

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held on Thursday 25th June 2026 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2113. MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and AGM held on the 26th May 2026 were confirmed as a true record.

2114. ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

The police were not in attendance and had not sent a report.

Mr Earey stated that he would be creating a note to CCBC regarding transport development and planning. He stated he would copy the Clerk into the email to forward to all Councillors.

2115. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the skate park artwork had been completed and looked really good.

The Clerk confirmed that she had chased the new park equipment with CCBC and had been informed that new swings and a bowl were to be installed in the first week of June. It was confirmed that the bowl had been fitted but the swings or flooring for additional needs had not. It was also reported that grass was very long in the park. The Clerk agreed to chase these and report the grass.

Cllr Stockwood-Smith stated that she was awaiting a response regarding the tarmac for the school.

Cllr Stockwood-Smith stated that she had emailed CCBC regarding all the grass and hedge cutting that needed to be done around the village.

The Clerk confirmed she had emailed CCBC Highways again regarding the planters but had still not received a response. The Clerk had requested details from them in order to raise a complaint, however she had then received a phone call agreeing to meet Councillors to decide on suitable locations. The Clerk agreed to facilitate the meeting and try and get some dates from CCBC and let Councillors know. CCBC confirmed that installation would not be needed as the planters were heavy duty and wouldn't be able to be moved.

The Clerk produced images of different planters. These were considered and it was agreed that self-watering octagonal planters were preferred. Three preferred locations were agreed on including one by the shops on the Main Road and one at either end of the village by the welcome signs.

Cllr Jones confirmed he had chased Save a Life Wales regarding training for the community on defibrillators and basic first aid and was now in talks regarding the session and how long it would be and how many people it could accommodate etc.

Cllr Stockwood-Smith confirmed that planning for the summer events was well underway, and she had arranged 9 activities and arranged with the community centre for availability. Sessions included rugby, circus, football, African drumming, games day, animal interactive, and bounce activities. Sessions would be taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in August. Cllr Stockwood-Smith stated she would advertise events on social media once everything was arranged and in place.

2116. **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.

Cllr Stockwood-Smith confirmed she was willing to organise play events at the Community Centre for the school holidays. The Clerk agreed to provide invoices from previous years so that the companies could be contacted and bookings arranged.

2117. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that Rev. George had queried if the council would be willing to make a donation to the youth club. They were looking to buy large bean bags at £40 each or post protectors at £250. This was considered and a donation of £200 was agreed to help with the purchase of bean bags.

Cllr Cory confirmed she had attended the Town and Community Council Liaison Committee meeting where the main topics of discussion were Christmas lighting, flooding workshops and cleaner and greener projects. Cllr Cory relayed the discussions to the council and confirmed the next meeting would be taking place on 20th July.

2118. **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 £25,536.07 less CIL funds of £5,704.55 totalling £19,831.52.

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit had taken place and read through the report. There were no findings to be dealt with. This was considered and approved.

The Clerk read through the External Audit Annual Accounts and Governance statement and the council considered each section. The council considered and approved the accounts and statement to be submitted to Audit Wales. The Clerk

confirmed that she would submit the accounts, statement and all relevant paperwork before the deadline of 7th July.

2119. **PLANNING**

26/0358/FULL

Land adjacent to former Kautex and Delyn Buildings, 3 Alder Avenue, Dyffryn Business Park.

Demolish existing building and redevelop for construction of municipal transfer station and for recycling waste including office space, refill bays, glass storage etc.

Noted.

26/0348/TCA

St Margarets Old Church Lane, Maesycwmmmer, Hengoed, CF82 7SE.

Fell conifers x 2 rear garden right hand boundary to 1ft above fence.

Noted.

Ty Ein Teulu, 4A Park Road, Maesycwmmmer, Hengoed, CF82 7QA.

Vary condition 7 of planning consent P/036/141 (Construct residential dormer bungalow) to non-opening obscure glass windows on side elevation.

Noted.

26/0346/CLPU

91 St Annes Gardens, Maesycwmmmer, Hengoed, CF82 7QQ.

Obtain lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension.

Noted.

2120. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Stockwood-Smith asked if the council would consider making a donation to purchase a leaf blower for a resident who was voluntarily tending to Gwerna Woods.

This was considered and approved. Cllr Stockwood-Smith agreed to look into a suitable item of equipment and liaise with the Clerk to arrange payment.