

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held on Thursday 28th October 2025 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs P. Cory, Mrs M. Harries, Mr A. Joynes, Mrs A. Jones, , Mrs C. Stockwood-Smith.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Miss J. Rao.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2061. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 25th September 2025 were confirmed as a true record.

2062. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The police were not in attendance but had provided a report which was read by the Clerk. There were no issues of note to discuss with low crime numbers which were decreasing.

2063. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that she had received news from CCBC that there was a possibility of a funded bus shelter. The Clerk had queried costings for the installation and the tender process involved. CCBC said they would get back in touch when they had more information. CCBC asked for contact details for the owner of the land where the bus shelter would be located. The Clerk agreed to find out.

Cllr Stockwood-Smith queried whether there would be a need to purchase more decorations for Santas grotto this year. The Clerk agreed to contact the Community Centre to find out.

The Clerk reported that she had booked Santa for the Lantern Parade, and had agreed timings with the school, however the Rotary Club's Sleigh was not available this year due to mechanical reasons. The Clerk agreed to speak to the Head Teacher to decide whether the parade over to the Community Centre would still go ahead.

The Clerk queried on numbers for selection boxes. Cllr Harries said she would find out current school pupil numbers.

Cllr Jones reported that the hedges on Summerfield Hall Lane had been cut by CCBC.

Cllr Harries enquired if there had been any news on the new playground equipment. The Clerk agreed to contact CCBC Parks Services to get an update.

2064. **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.

2065. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that she had advertised the Council vacancies but had not had any response.

The Clerk confirmed she had sent out invites for the Remembrance Service, booked the hall and confirmed attendance from Rev. George and the school choir. The Clerk had put posters on the usual notice boards, face book and the council website. The Clerk confirmed that she had ordered the wreaths, and the Order of Service had been updated. The Clerk noted that she would purchase the refreshments and arrange this on the day. Cllr Cory kindly offered to help.

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator on Gellideg Isaf Rise had been used, and she had arranged for new pads to be installed.

2066. **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 £30,113.33 less CIL funds of £5704.55 totalling £24,408.78.

The Clerk produced the external audit report, noted the qualified opinion and discussed the reasons for the opinion:

- Failure to publish a register of interests. Interests are declared and minuted at every meeting and there haven't been any declarations since the Clerk has been in role. However, the Clerk stated that she had published the empty register on the council's website where any future interests would be recorded.
- The council had failed to tender for the village Christmas Lights. The contract was under £5000 as per Financial Regulations. However, the Clerk stated this would need to be done next year.

The Clerk stated she would display the audit opinion and annual reports on the notice board and website as required.

2067. **PLANNING**

None.

2068. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Mr Earey stated he had emailed CCBC regarding the LDP who had said there was no news at that time, but a report would be going to committee after Christmas.