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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
ZOOM ON
24th NOVEMBER 2020.
Chair: Councillor P Vaughan

202.PRESENT Councillors: P Blackwell, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, B Cook, Mrs J Jones, D Metcalfe, Rev K Tiltman, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright also, one member of the public.

203.APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: A Ennis, M Hughes, Mrs L Prescott-Ennis, Ms J Parrish & Mrs P Roberts

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the remote meeting of Cefn Community Council

204.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None Received

205. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None Received

206.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

Police Stats 27th October 2020 to 23rd November 2020

Cefn Ward

Burglary Other than Dwelling 1 – Acrefair – Attempt entry on a shed no items stolen
Criminal Damage 4 – Cefn Mawr –1 Tyres damaged to a vehicle – unknown suspect
1 Wing mirror damaged on Vehicle
Rhosymedre – 2 – Damage to window and door at the same address at different times, Suspect arrested and charged.

ASB - 2 Fireworks (05/11)
Reports of Cannabis from unknown persons in Cefn Mawr area

Plas Madoc

Burglary Dwelling 1 – Unknown person entered property and stolen items from
Within IPis unwilling to talk to police after initial report.

Criminal damage 3 – Damage caused to door at property and garden furniture,
enquiries ongoing.
Damage caused to paint work on vehicle by unknown offender.
Damage to window at property by unknown offender

Theft from Motor vehicle
items

1 – Unknown offender has smashed window of vehicle and stolen
from within. Enquiries on going.

ASB – 5

2x incidents same evening, Music intoxicated person quite possibly
linked to the Burglary reported.
2 x Fireworks incident (5/11)
1 x Disturbance – unknown persons fighting in the street

To add 2 persons have been reported for driving offences in the Cefn Mawr area, enquiries on
going.

207. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

November 2020

- 4 referral from the CMHT
- 3 referrals from British Red Cross
(BRC)
- 2 referrals from Occupational
Therapy (OT)
- 4 referral from Social Services (SS)
- 3 family referrals
- 2 self-referrals
- 1 WCBC referral
- 2 Community Agent referrals
- 1 Police referral
- 2 Social Prescriber referrals
- **Cefn** – 10 referrals
- **Rhosymedre** – 3 referrals
- **Acrefair** – 7 referrals
- **Newbridge** – 0 referrals
- **Plas Madoc** – 4 referrals

24 referrals have been received during this period and support has continued with residents referred during previous months. There is a continued trend regarding benefit queries, and I am supporting numerous residents with DHP's, PIP, ESA and checking the correct benefits and amount are being paid.

I continue to work in partnership with the police, British Red Cross, Occupational Therapists, Social Services, Social Prescriber and CMHT within the community. Wellbeing and mental ill health continue to remain the main priority. There has been a noticeable increase in referrals regarding historic abuse. I am being asked to offer support to the residents in the intermediary until the other support can be put into place. This further demonstrates great working in partnership.

I am now able to attend the weekly coffee & chat morning again with CRNCA as it provides a good opportunity to undertake wellbeing checks and take new referrals.

With regards to the ongoing incident in Plas Madoc, I have attended the property and appear to have gained the resident's trust and supported her to contact her GP. I am now working together with the police and the estate office and we attempted to meet with the resident earlier this week. However, she had got the time wrong so I have made a further appointment to see her but the police will not be attending with me as we both feel that this will be detrimental to me working with this lady.

During the firebreaker there was a small need to collect & deliver prescriptions and do essential shopping.

A brief case study: Mrs A was referred from CMHT. One of her questions was why she didn't have enough money to live on. She had spoken to Welfare Rights and they had told her that she shouldn't question her PIP and ESA otherwise they would stop her money! This is most definitely not the case, and sadly it is the 3rd person I have supported that has been told this. I am compiling an email to the head of Welfare Rights as this needs highlighting, what their staff are saying. The good news is that after an hour's appointment, and a phone call to DWP, Mrs A received backdated benefits of £3893.40!!! In addition to this, her money has increased by approx. £280 every 4 weeks.

Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones made reference to the assistance the Community Agent had given in successfully helping Mrs A receive backdated benefits and an increase in payments.

208. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. Santa sleigh reminder – no stopping this year – drive by Santa Thursday 10th Dec – Plas Madoc & Acrefair starting 4.30pm & Cefn Saturday 12th Dec @ 4.30pm – no donations buckets etc
2. Butterfly garden is now complete in Trefynant Cemetery – will look lovely in the spring
3. Reminder December meeting is one week early 15.12.20 – The Clerk asked for authorization for the December salary for to be paid Friday 18th December which is one week early as in previous years. ***Proposed by Cllr P Vaughan, Seconded by Cllr D Wright all members in favour, unanimous.***
4. Cefn Albion Youth Team request to use pitch on Saturday mornings – Currently seniors play on the pitch on a Saturday afternoon and a youth team on a Sunday – The Groundman is concerned the pitch would not stand the level of play and the standard of the pitch would decline, i.e – divets in ground etc. ***Following a discussion, it was resolved to refuse permission for any additional further teams to use the pitch this season, if a cancellation from the senior team is made an offer could be given to the Youth team.***
5. Roll out of vaccine – AVOW looking for community-based vaccine centres – ***Resolved - following a discussion agreement from all members was given to use the George Edwards Hall if needed. The Clerk was requested to inform AVOW***
6. LED re-programme – survey is now complete 51 LED units already installed, 467 units remaining reducing the figure to approximately 77K. Council agreed in September 2020 to proceed with the re programme, to award the contract to Jones Lighting, permission is needed for the Clerk to send the Salix application. The Clerk reported the forms have been completed. ***Resolved for the Clerk to return.*** A decision on acceptance of funding is expected within the next four weeks, if successful it is hoped a start date in January with a completion date of re fit by the end of February 2021
7. Juliet Mckenzie, WCBC email received to confirm the last couple of weeks detached youth work has restarted – re-engaging with youths – no plans for the Youth Club to restart yet. ***Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported she had received a number of complaints regarding youths involved in ASB outside of TESCO, The Clerk will pass on the complaints to NWP***
8. The Clerk reported following clarification regarding timelines due to Covid 19 the Annual Meeting for 2020/21 will be held in December 2020.

209. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) Minutes of the Remote Full Council Meeting on 27th October 2020 - **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Remote Full Council Meeting held on 27th October 2020 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.

210. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 24th NOVEMBER 2020 **EXPENDITURE**

Wages/Sal from (month 7)
T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, B Lloyd, MC Hartshorne 5590.28

Invoice No

| | | | |
|------|--------|--|---------|
| 090a | 106198 | Information Commissioner's Office - Invoice for GDPR/DPA renewal fee | 40.00 |
| 091 | 106199 | Zurich Municipal - Invoice for insurance renewal | 5663.16 |
| 092 | 106200 | EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply | 2189.15 |
| 093 | 106201 | Dynamic Active Management Solutions - Invoice for Fire Risk Assessment | 220.00 |
| 094 | 106202 | British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall | 213.48 |
| 095 | 106203 | Jones Lighting - Invoice for repairs | 2147.71 |
| 096 | 106204 | Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging | 635.00 |
| 096a | 106205 | British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall | 56.72 |
| 097 | 106206 | Flintshire CC - Invoice for added years | 236.76 |
| 098 | BACS | Peter Green - Invoice for Cemetery | 1017.00 |
| 099 | BACS | Peter Green - Invoice for Play area | 934.00 |
| 100 | BACS | WCBC - Invoice for play area repair (Basket Swing)- Plas Madoc | 823.72 |
| 101 | BACS | WCBC - Invoice for bin repair repair (Basket Swing)- Plas Madoc | 61.54 |
| 102 | 106207 | Equip4work - previous invoice underpaid | 0.40 |
| 103 | 106208 | BT - Invoice for office | 296.98 |
| 104 | 106209 | Viking Direct - Invoice for office & Hall | 121.78 |
| 105 | BACS | TMNS - Expenses for November 2020 (LGA 1972 sect 112) | 14.39 |
| 106 | BACS | Mathew Lloyd Videography – Invoice for Remembrance Service recording | 450.00 |

Invoices Received During Oct/Nov 2020

HMRC Tax & NI (19.10.20) 860.36
Clwyd Pension Fund (19.10.20) 597.70
HSBC Charges (27.10.20) 12.50
WCBC NNDR 602.00
£22784.63

Income

Burial

Francis Roberts (Rec0094) 1670.00

GE Hall

Dance Zone (Rec 0093)

