

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held on Thursday 24th September 2026 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs P. Cory, Mr R. Jones, Mrs M. Harries, Mr. A. Joynes, Mrs A. Jones.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2129. MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 30th July 2026 were confirmed as a true record.

2130 ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON

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

Mr Earey reported that he attended a traffic management session run by CCBC. Only 2 people had attended. He discussed active travel and issues and concerns and also fed back on the timing of the sessions as many people who would have wanted to attend would probably have been in work or unable to make it due to other commitments. Mr Earey stated he would be putting forward objections and agreed to pass these to the Clerk to circulate before the deadline of 24th November.

2131. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed that she had processed the donation for the church.

The Clerk suggested that plans for the village planters be delayed until February next year in order for them to be ready for springtime. This was considered and approved.

The Clerk reported that the summer activities scheduled by Cllr Stockwood-Smith and assisted by Cllr Cory had been a great success. The Clerk presented Cllr Cory with flowers as a token of the council's appreciation for giving up her spare time to help facilitate the activities and as Cllr Stockwood-Smith was not present, agreed to get her flowers to her after the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that she had reported the hedges on St Davids Road and Cllr Harries confirmed these had been cut back by CCBC.

2132. 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.

2133. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that she would speak to Cllr Stockwood-Smith regarding the arrangements for the village poppies and if any more were required.

The timing of the remembrance service was agreed as 12 noon to agree with Rev George and his other services. The Clerk agreed to book the OAP hall, order wreaths, send out invites, confirm with Rev George and produce the order of services and posters.

Cllr Harries agreed to liaise with the school and check if the bugle player was available. The Clerk sought approval to purchase a thank you gift for the player as they gave up their time freely every year to play the last post. This was considered and approved.

The Clerk asked when the village Christmas lights should be switched on. It was agreed that the date would be 1st December. The Clerk agreed to let Elsbury know.

The Clerk reported that there were issues trying to book a Santa for the Lantern Parade as the usual one was booked on the relevant date. Cllr Jones kindly volunteered to undertake the role as he has experience of this and a DBS in place. This was greatly appreciated by the council. Cllr Harries confirmed that the school was ok for the parade to go ahead on the 4th December. The Clerk reported that sadly the Rotary Clubs sleigh had been retired so that wouldn't be available.

The Clerk agreed to ask Cllr Stockwood-Smith regarding availability for the Community Centre.

The Clerk reported that she had checked all of the village defibrillators and that they were all in working order. However, the defibrillator outside the community centre was situated in an unsuitable and dangerous place, the ground was not level and boggy and people would have to walk through long grass to access it. This was a concern, especially for older people or if accessing it in the dark. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the caretaker who had advised her to speak to the committee. The Clerk agreed to speak to Cllr Stockwood-Smith regarding this.

The Clerk requested that all councillors email her with any areas in the village they needed cutting back, cleaning or tidying. She would then compile the list and submit it to CCBC.

2134. **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 £19,898.22 less CIL funds of £5,704.55 totalling £14,193.67.

The Clerk produced an up-to-date budget report, talked through each area and discussed projected end of year balances. This was considered and signed by the Chair.

The Clerk confirmed that the council's second half of the precept had been received into the council's bank account.

2135. **PLANNING**

None.

2136. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Joynes had written a letter about the frustrations and limitations of the role of a Community Councillor. The Council agreed with his thoughts.

Cllr Jones reported that he had written to Cllr Rao voicing concerns over her lack of engagement and representation of the village. He had requested a written response and would update the council if any was received.