

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held on Thursday 29th February 2024 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Mrs. M. Harries, Mrs. W. Howls, Miss J. Rao, Mr. A. Joynes, Mrs A. Jones.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. D. White, Mr D. Cocks, Mrs. C. Stockwood.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1923. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th January 2024 were confirmed as a true record.

1924. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Police were not in attendance but had circulated a report for the month of January.

There were 15 crimes reported (compared to 13 for the same time last year) which included:

Vehicle stolen from Park Road.

Motorbike stolen from Pleasant View.

Residential burglary – Keys taken from house and vehicle stolen – Glen View.

Commercial burglary – Unit broken into, and all wiring stolen on Duffryn Industrial Estate.

All other theft – Cast iron furniture stolen from driveway – Gellideg Heights,

Customer stole earphones off taxi driver – Gellideg lane.

Misc. crime against society – Van fly tipped cannabis grow waste.

Criminal damage – Window smashed on empty property – Pleasant View.

Damage caused to car – ongoing neighbour dispute – Vale View.

Window smashed by stone – Park Road.

There was 1 Anti-Social Behaviour Call in January compared with none for the same time last year.

The Police had responded to the Clerk regarding the stolen bikes explaining they could not find a crime reference number. Cllr Howls stated she would find this and email it to the Police in order for them to look into it further. The Police also

explained that as there were no witnesses or CCTV footage of the fire reported, it remained undetected.

The Police also informed the Clerk that they had attended Motor Mass a number of times and requested that vehicles parked on the pavement be moved but could not do anything else about the matter until they are given back the power to issue tickets. Cllr Harries reported that she had received an email from a resident who was a previous police officer who had contacted the Inspector to complain about the issue and Police were in attendance the next day.

1925. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that CCBC had been in contact regarding the puddles in the skate park and had arranged for a site inspection on 2nd February. Mr Earey had also attended the inspection and reported that a detailed survey would need to be done.

The Clerk reported that she had requested a site meeting with CCBC's Parks Officer to discuss potential areas for new benches. She had received a reply and was trying to arrange a suitable date for the Councillors to attend. The Clerk agreed to try and arrange a date in the school holidays if possible.

The Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Heritage Society regarding their request for financial aid for the footpath who would not be looking for further quotes or filling out the grant form.

The Clerk reported she had received a response regarding the bus shelter for St Davids Road. CCBC had sent a photograph to confirm the location. The Councillors confirmed the location and the Clerk agreed to let CCBC know.

Cllr Harries enquired if Cllr Rao had spoken to the Cabinet member for Highways regarding artwork in the subway. Cllr Rao confirmed she had not but agreed to do this before the next meeting.

1926. **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.

1927. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk confirmed that as requested by email, she had received five answers from Councillors on taking advantage of the buy one get one free offer on new Christmas Lights. The Clerk reported that she had placed the order and would send an email to all Councillors to show the new designs.

The Clerk reported that the council had received an email from Gelligaer Council requesting donations for a local resident who was suffering from terrible health issues and needed funds to purchase special equipment. This was considered and a donation of £100 was approved.

1928. **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 £26,060.60 less CIL funds of £8,525.24 = £17,535.36.

1929. **PLANNING**

14 Erasmus Terrace, Maesycwmmmer, CF82 7QG – retain means of enclosure. Noted.

1930. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Mr Earey stated he had not heard anything regarding a separate meeting to discuss possible improvements in the village. The Clerk agreed to email all Councillors to request those interested in this to contact Mr Earey. It was also confirmed that Mr Earey's request to speak to Mr Harris had not been raised at the last Governors meeting. The Clerk agreed to provide Mr Earey with the latest school email addresses.

Cllr Howls explained the Community Centre had received an invoice for replacement defibrillator pads in error. The Clerk requested that Cllr Howls ask for the invoices to be sent to her.

Cllr Howls expressed interest in running another summer scheme this year. This was discussed and Cllr Howls was requested to give it some further thought and come up with some costings and a plan that could be considered in the next meeting.