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CEFN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
ZOOM ON
4th MAY 2021.
Chair: Councillor P Vaughan

62.PRESENT Councillors: P Blackwell, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, Mrs J Jones, D Metcalfe, Mrs P Roberts (t), Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright. Also, four members of the public.

63.APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: B Cook, Ms J Parrish & Rev K Tiltman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the remote meeting of Cefn Community Council and proceeded to read a statement, detailing housekeeping procedures for the meeting.

The Chairman asked all in attendance to observe a one-minute silence as a mark of respect to the passing of The Duke of Edinburgh on Friday 9th April 2021. It was reported the Union Jack and Welsh flag were flown at half-mast at the Cenotaph, Plas Kynaston Lane from Friday 9th April until Sunday 18th April.

64.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded members it is their responsibility to declare personal & prejudicial interests on items placed on the agenda to comply with the code of conduct.

Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones declared a personal interest in item 7 Clerk's Report – Waste bin at CRNCA - family member on committee and planning application P/2021/0286 – school governor.

Councillor P Vaughan declared a personal interest in planning application P/2021/0286, School Governor.

Councillors D Wright & Mrs G Wright declared a personal & prejudicial interest in relation to planning application P/2021/0409 and were placed in the waiting room whilst the application was discussed.

65.TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE EBENEZER BUILDING

Councillor D Metcalfe entered the meeting.

Councillor P Vaughan reported the second item on the agenda was to receive a presentation regarding the Ebenezer Building and proceeded to hand the item over to vice chair Cllr D Wright to commence with the presentation.

Councillor D Metcalfe asked for the presentation to be deferred as the Clerk had not given enough notice that the meeting was taking place as there were only four members of the public in attendance due to not knowing about the meeting. The Clerk confirmed the agenda and associated paperwork for the meeting had been sent out within the statutory requirements giving ample notice, the agenda and notice had been advertised on social media, the website and also at the George Edwards Hall.

Councillor D Wright commenced with the presentation which gave a full detailed analysis of the action taken by Cefn Community Council in relation to the offer given by WCBC to lease the Ebenezer Building.

Councillor D Metcalfe asked that Cefn Community Council write to WCBC to support the application made by the PKC Group to retain the Ebenezer and request WCBC work with him. At this stage, Cllr D Metcalfe was reminded and advised due to his personal and prejudicial interest not to take any further part in the discussion as it would be a breach of his code of conduct, this was ignored. Cllr Metcalfe continued to discuss his case to members on behalf of the PKC group. Due to the aggressive tone and behavior of Councillor Metcalfe, the Clerk asked for the Chairman to retain order, the Chairman brought the item to an end and noted Councillor Metcalfe's comments.

Councillor Metcalfe left the meeting.

66. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS

None Received

67. TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

Monthly Council Report

23rd April 2021

Cefn Mawr/Rhosymedre/Newbridge

Last month we reported of our campaign to target the issue of 'thefts from motor vehicles' across the ward. Whilst the issue has not ceased, we have seen a decrease of reports, with 1 theft recorded and 1 incident whereby someone has 'attempted' car doors. Throughout the month we have continued to pursue our preventative methods by the delivery of crime prevention leaflets in hotspot areas, VCRAT (Vehicle Crime Reduction Action Team) foot patrols and house-to-house visits.

The VCRAT patrols is an effect tool used within NWP and the aim of the session was to identify any vehicles that were unlocked/had valuable items on display and to inform the owner of the vehicle there and then to prevent opportunist crime from happening.

The VCRAT session was very engaging, and residents were grateful for the checks being carried out. Overall, 90 vehicles were checked; 12% of which in Cefn, and 5% in Acrefair had valuables on display. Whilst engaging with the residents regarding the risks of leaving valuables on show, crime prevention leaflets were provided at the same time.

