MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmer Community Council held on Thursday 29th May 2025 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs P. Cory, Mrs M. Harries, Mrs A. Jones, Mr A. Joynes, Mr D. White, Miss J. Rao, Mrs C. Stockwood-Smith.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs R. Hares (Clerk), Mr D. Earey, PCSO484 Williams, PCSO Harris 527.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr L. John.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2029. <u>MINUTES</u>

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 24th April 2025 were confirmed as a true record.

2030. ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

The police were in attendance and had provided a report. There was no detail provided on the 9 crimes reported in the village for the month of April. There had been 0 ASB reported.

2031. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for the invoice for the picnic benches.

Cllr White reported that he had been unable to make contact with anyone from the Gellideg Estate regarding permission for the bus shelter. CCBC had confirmed the cost for the shelter would be £3,700 plus the costs of fitting which would be supplied by highways asap. Cllr Stockwood-Smith stated that she may be able to get a contact number for Gellideg Estates.

2032. 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.

2033. <u>REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND</u> <u>COMMITTEES</u>.

The Clerk reported that she had booked the summer skateboarding sessions and requested earlier advertising material so that the sessions could be well communicated this year. Dates had been arranged for a variety of days and times in the hope that there would be a suitable time for all family schedules.

The Clerk reported that she had asked CCBC about having an extra bin in the park. She had received an out of office reply so would hopefully have an answer when the officer returned to work. The Clerk stated that she would send training dates out to Councillors and requested that they let her know of any training they required. Cllr Cory was informed she would need to undertake Code of Conduct and Councillor Induction training, as well as Chairing Skills as the new Chairperson of the Council.

The Clerk stated she would make enquiries as to whether any face-to-face courses were being held as opposed to online.

The Clerk stated that the council's printer was old and seemed to be failing. Although it was still working at the moment, she requested permission to purchase a new one if and when it did break. This was agreed by all Councillors.

2034. **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 $\pounds 31,590.20$ less CIL funds of $\pounds 10,089.35 = \pounds 21,500.85$.

The Clerk stated that the VAT return for financial year 2024-25 of £876.10 had been successfully reclaimed and had been paid into the bank account.

The Clerk stated that she had received last years audit opinion from Audit Wales which was unqualified with no issues to be reported on. It was issued late due to an error on the Auditors behalf with the council's email address. The Clerk had displayed the notice of completion of audit on the council's website and notice board as required.

The Clerk stated that at the next meeting the Annual Governance Statement would need to be considered along with the Internal Auditors report.

2035. <u>PLANNING</u>

None.

2036. MEMBERS MATTERS

Cllr Cory requested that information be cascaded from the County Councillor Rao from her CCBC meetings so that the Community Council could be kept up to date with relevant issues. So far, she had not received any information. Cllr Rao stated that she would send the information to the Clerk to distribute.

Cllr Harries stated that CCBC was cutting the grass in the protected woodland area and cutting down saplings in the process and enquired if there was a way this could be prevented. The Clerk agreed to make enquires.

Cllr White stated that the bushes on St Davids Road behind the school field were overgrow onto the walkway and causing people to have to walk on the road. The Clerk stated she would report this to CCBC.

Mr Earey asked of County Councillor Rao had heard anything on the LDP. Cllr Rao stated she had not. Mr Earey stated he would send another note to CCBC Planning.