MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmer Community Council held on Thursday 29th October 2026 at 7:00 pm.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Mrs R. Hares (Clerk), Mr D. Earey.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.

2137. **MINUTES**
The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 24th September 2026 were confirmed as a true record.

2138. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**
The police were not in attendance and had not sent a report.

2139. **MATTERS ARISING**
The clerk confirmed that the village poppies were up with thanks to Cllr Stockwood-Smith.
Cllr Harries confirmed that the school and the bugle player would be in attendance at the Remembrance Service.
The clerk asked for permission to purchase flowers for the bugle player as a small token of appreciation for playing every year. This was considered and approved. The clerk agreed to organise this and bring on the day.
The clerk confirmed that the hall was booked, invites have been sent, wreaths ordered, and posters displayed on notice board, shops website and Facebook. The clerk had the order of service printed and would update the order of wreath laying as the invitees responded. The clerk agreed to purchase and serve refreshments after the service.

Cllr Stockwood-Smith stated that she had written to the Community Centre committee regarding the pathway leading to the defibrillator and was awaiting a response.

Cllr Jones stated that he had spoken to the Allotment Society regarding the planters and they were starting to think about what could be done and interested in the idea.

2140. **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.

2141. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND**

COMMITTEES.

The clerk confirmed that she had submitted the necessary Christmas lighting requirements to CCBC and explained that these were needed in order for permission for them to be switched on.

Cllr Stockwood-Smith confirmed that the community centre was booked for the Lantern Parade and was happy to arrange the grotto with help. Cllr Cory offered to help with this. The clerk agreed to purchase decorations. Cllr Stockwood-Smith agreed to let the clerk know what was needed.

Cllr Jones agreed to let the clerk know if he required a Santa suit and believed he may have sorted a sleigh. Christmas lights may be needed for the sleigh which the clerk agreed to purchase if needed and Cllr Harries agreed to let the school know. If the sleigh was to go ahead, it was decided it would leave the school at 5:15 pm.

Cllr Harries agreed to help with the children going into see Santa.

The clerk asked how many selection boxes were needed, this was considered, and it was decided to purchase 120.

The clerk agreed to purchase and serve the refreshments.

The idea of giving biscuits for the OAP complex and bungalows was considered and approved. Cllr Stockwood-Smith agreed to deliver them.

2142. **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 £28,036.86 less CIL funds of £5,704.55 totalling £22,332.31.

The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit opinion had been received, and the council had passed with an unqualified opinion and no points to note. The clerk confirmed she had displayed the audit notice on the notice board and website as required.

2143. **PLANNING**

26/0671/ADV

Twyn Road Ystrad Mynach (UPRN 000043167668)
Proposal: Erection of various illuminated and non-illuminated signage, including drive-through totem signage.
Noted.

26/0665/CLEU

Ty Ein Teulu 4A Park Road Maesycwmmer Hengoed CF82 7QA (UPRN 000043165739)
Proposal: Obtain a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing dormer loft conversion to main dwelling.
Noted.

26/0665/CLEU
Ty Ein Teulu 4A Park Road Maesycwmmer Hengoed CF82 7QA (UPRN 000043165739)
Proposal: Obtain a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use construction of a dormer loft conversion to main dwelling house.
Noted.

2144. **MEMBERS MATTERS**
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.

Cllr Stockwood-Smith stated that she had received a late invoice for summer scheme and would send this on to the clerk for payment.

2145.**LDP PROPOSALS**
Mr Earey talked through the early LDP proposals. For Maesycwmmer there appeared to be a plan for 500 houses on the golf course.
Transport issues relating to these proposals were discussed and concerns that if this goes through, other plans would be allowed through.
Mr Earey produced a site plan with the numbers of dwellings proposed to the different sites in the area.
Mr Earey stated that he had raised concerns regarding traffic and transport to CCBC who confirmed that no transport assessment had been conducted. This was desperately needed as there are already issues with congestion in the village.
Mr Earey confirmed that the Welsh Government Chief Planning Officer had received the plans at the same time as the public so had not been involved as yet. He expects that the same opinion would be formed as the last LDP as the plans are no better this time around.
Mr Earey confirmed that there was 6 weeks left to put objections in which covered this meeting and the next meeting where the council could discuss the proposals, and he would pass any further information to the clerk to circulate to Councillors before the next meeting.
The Council agreed that all members in attendance were opposed to the plans.