

Minera Community Council Meeting on Wednesday 24th April 2019

7.15 pm at the Tyn Y Capel, Minera

Present: Cllrs S Edwards, W Blaze, J Edwards, J Rosier, J Belton, J Savin, D Kelly.
Outgoing Clerk to the Council Mrs Emma L Topham and incoming Clerk to the Council David Hinchliffe

Apologies: Cllrs J Marsh, H Field, J Barton, G Nelmes.

001/19 Declarations of Interest

001.1/19 Cllr W Blaze advised that with respect to item 16 of the agenda, he was Chair of Bwlchgwyn Village Hall.

002/19 Co Option

002.1/19 D Austin was interviewed as a prospective councillor before leaving the room to allow a vote to be conducted.

002.2/19 By unanimous vote of those Councillors present at both this meeting and the previous meeting when the other prospective candidate for councillor was interviewed, D Austin was selected for appointment to the Council. On re-joining the meeting Cllr Austin accepted the position and signed the form of acceptance, endorsed by the Clerk.

002.3/19 The Clerk will advise Gaynor Coventry at WMBC of the appointment of Cllr Austin.

003/19 Ratification of minutes of last meeting

003.1/19 Cllr J Rosier advised that having tendered apologies for the previous meeting, the minutes should record this fact.

003.2/19 Cllr J Edwards advised that minuted notes relating to co-option be moved to Part 2.

003.3/19 It was agreed that subject to the two amendments being made, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr S Edwards and seconded by Cllr J Savin.

004/19 Matters Arising

004.1/19 Cllr D Kelly clarified the substance of the issues noted under 130.3/18 and Cllr J Edwards requested further details ahead of the next Lighting Committee meeting.

004.2/19 Cllr D Kelly gave an update to the road resurfacing issues noted under 130.1/18 and advised the Council that there is a shortage nationally of the requisite materials, but work is scheduled for mid-May. Cats' eyes may not be replaced, however. Cllr J Edwards noted that

a 40MPH sign was partially obscured by hedgerow on the B5430 Old Road and thus the limit was unenforceable: Cllr D Kelly will advise this issue to WMBC.

004.3/19 Cllr D Kelly asked what progress had been made with meeting Gower Homes (minute 120.4/18). No letter has been sent yet – this will be followed up by the Clerk.

005/19 Police Report

005.1/19 The report, which had been circulated to all Councillors ahead of the meeting, recorded 1 instance of ASB and 1 burglary, and notification of new PCSOs. No matters to pass to Police were noted.

006/19 Minera Community Council Chairman Report

006.1/19 No written report was provided, but Cllr J Edwards advised that there had been reports of sheep straying on to the highway in the area of the former Moors Inn and that he would advise the Police. He had also contacted Wayne Anderson of WMBC in relation to bin collections in Gwynfryn.

007/19 County Borough Council Report

007.1/19 Cllr D Kelly advised the Council that WMBC's budget was under review for further savings with the environmental budget facing particular pressures. Prices for grass cutting may therefore be set to rise, which would need to be addressed through the precept once notified. Work was proceeding on surface dressing of roads and work on the Pentre Hill is scheduled to complete within a week. Work at the former City Arms may be put back.

007.2/19 Cllr D Kelly also advised that the concerns surrounding the use of glyphosphate in playgrounds, previously raised by Cllr J Rosier, had been passed to WMBC.

008/19 School Governors Report

008.1/19 Cllr J Savin advised that no Governors' meeting had been held since the prior report to the Council. A short report would be circulated to accompany the minutes of this Council meeting.

009/19 Correspondence

009.1/19 The Annual Return had been received from Grant Thornton and would need to be returned to WAG by 29 July.

009.2/19 JDH Accounting will have our financial information between 9 and 23 May. There are some variances to report, notably due to the high level of insurance monies received. The Internal Audit report and Annual Return will be brought to the June meeting.

009.2/19 Coedpoeth Utd Falcons have requested a letter of support to help their plans to reinstate the pitch. They have the school's support and the request made of the Council is not seeking financial support. It was agreed that the Council would provide the letter, proposed by Cllr S Edwards and seconded by Cllr D Kelly.

009.3/19 Following the donation to the 2019 Llangollen International Eisteddfod, 2 complimentary tickets were available to be applied for. These were taken up by Cllr J Belton.

009.4/19 The RAFA have asked if they could use MCC notice boards for publicity. The issue would be space, and the Council website might therefore be a more practical option. The Clerk will forward the email received to Cllr J Rosier.

009.5/19 A change in local police inspector has been notified.

009.6/19 A Welcome letter has been received from One Voice Wales Cllr J Belton is to remain the Council's representative on this body.

010/19 Grants and Donations

010.1/19 Hope House have asked to be considered for a donation in the light of supporting a number of families in the LL11 area. As we have a full precept from April, and some unspent funds from 18/19 a donation of £200 was proposed by Cllr J Belton and seconded by Cllr D Kelly, and unanimously agreed. This would appear as pre-approved expenditure at the May meeting.

011/19 Financial Matters

011.1/19 Approval of the Annual Financial Statement was proposed by Cllr J Belton and seconded by Cllr S Edwards. Unanimously agreed.

011.2/19 Approval of the monthly financial statement was proposed by Cllr S Edwards and seconded by Cllr J Savin. Unanimously agreed.

011.3/19 Approval for payment of items received was proposed by Cllr J Belton and seconded by Cllr W Blaze. Unanimously agreed.

012/19 Planning Matters To consider planning applications received from Chief Planning Officer

012.1/19 Cllr D Kelly advised the meeting that application number P/2019/0121 had been withdrawn the day before it was scheduled for determination.

013/19 Internal Audit & Annual Return

013.1/19 These issues had been discussed under correspondence (009/19 above).

014/19 Location of Future Minera Community Council Meetings

014.1/19 A discussion of potential venues took place. Cllr D Kelly suggested a peripatetic schedule to move the visibility of the council around the ward, details to be publicised in advance. It was agreed that the decision of where to meet should be delegated to the Chair and Clerk, with progress to be reported as a separate agenda item in May.

014.2/19 It was agreed that a separate agenda item would also be listed in May to consider purchasing a telephone number for the Clerk.

014.3/19 Cllr J Edwards recorded the thanks of the council for the services of Mrs Emma Topham, outgoing Clerk to the Council, for her hard work and support throughout her time in office and wished the incoming Clerk, Mr David Hinchliffe, success and fulfilment in the role. These sentiments were endorsed by all present.

Meeting adjourned 2115 hrs.