

MAESYCWMMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maesycwmmmer Community Council held on Thursday 28th November 2024 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs R. Hares (Clerk), Police, Mr D. Earey, Mrs W. Howls.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Miss J. Rao, Mr L. John.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1992. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 31st October 2024 were confirmed as a true record.

1993. **ROAD SAFETY, POLICE and COMMUNITY LIAISON**

PC Bolton, Ward Manager for Maesycwmmmer talked through the monthly report. Total figures for crimes October were 15. There were no anti-social behaviour incidents. There had been a spike of vehicle theft across all wards including Maesycwmmmer.

The police stated they were still holding surgeries, but these were currently in a car in the community centre car park but were looking for a better venue. It was pointed out that the car was often unmarked and so residents were not clear that it was the police. Mrs Howls offered the community centre on Mondays and Fridays.

1994. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk welcomed Cllr Cory to the Community Council.

Cllr Harries stated that the Saturday morning Councillor surgery in the Community Centre had been poorly attended with just 1 resident turning up to report a trip hazard outside a property. So far nothing had been done on the issue.

Cllr White stated he had met with CCBC on the proposed bus shelter. The quote for works was £4000 and he was hoping to hear more in the new year.

1995. **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.

1996. **REPORT OF THE CLERK, MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.**

The Clerk reported that the Remembrance Service went well but with lower numbers attending this year. There had been 3 complaints received regarding the timing of the service and that it should take place at 11 am. There was a vote, and the majority agreed to move the timing of next years' service to 11 am.

The Clerk reported that preparations were underway with the Lantern Parade. The posters were done, sleigh booked for 4:45pm from the top of Erasmus Terrace and the selection boxes had been purchased. Mrs Howls kindly agreed to attend, and Cllr Stockwood-Smith stated that she had already decorated the grotto.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to a Planning Officer in CCBC who had clarified that the Community Council were a statutory consultee but only for land development issues, not individual housing matters.

1997. **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 £33,975.99 less CIL funds of £10,089.35 = £23,886.64.

The Clerk reported that she had received notice that the Section 137 limit for 2025-2026 was £11.10.

1998. **PLANNING**

24/0794/RET

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

Retain the construction of double dormer loft conversion with flat roof.

Noted.

24/0783/HH

10 Oakdale Close, Gelli-haf, Pontllanfraith, NP12 2QU.

Convert existing single garage to habitable space, erect single infill extension and associated works.

Noted.

1999. **MEMBERS MATTERS**

Cllr Harries invited Mrs Howls to speak. Mrs Howls explained that there had been an issue with the community centre with a local veteran group wanting to take it over which would result in the centre being lost to community use. Mrs Howls informed the meeting that she had contacted Cllr Rao about this several times and had not received a response. Cllr Rao had also failed to turn up to two meetings to discuss the centre. Mrs Howls wanted it noted that the lack of response was very disappointing.

Cllr Jones reported that a lamppost in Summerfield Hall Lane was not working, leaving the lane in complete darkness. The Clerk requested the column number and agreed to report it.

Cllr White raised concerns regarding the lack of lighting on the viaduct at Maesycwmmmer's end. The pathway is in complete darkness, and it is a danger issue. Lighting is clearly needed here. This was agreed and it was noted that despite several complaints nothing had been done about the issue.

Mr Earey stated he would suggest that CCBC put a clearway in, in an attempt to deal with the Motor mass parking issue.