

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held on Thursday 26th June 2025 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs P. Cory, Mrs M. Harries, Mr A. Joynes, Mr D. White.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr L. John, Mrs A. Jones, Miss J. Rao.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2037. MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and AGM held on the 29th May 2025 were confirmed as a true record.

2038. ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

The police were in attendance, the Clerk read out the report they had provided. There was no detail on the 10 crimes or 3 ASB reported in the village for the month of May.

2039. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the invoice for the picnic benches was due next week. The delay was caused by CCBC's officer on long term sick. The benches had also been delivered and the new officer dealing with them had made contact to establish where they were to be fitted. The Clerk and Cllr Harries agreed to meet on site with the officer to agree the areas. The Clerk requested prior approval to pay the invoice as soon as it arrived to ensure the CIL funds were spent in time.

Cllr White reported that he had made contact with the owner of Gellideg Estate regarding permission for the bus shelter. They were fully in agreement with the proposal.

The Clerk stated they were still waiting for the costs of fitting the shelter from Highways.

2040. 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.

2041. REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

The Clerk reported that she had advertised the skateboarding lessons on Facebook, the website and on the village noticeboard. Cllr Harries agreed to put 2 posters in the school.

The Clerk informed the council that the recent review of electoral arrangements had agreed the following changes:

278 electors to move from Maesycwmmmer ward to Pontllanfraith.

Dyffryn Ind Estate to move from Maesycwmmmer ward to Llanbradach.

The number of Community Councillors from Maesycwmmmer ward to be reduced from 9 to 8.

The Clerk requested that consideration be given to purchasing a laptop for the Chair, as she didn't have any suitable device to attend the required online training and would also need it for reading various reports and other parts of her role. This was considered and approval was given to purchase a laptop that would be the property of the Community Council and for the use of the Chair. The Clerk agreed to facilitate the purchase and set up of the laptop.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted CCBC regarding the overhanging bushes on St Davids Road and was pleased to be informed that this had been done.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a resident regarding overhanging trees near to their property. The Clerk had also reported this to CCBC who agreed to undertake a site inspection within the next 20 working days. The Clerk had been in contact with the resident to inform them of this and provide a reference number.

2042. **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 £31,588.71 less CIL funds of £10,089.35 = £21,499.36

The Clerk stated that the Internal Audit had been undertaken and produced the audit report. This was considered and approved.

The Clerk produced the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement for year ended March 2025. This was considered and approved.

The Clerk reported she would now be able to send the required accounting and additional information to External Audit. The Council was due for a full audit this year.

2043. **PLANNING**

None.

2044. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Joynes stated that the area by the shop's lane was always full of rubbish and untidy. The Clerk agreed to report this to CCBC and request a clean up.

Cllr White stated that the footpath between Maesycwmmmer and the Bryn Roundabout was very overgrown. The Clerk agreed to report this to CCBC and request it be cut back.

Cllr White stated that there needed to be lighting on the Maesycwmmmer side of the viaduct as it was dark and unsafe. There had been an incident with a male loitering in that area in the dark intimidating a resident. The Clerk stated she would report this to CCBC and see if anything could be done.

Mr Earey stated he had contacted the planning officer in CCBC regarding the LDP but was yet to receive any response.