

Minera Community Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2020

Commencing at 7.15 pm at the Tyn Y Capel, Minera

Present: Cllrs: J Edwards (Chair), H Field (Vice-Chair), W Blaze, J Rosier, D Kelly, J Savin, J Belton, J Barton

Clerk: Mr D Hinchliffe

Apologies: Cllrs: J Marsh, D Austin, S Edwards

105/19 Declarations of interest

105.1/19 There were no declarations of interest.

106/19 Ratification of the minutes of the December meeting

106.1/19 The minutes were ratified as a true record of the meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2019, and were proposed for adoption by Cllr H Field, seconded by Cllr J Savin.

107/19 Matters arising

107.1/19 Cllr W Blaze commented that he had witnessed bad flooding around the culvert at Cae Haidd (previously minuted in December under 91.3/19), and the Chair added that WCBC had been notified. The lack of a working light at the point of the flood exacerbated the hazard, so that restoration of this light unit would be an immediate priority. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Darren Williams at WCBC to ensure the flooding problem continued to receive attention.

107.2/19 Sheep worrying was briefly discussed, the Clerk advising that enquiries with North Wales Police as to the level of the problem in surrounding wards was still being followed up. A report of multiple loss of livestock in Bwlchwyn may have been an instance of sheep being used to train dogs for illegal dog fighting.

107.3/19 Letters had been exchanged with WCBC relating to issues surrounding residential renovations in New Brighton, following which no further concerns had been passed to Minera Community Council.

107.4/19 The Clerk was still chasing Broughton Community Council for a decision as to whether their redundant bench ends were available for collection, and was also still chasing GoSafe for guidance relating to use of hard standing on the Old Road for the siting of a mobile speed camera.

107.5/19 Following advice received, bus timetables would not be posted up by the bus companies, this being a WCBC responsibility.

107.6/19 The Clerk advised the meeting that a brief report relating to Minera Community Council's support of biodiversity in the community would be forwarded for

publication on the website shortly. Cllr J Rosier asked that details of the budget and a summary of audit findings should also be placed on the website, in line with legal requirements. The Clerk would forward the necessary details.

108/19 Police report

108.1/19 The police report was reviewed and a query raised relating to reports of criminal damage within a youths' care home. The Clerk would seek further details from the PCSO.

109/19 Minera Community Council Chair's report

The Chair's report already having been circulated, he highlighted the following points:

109.1/19 Flooding issues on Willowbank Road had been resolved. The majority of other issues notified to the Chair related to failed streetlights. These issues would be addressed later in the agenda.

109.2/19 The playground work was substantially finished, but not yet signed off due to some slippage of mats and ground upheaval from the heavy rain. Additional mats were being sourced from the contractor to protect the entrance areas, and given their heavy duty nature, the contractor would be also asked to install them. The Clerk would liaise with the contractor relating to this, as well as enquiring whether the contractor could supply and apply suitable paint to smarten up existing playground equipment.

109.3/19 The Chair and the Clerk would organise the procurement of suitable signage for the refurbished play area, which would acknowledge Minera Community Council's delivery of the facility as well as emphasise the regulations relating to dogs.

110/19 County Borough Councillor's report

Cllr D Kelly briefly commented:

110.1/19 Dialogue had been had with Streetscene concerning the general state of gullies in the ward. Minera was experiencing similar issues to the rest of the borough and with persistent rain and full water tables the maintenance services were at full stretch.

110.2/19 Potholes were also a universal problem and WCBC was looking for the most effective basis of approach to remedying them within available budgets.

110.3/19 Cllr D Kelly also commented that he had been made aware of rough sleeping in outbuildings attached to the former Five Crosses pub.

111/19 School Governor's report

Cllr J Savin gave a verbal summary:

111.1/19 At the end of the current school term Cllr J Savin expected to stand down as a school governor, and as the governor representative of Minera Community Council. Both

roles had been fulfilling and rewarding, as any incoming office holders would find, and Cllr Savin hoped that suitable candidates would be found without undue difficulty.

