

## **MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 7:00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: Mr A. Joynes, Mr D. White, Miss J. Rao, Mr L. John.

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs R. Hares (Clerk), Police.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs M. Harries, Mrs C Smith-Stockwood.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### 1984. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were confirmed as a true record.

#### 1985. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

The Clerk relayed a phone call between herself and an officer in the Police Complaints Department in response to the Motor Mass issue. They acknowledged the length of time it had taken to respond but believed the issue had since been dealt with and urged any further issues to be reported.

The Clerk stated that she had also brought up the issue of lack of attendance by Police at the Council's monthly meetings and had been reassured that this would be rectified.

The police were in attendance at the meeting but had no knowledge of the report figures. Cllr White stated that there were still issues with Motor Mass and vehicles parking on the pavement. The Police agreed to feed this back.

The Clerk reiterated the disappointment in the monthly report and concerns that Maesycwmmmer's section provided very little detail compared with other areas. Councillor John requested data regarding outcomes and resolutions and comparisons on a yearly basis stating that the current month to month figures held no worth. The Police agreed to feed this back and request more meaningful information and to also request that the Ward Manager attend one of the Councils monthly meetings.

The monthly report contained little detail. Total figures for crimes in August were 16, which had dropped to 15 in September. There were no incidents of note. There was 1 anti-social behaviour incident in August and 3 in September including youths creating a nuisance on Gwerna Crescent and off-road bikes on Park Road.

Cllr White asked if anything had been done regarding the recent spate of vehicle break ins. The Police stated that officers had already been allocated and this was being dealt with.

1986. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that she had received a response regarding the Subway artwork. CCBC apologised for the lack of correspondence and stated that there were repairs work needed to the majority of the subway and they were currently preparing a tender for the works to be carried out. They recommended re-discussing the art work after the works had been completed.

Cllr Rao stated that the Saturday morning Councillor surgery in the Community Centre had been poorly attended with just 1 resident turning up.

Cllr White stated he had been corresponding with CCBC on the proposed bus shelter and was awaiting a date to meet with officers at the site.

1987. **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.

1988. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that she had submitted this years Christmas lighting plan to Elsbury and had noticed that half of the lights had been erected already. She had also confirmed the switch on date for 29<sup>th</sup> November with Elsbury.

The Clerk reported that she had booked Santa and Mrs Claus for the Lantern Parade and the sleigh was organised.

The Clerk reported that preparations for the Remembrance Service were underway and that she had ordered new poppies, Tommy signs, wooden crosses, flags and wreaths. She had spoken to Rev Geroge and the School, and everything was in order. Invites had been sent and posters distributed.

The Clerk reported that she had advertised the Community Council post and had received no further expressions of interest. The Councillors agreed to co-opt Patricia Cory and the Clerk agreed to notify her. The Clerk stated she had spoken with CCBC's Electoral Officer who had advised that the Council should continue to operate with 9 Councillors until the next election. The Clerk agreed to advertise the position on the website.

Cllr Rao reported that she had been re-elected as Chair of the T&CCLC.

1989. **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 £34,770.29 less CIL funds of £10,089.35 = £24,680.94.

The Clerk produced an updated Budget report which was considered and approved. The Clerk recommended that based on predicted year end balances that the annual precept for next year remain the same - £18,300. This was considered and approved.

1990. **PLANNING**

The Clerk reported that CCBC had failed to note the Community Councils response to their objection on the HMO on its official planning report. The Clerk had contacted CCBC who acknowledged the error but stated the report would not be changed and that the Councils comments had been included in the body of the report. The Planning Officer had clarified that Community Councils are not statutory consultees under planning legislation. This was queried and the Clerk agreed to seek clarification on this matter.

1991. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

None.