke chain off front door – Gelli Haf.
- Person on site – Vodafone mast Gelli Haf.
- Deliberate grass fire- Mountain Road.
- All other thefts related to the flowerpots and picnic bench being taken from the Community Centre. One named person was not involved but there at the time. No name of offenders gained for fear of repercussions.

There was 1 Anti-Social Behaviour incident - Youths causing issues in garden – Hill View, Maesycwmmmer.

### 1885. **MATTERS ARISING**

The possibility of funding a number of 2-hour play sessions was discussed. Cllr Howls and Cllr Stockwood agreed to explore some possible companies / activities. The Clerk agreed to work with Cllr Howls and Cllr Stockwood to see if this was feasible and email the rest of the Council with updates on activities, dates, and prices. The Councillors agreed they were happy to receive updates this way as there was not much time left before the school holidays.

Cllr Smith reported that she was still chasing CCBC regarding the road on The Crescent as it was still getting worse.

Cllr Harries reported that the brambles on the school hill and St Davids Road were very overgrown and causing issue for residents walking passed. The Clerk agreed to report this to CCBC.

Cllr Harries reported there was more graffiti in the park, the Clerk agreed to report this to CCBC.

1886. **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.

1887. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The clerk requested that any training needing to be undertaken was done so as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that she had still not received a reply regarding an extra dog bin but had been informed that there were staffing issues in the department which were causing delays.

1888. **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 £57,260.82 less CIL funds of £33,832.91 = £23,427.91.

The Clerk produced a budget report for the year up to date. This was considered and approved.

The Internal Audit report was considered and approved.

The Annual Return and Governance Statement was considered and approved.

The Clerk chased outstanding annual expense payment forms from the Councillors.

1889. **PLANNING**

Case Ref: 23/0344/HH

1 Jenkins Street, Maesycwmmmer, CF82 7QH

Erect single storey rear extension.

Noted

Case Ref: 23/0222COU

Unit 3 Withey Dyffryn Court, Alder Avenue, Dyffryn Business Park, Ystrad Mynach.

Change use of Unit 3 from Class D1 to flexible use in Class B1, B2, B8.

Noted

1890. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Mr Earey reported that CCBC Planning had prepared a 150-page report for Council on the LDP for the following Tuesday. Mr Earey summarised the report for the meeting and reported that CCBC looked to be disagreeing with the report from the

Welsh Assembly Government and maintaining that Maesycwmmmer was the only possible site for the number of houses required in Caerphilly.

The current proposal by CCBC Planning appeared to be to halt any further work on the LDP until further investigations were carried out.

Mr Earey had written a response to the report which he read aloud for Councillors.

The Community Council agreed with Mr Earey's points and recommendations. The Clerk agreed to forward the report to the Chair, Cllr Rao for her to speak on it at the full CCBC meeting. The Clerk agreed to also send a copy to the Local MP and AM.

Cllr Harries reported that the bollards opposite the Infant School at the bottom of Jenkins Street were rusting and had holes in the top and that the children were putting their fingers in them and hurting themselves. The Clerk agreed to report this to CCBC.