111.2/19 GWER now considered the school to be ‘self-improving’ which was an encouraging assessment. Pupil performance measures were all moving in a positive direction.

112/19 Correspondence

A summary of correspondence since the previous meeting had been circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk drew attention to the following issues within this summary:

112.1/19 A report summarising the recent electoral boundary review had been received, and hard copies were circulated among those present. No changes to the Minera ward were noted in the review, although later scrutiny some time in 2020 may be brought to the organisation of Community Councils.

112.2/19 In response to a request for feedback on its Leader Programme by Cadwyn Clwyd, Cllr D Kelly requested a copy of the relevant email as he had some prior knowledge of the initiative.

113/19 Grants and donations

113.1/19 In response to requests for funding received since the previous Council meeting, the following grants were agreed:

113.2/19 Eisteddfod Powys Rhos: £100, proposed by Cllr D Kelly, seconded by Cllr J Barton.

113.3/19 Eisteddfod yr Urdd: £100, proposed by Cllr H Field, seconded by Cllr J Belton.

113.4/19 Coedpoeth Befrienders: £200, proposed by Cllr H Field, seconded by Cllr W Blaze.

114/19 Financial matters, including budget for 2020/21

114.1/19 The Clerk gave a brief summary of the financial position, noting that electricity charges had now settled at £282.49 per month. The Chair asked the Clerk to advise SSE of the current status of LED lighting in the inventory in order to bring the monthly charges down.

114.2/19 The financial report was proposed for approval by Cllr H Field, seconded by Cllr J Savin. The schedule of payments for the month was proposed for approval by Cllr J Belton, seconded by Cllr J Barton.

114.3/19 The final draft budget for the forthcoming year was discussed and clarifying details provided by the Clerk. A precept of £35,612 for the forthcoming fiscal year was agreed and proposed for approval by Cllr J Savin, seconded by Cllr J Barton. This

represented a reduction of £6,080 against the previous year, and the Chair asked the Clerk to ensure this detail was communicated through the website.

115/19 Planning matters – to consider items received from Chief Planning Officer

115.1/19 Planning applications P/902/2019, P/928/2019 and P/936/2019 had been received since the previous Council meeting. No objections were recorded in respect of any of the applications which were for the following

P/902/2019 Replacement of railings at Minera School.

P/928/2019 Loft conversion, garage construction and internal and external renovations, Maesyffynnon Bungalow, Maesyffynnon Rd, Minera.

P/936/2019 Two storey side extension, internal alterations and new side porch at Tir Na Nog, Church Rd, Minera.

116/19 Co-option of a Councillor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor G Nelmes

116.1/19 The Clerk advised the meeting that no individual had expressed an interest in being considered to fill the casual vacancy within the stipulated time (the period of receipt of applications having closed on 10 January 2020), and that the notice of co-option advertised on the noticeboards and website was now defunct. The Clerk would therefore report this situation to WCBC and seek advice as to what options were now open to Minera Community Council to fill the continuing casual vacancy.

117/19 Lighting project update

117.1/19 Cllr W Blaze gave an update of the current status of units changed out and residual problems, including historic faults, with those still not converted. A number of units would need attendance from Scottish Power to complete outstanding works. The remaining units would therefore be the subject of ongoing efforts to resolve problems, with the most pressing outages in terms of lack of neighbouring lights prioritised where possible.

118 Other Business

118.1/19 Cllr J Savin had circulated a quotation for the New Brighton kiosk to be prepared for re-glazing at a cost of £1,890 plus VAT. After a brief discussion Cllr J Savin was asked to complete the project costing by securing a further quotation for the re-glazing of the kiosk.

118.2/19 Cllr J Belton asked the Clerk to write to a resident concerning an overgrown hedge which was encroaching on the adjacent pathway, providing the address details for the purpose.

Meeting adjourned 2130 hrs.