247.50

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.11.20

1.87

£1919.37

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

211. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

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| 1 | Cllr Mrs K Tiltman - email re: Course for Neighbourhood Watch Fraud – <i>Councillor Mrs K Tiltman reported the short course is very worthwhile and recommended members to take part, The Clerk was requested to pass the link details to all members.</i> |
| 2 | Post Office - Letter re: Cefn Mawr Post Office – <i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter to members which confirmed the Post Office would not be relocating to Roger’s Newsagents, High Street, Rhosymedre. The Branch will continue to operate from it’s existing location at Crane Street for the time being, any further proposed new location will be subject to a 6- week period of local consultation. A Discussion followed on the importance of retaining the vital service within the community.</i> |
| 3 | Clerk of Governors, Acrefair - Term of Office expired for Cllr P Blackwell – <i>Councillor P Blackwell confirmed he was happy to be re-elected as governor if members wished to support. Following a discussion, Resolved for Councillor P Blackwell to be re-elected to serve as governor at Ysgol Acrefair CP. The Clerk will inform the Clerk of Governors.</i> |
| 4 | Awel y Mor Wind Farm- Exhibition available online at https://awelymor.cymru/ . – <i>Resolved to be noted</i> |
| 5 | WCBC - Email re: Trevor & Surrounding Area Masterplan – <i>The Clerk read the contents of the letter to members, Resolved for Cefn Community Council to remain willing to be involved in the process of the delivery of the Masterplan</i> |
| 6 | WCBC - Email re Decarbonisation Action Plan Consultation. Please follow link https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/climate-change-2020-decarbonisation-action-plan-consultation-launched/ - <i>The Clerk read the content of the email to members, Councillor D Metcalfe reported he had completed the survey and was disappointed it only covered Wrexham central not wider communities. Resolved for members to complete the survey on an individual basis</i> |
| 7 | WCBC - Letter re: Funding for staffed play provision in 2021/22 – <i>The Clerk briefed members on the costs for 2021/22 which remained the same as 2020/21, the Clerk reported the last invoice was paid in October 2019 and was waiting for clarification if this year’s invoice was due as there has been no sessions delivered due to Covid 19. Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones proposed, seconded by Councillor D Wright to continue with the provision for 2021/22 at three sessions a week at a cost of £3250 – All members voted in favour to continue with the provision.</i> |
| 8 | Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales - Final recommendation report follow link www.ldbc.gov.wales – <i>The Clerk reported council had previously supported the recommendation to create three single member electrol wards which would create an average of approximately 1700 electrol per ward. Resolved to be noted, members to view the report through the link or can request a copy from the Clerk.</i> |

212. TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Received During October/November 2020

P/2020/0266

AMENDED PLANS

Conversion to 7 apartments and replacement
Rear extension
Former HSBC Bank Well Street, Cefn Mawr

In relation to application P/2020/0266 The Clerk reported she had submitted the objection to WCBC which echoed the original objection already submitted.

P/2020/0667

Two Storey Side Extension
Hillcrest Mill Lane, Cefn Mawr

In relation to application P/2020/0667 no objections/observations were raised

P/2020/0718

Single Storey rear extension
8 Dee Valley Court, Acrefair

In relation to application P/2020/0718 no objections/observations were raised

P/2020/0757

Two Storey side extension, new
Detached garage with annex and new Access.
49 Russell Street, Cefn.

In relation to application P/2020/0757 the Clerk reported she had received the application yesterday and was unable to download the documents from WCBC website. Following a discussion, it was resolved for Cefn Ward members to review the documents online and forward any comments they have to the Clerk.

Councillor D Metcalfe referred to works being carried out at a property which is using Cefn Bank as an access point and wished to know if planning permission has been sought, Cllr Metcalfe was advised to make enquiries with WCBC.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding use of greenfield land at St James Park, Ruabon. It was reported that developers are able to build housing developments as the decisions are taken by Cardiff officials not WCBC officers, which is due to not having a current LDP. Members also spoke regarding the local need for housing which is also a priority.

213. REPORTS

213.1 Councillor D Metcalfe reported he had contacted WCBC to seek permission to erect a Christmas Tree in front of the Ebenezer building through the PKG Group. WCBC officers had suggested Councillor D Metcalfe raised the issue with members at the meeting. Questions were asked regarding the electric supply, and vandalism. Members resolved to support Councillor Metcalfe with his proposal, it was noted Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones was awaiting confirmation to enter the Ebenezer building to erect the two Christmas Trees inside as in previous years through Dee Valley Trust.

A discussion followed regarding Christmas Lights in the community, The Clerk Reported the current strip lights on lampposts on Well Street which have been in place a number of years no

longer conform to safety standards and will be removed at the earliest opportunity by the contractor. Councillor Mrs I Twigg asked if Council could look at hiring solar powered lights, due to the time limit this would not be possible for this year. It was resolved for a committee to be formed in March 2021 to discuss in greater detail to ensure that Cefn Community have a good show of lights for Christmas 2021. The Clerk was requested to investigate purchasing a projector for the rear of the George Edwards Hall for this year.

213.2 Councillor D Wright had provided members with a copy of a report from a virtual meeting he had had with Acrefair School Head & Governors, Head of Service for Education WCBC regarding the next steps in the process concerning the section 106 money and how it will benefit Ysgol Acrefair. A list of questions had been submitted for consideration.

213.3 Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones requested a progress report regarding the outstanding defibrillators to be installed, The Clerk reported she had emailed Mr Flack at WCBC and asked him to investigate further. The units are all in hand and are ready to be installed. The Clerk was requested to proceed with the two units on private properties as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.