

## **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. R. Hares (Clerk).

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr. A. Joynes, Mrs. C. Stockwood, Mr D Earey.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### 1891. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were confirmed as a true record.

### 1892. **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 11 crimes reported, (a drop of 16 crimes from last month), which included:

- Report of a bus pass being stolen in Blackwood 5 months ago – reporting person lives in Maesycwmmmer.
- Theft of money from purse by service user – Gellideg Isaf Rise.
- Commercial burglary – Unit broken into in Hawtin Park, nothing stolen but damage caused.
- Shed break in Gellideg Uchaf farm, gardening equipment stolen.
- Criminal damage – Deliberate grass fire – Gelli Haf.

There were 3 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents: Off road bikes in Hawtin Park and St Annes Gardens, and a neighbour dispute in Gelli Haf.

The Police report detailed Operation Harley, which is designed to tackle off road bikes, quads, 4x4`s etc as an ongoing operation. As part of an intelligence gathering exercise, two Section 59 warnings had been given to males on off-road bikes using the Viaduct in Maesycwmmmer.

The Police report detailed patrols carried out in the Y Glyn area due to reports of youth ASB in the evenings. A number of residents have been spoken to and no further issues have occurred since the patrols.

Cllr John requested trend analysis in the police reports. The Clerk agreed to ask the Police again to include this in their reports.

1893. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Howls had managed to arrange 3 three weeks' worth of fun activities for the children during the Summer Holidays and so far, it was going really well with high numbers of children attending.

Cllr Rao reported that she was chasing the road on The Crescent with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways.

Cllr Howls reported that a child had slipped on the climbing frame in the park and got their leg stuck in a gap. The Clerk agreed to report this to CCBC's Park Service and ask them to fill the gap or add grip to the equipment. Cllr Howls agreed to send photographs of the gap for the Clerk to forward on.

Cllr John suggested adding the Local Development Plan as a standard item on the agenda, this was discussed, and Cllr Rao explained that the LDP was currently on hold and that at a CCBC meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July Officers had recommended halting all work on Parc Gwerna until the need for new housing could be determined.

The Clerk reported that Rhiannon Passmore had failed to respond regarding the Community Council's concerns regarding Parc Gwerna, but Chris Evans MP had responded and was happy to arrange a date to discuss the matter further with the Council.

1894. **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.

1895. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that she had included the work needed on the brambles on the school hill and St Davids Road, but nothing had been done as yet, Cllr Rao agreed to chase this up with CCBC.

The Clerk reported that CCBC had agreed to replace the current dog waste bin near the Community Centre with a new larger one.

The Clerk reported that she had reported the bollards opposite the school and the graffiti to CCBC and forwarded all of the areas needing cutting back and clearance work.

The Clerk reported that work on the Skate Park was now due to start on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr Rao reported that there had been changes made to Maesycwmmmer Ward by the Boundary Commission and that it was now part of Caerphilly and no longer part of Islwyn.

Cllr Rao reported that she had attended the One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July where they had received a presentation from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Rao reported that she had attended the CCL Sub Committee where updates on resident parking and CCBC's Parking Enforcement Service were discussed, Cllr Rao agreed to circulate copies of the report to the Community Council.

1896. **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 £62,298.99 less CIL funds of £38,525.24 = £23,773.75.

The Clerk produced a budget report for the summer play activities. This was considered and approved.

The Internal Audit report was considered and approved.

The Clerk reported that the Notice of Elector's Rights was displayed on the website and notice board as required by law and all paperwork had been submitted to the Auditors for this year's audit.

1897. **PLANNING**

None

1898. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr White raised concerns regarding the lights on the viaduct on Maesycwmmmer's side. Cllr Rao agreed to take the concerns to CCBC and make enquiries.

Cllr White informed the Council about a regular meeting taking place on Saturday mornings at Caerphilly Centre for Sporting Excellence, offering a range of services for Veterans. The Clerk agreed to advertise the meetings on the Community Council website and on Facebook.

Cllr White commented that the community lunch club put on by the church for residents to have hot meal and get together had been very successful and asked the Council to consider a donation to the Church. £350 was approved and the Clerk asked Cllr White to find out the details to be able to make the payment.

Cllr White requested that the Clerk contact the Police regarding a gang of youths throwing stones at properties and vehicles and tipping over bins on a Sunday evening. The Clerk agreed to do this.

Cllr John suggested that a grant form be added to the Council's website for any future requests for funding. The Clerk agreed to produce this and add it to the website.

Cllr John wished to raise awareness of a potential new wind farm in Nelson and explained the area had been identified as a prime area for such farms. The new wind turbines were much bigger and causing concerns regarding water displacement, drainage, and noise. He advised the Councillors to be aware that the same could happen in Maesycwmmmer and that the planning portal was to open the following week if anyone wanted to voice concerns on the planned farm at Nelson.