MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmer Community Council held on Thursday 30^{th} January 2025 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr A. Joynes, Miss J. Rao, Mrs A. Jones, Mrs P. Cory, Mrs M. Harries.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D. White, Mr L. John.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1992. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 28th November 2024 were confirmed as a true record.

1993. ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

The police were not in attendance at the meeting and had not provided a report. Mr Earey pointed out that in light of resource cuts and issues with anti-social behaviour in neighbouring towns this was to be expected, and it was agreed could be tolerated.

Mr Earey reported that he had discussions with CCBC regarding measures that could be taken to overcome the issue of parking on the pavement on the main road. It had been agreed that consideration would be given to the installation of bollards.

1994. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Cory signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. This was witnessed by the Clerk.

1995. 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.

1996. REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.

The Clerk reported that she had made arrangements to store the Council's records in Glamorgan Archives. They had been cleaned and would be stored in the correct conditions to keep them preserved.

The Clerk reported that the Lantern Parade had gone really well and was well attended. The Clerk had given the cheque donation to the Rotary Club for Santa's sleigh on the evening and thanked them personally.

The Clerk reported that the faulty lamppost in Summerfield Hall Lane had been reported. Cllr Jones confirmed that it had now been fixed.

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a request to support the campaign to transfer the management and the assets of the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh people. This was considered and unanimously approved.

Cllr Rao reported that she had attended the Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28th January at Ty Penallta where budget proposals were discussed and urged Councillors to complete the online consultation on leisure centres and libraries.

1997. **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 £28,112.42 less CIL funds of £10,089.35 = £18,023.07.

The Clerk produced an up-to-date CIL report and stated that £1957.00 needed to be committed before June 2025. It was agreed to contact CCBC Parks Services to gain a cost for one or two park picnic benches. The Clerk agreed to do this and feedback in the next meeting.

1998. PLANNING

24/0902/FULL

Maesycwmmer Inn, 49 Main Road, Maesycwmmer, CF82 7PJ.

Eret single storey extension to create catering facility and internal remodelling. Noted.

25/0018/CLPU

4 Hawtin Park, Gelli-haf Pontllanfraith, Blackwood, NP12 2EU.

Install approximately 450 solar panels to existing factory roof.

Noted.

25/0043/COU

2 Gellideg Street, Maesycwmmer, CF82 7QJ.

Change use from single dwelling into two flats, erect double storey rear extension and new garage to rear garden.

Noted.

25/0036/HH

Crug Y Bar, 11 Underwood Avenue, Maesycwmmer.

Convert loft with rear dormer and change hip roof to gable.

1999. MEMBERS MATTERS

Cllr Harries reported that there would be a CCBC Play Session in the community centre over the half term. It would take place on 1 day for 1 and a half hours.

Cllr Harries stated that she had received reports that the community centre had been opened up twice for Cllr Rao's surgeries, but she had not turned up. Cllr Rao stated

that she was there on both occasions and had waited over an hour in the back room. Cllr Rao stated she would discuss further dates with Mrs Howls.

Cllr Harries reported that the veterans were not going for the hire of the centre now, but with further cuts the future of the centre was uncertain. The possibility of the Community Council providing support was discussed, but it was agreed that a full financial picture needed to be gathered before further consideration could be given.