

## **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 7:00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs R. Hares (Clerk).

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr L. John.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### 2045. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were confirmed as a true record.

#### 2046. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The police were in attendance, the Clerk read out the report they had provided. There were 10 reported crimes and 0 ASB for the village for the month of June.

#### 2047. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that the invoice for the picnic benches had been received and paid as agreed in last months' meeting.

The Clerk and Cllr Harries had met with an Officer from CCBC to agree locations for the benches, and they had also requested extra litter bins and a replacement for the swings and other playground equipment that had been taken away due to Health & Safety concerns.

Cllr White reported that he had been given an estimate of installing the bus shelter from CCBC Officers. £16,000 was the quoted labour costs. It was agreed by all that this seemed very expensive and would mean that the project would not be able to go ahead. The Clerk agreed to query the costs with CCBC.

#### 2048. **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.

#### 2049. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that skateboarding lessons were underway. Feedback received was that they were well attended and enjoyed by the children.

The Clerk reported that she had purchased the laptop for the Chair.

The Clerk reported that she had reported the saplings in the woods to CCBC who said that groundsmen had been told to avoid them when mowing the grass.

The Clerk reported that she had reported the overhanging bushes on the footpath leading up to the Bryn Roundabout and the rubbish in the lane next to the shops which was to be dealt with the following week.

The Clerk reported that she had met with members of the OAP committee to provide advice and help with applying for a grant for a new roof for the OAP hall. This would be ongoing.

The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries with CCBC regarding the lack of lighting on the viaduct path towards the Main Road. The Clerk had been told that there was no funding for this, but all complaints would be recorded. It was agreed to urge residents to make the same complaint in the hope this could demonstrate the need for lighting in this area.

#### 2050. **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 £25,337.36 less CIL funds which were now £5704.55 (due to the picnic bench invoice having been paid) totalling £19,632.81.

The Clerk reported she had sent the required accounting and additional information to External Audit before the required deadline.

The Clerk produced a budget update which was considered and approved.

#### 2051. **PLANNING**

None.

#### 2052. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Jones reported that the hedges from the entrance of the farm through Gellihaf lane were very overgrown and dangerous for drivers and learner horse riders. The Clerk agreed to report this to CCBC.

Cllr Joynes raised concerns over changes due to Rights of Way. The Clerk agreed to look into this and provide further information on the matter.

Cllr White stated that he had received feedback from residents that it would be nice to have some flowers around the village. The Clerk agreed to speak to other Clerk's to gather information and costs for next year.

Cllr White stated he had received a request for a donation for the radio station in Ystrad Mynach Hospital for Dementia. This was considered, approved and a cheque was given to Cllr White for £100 to present to the radio station.