We continue to deal with reports of ASB behaviour across the ward. In relation to an incident that took place at the CRNCA, Bro Gwilym, 4 youths were identified, and positive action has been taken by means of a Community Resolution with all parties and YJS referrals have been made.

Further increased patrol plans have been put in place, with the main hot spot areas identified as follows:

- Tesco stores
- Holly Bush pub
- Plas Kynaston flats
- CRNCA
- Premier Stores

Plas Madoc/Acrefair

You may have been aware of a couple of Police pursuits that have occurred with vehicles around Plas Madoc / Acrefair area. One incident resulted in a stinger being deployed and the vehicle stopped at the entrance to the estate. Two males fled the scene. The vehicle was lifted for examination.

As stated above, our biggest concern over the last month was the increase in attempted thefts, however in Plas Madoc in the last month, we have had one theft of cigarettes.

What can you do to help?

In order to progress matters and take positive action re drug dealing / ASB / Other crime trends etc we need community intelligence to support our targeted patrols, stop searches and warrants. We are grateful for the information we receive so far and continue to develop the matter.

Questions

If you have any concerns regarding crime figures or incidents in your ward please just let us know and we will provide an update ahead of the Council meeting. Please continue to send monthly reminders regarding the Online Meeting and we will endeavour to attend when possible.

Walk around

We would be happy to meet with you to have a walk around the area whenever you are available.

We will continue to post on social media in relation to events and reports on what we have been up to. Please follow us on HGC Wreccsam Wledig/NWP Wrexham Rural Facebook Page and Twitter.

Local PCSO contacts

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68. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

The Clerk reported the Community Agent is currently on sick leave, until 21st May 2021.

69. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. Re-routing of path has been completed at the cemetery, excellent job makes more accessible for disabled users – would be beneficial if the path could be extended to the bottom row, **A discussion followed, resolved to arrange a site visit with contractor**
2. LED programme fitting of new lanterns has started at the bottom of Cefn on schedule to complete the 450 units by end of May.
3. Thank you to those councillors who turned up to the first Community Council litter pick, well attended, representatives from Tesco. Over twenty bags of rubbish collected from along Oxford Street. Report sent to Wrexham.com and the leader but was not reported on– The Clerk suggested Cefn CC pay to install two bins (WCBC black steel bins) along that route – maybe by the bus stops approx. cost is £252 per bin – would need to confirm that they would be collected by WCBC – have spoken to the streetscene supervisor. Also have had a request to pay for a bin near to the activity centre – they will empty it. – **A lengthy discussion followed it was resolved to install one waste bin near the bus stop on the GE Hall side and one near to the Plas Kynaston Path. The Clerk reported one bin at the Activity Centre would be beneficial, the staff at the centre would empty it and another bin at Abernant due to the amount of dog walkers on that route, there is no waste bin in that area. Councillor Mrs I Twigg proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Roberts council purchase four bins to install at the mentioned locations, all members in favour. The Clerk was requested to liaise with the street scene supervisor to action.**

Councillor D Wright suggested council carry out a litter pick on a rota basis within the community once a month, all members were in favour. The next location will be near Lancaster Terrace, Acrefair. The Clerk will arrange a date and inform members. It is hoped to carry out a litter pick with the schools before the summer recess.

4. Dog waste bag dispensers – purchased one in 2019 as a trial which was placed at the rear of the GE Hall – been worthwhile and clearly is needed, no vandalism and no wastage of bags – can we purchase more units for the community – **A discussion followed, the Clerk gave costings - £84.99 excl vat per unit(102.00with VAT) £37.75 for 800 bags Councillor D Wright proposed to purchase ten units, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Benbow-Jones all members in favour. Resolved to purchase ten units, to install the units preferably close to a waste bin already in place, councillors will contact the clerk with their recommended sites.**
5. Project Development Coordinator – hopefully have a detailed report for the end of this month outlining the work he has carried out over the last few weeks, a meeting with a landscape officer from The Wildlife Trust took place a few weeks ago where a number of sites were identified for possible environmental improvements, which was taken from the original wish list, this will be dependent on funders and priorities. **The Clerk reported due to the pandemic contact has been limited to the Chair, Vice & Clerk but now restrictions are beginning to ease, members input will be vital. Councillor D Wright suggested a working party is formed to take forward councils' ideas. Cllrs PV, Mrs IT, Mrs JJ, Mrs SBJ, Mrs GW and DW all expressed an interest. Resolved for the named six members to sit on working party.**

70. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes of the Remote Full Council Meeting on 23rd March 2021 – ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Remote Full Council Meeting held on 23rd March 2021 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity. – Councillor Mrs S Benbow Jones pointed out the layout of page 3 needed adjustment .***

71. TO ADOPT VIRTUAL MEETINGS POLICY

Members had received the document prior to the meeting, Councillor Mrs G Wright proposed to adopt the policy, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones. Members present agreed to the recommendations and resolved to adopt. A vote followed, all in favour.

72. TO CONFIRM RE-SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR JUNE & SEPTEMBER 2021

The Clerk reported she had received apologies from certain members in advance for the June and September meeting and suggested the meeting dates be moved. Resolved to move the June meeting to 15th June and to 21st September, all members in favour.

73. TO CONFIRM RE-OPENING OF BOWLING GREEN AT PLAS KYNASTON

The Clerk reported she had received notification that the opening of bowling greens is now permitted with certain restrictions in place. Cllr Mrs I Twigg had given the clerk a list of requirements to be obeyed by bowling clubs. The Bowling green is also available for public use, following a lengthy discussion Cllr B Twigg proposed the green be open Monday to Friday from noon to 3pm providing the appropriate signage is displayed, seconded by Cllr D Wright, all members in favour. Due to the pandemic, it was resolved for the Clerk to contact Plas Kynaston BC secretary and request only one set of keys must be in circulation, to be retained by the secretary.

74. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 27th April 2021 **EXPENDITURE**

Wages/Sal from (month 12) \ 4688.11
T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, B Lloyd, MC Hartshorne

Invoice No

21/200	106257	Splash Plas Madoc Leisure Centre - Grant Award LGA 1972 Sec 137	1000.00
21/202	106258	Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for GE Hall	214.20
21/203	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for March 21 (LGA 1972 sect 112)	51.37
21/204	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for office	72.50
21/205	106259	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	144.59
21/206	106260	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	106.84
21/207	106261	Jones Lighting - Invoice for repairs	706.58
21/208	106262	Scottish Power - Invoice for GE Hall	368.74
21/209	106263	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	2832.44

21/210	BACS	Peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for play areas	714.00
21/211	BACS	peter Green Groundcare - Invoice for Trefynant Cemetery	539.00
21/001	106264	PHS Group - Invoice for GE Hall	317.88
21/002	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for office	72.50
21/003	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for April 21 (LGA 1972 sect 112)	443.50

Invoices Received During March/April 21

HMRC Tax & NI (18.03.21)	956.36
Clwyd Pension Fund (18.03.21)	621.16
HSBC Charges (27.03.21)	15.50
	<u>£13865.27</u>

Income

Tesco (rec 0108)	6250.00
WCBC precept	51,330.00

Burial

GE Hall

<u>Interest</u> Business Money Manager 13.03	1.72
	<u>£57,581.72</u>

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

75. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

1	Nightingale Hospice - newsletter spring edition 2021 – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
2	Valuation Office - Request for information Nondomestic Rating – <i>The Clerk reported the Chairman is collating the requested information for Trefynant Cemetery in order to complete, resolved to be noted</i>
3	Macmillan Cancer Support - Letter of thanks for donation – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
4	Audit Wales - Letter re: timescales and supporting papers – <i>The Clerk made members aware of the current guidance and stipulated timelines for completion of the 2020-21 audit, resolved to be noted.</i>
5	Denbighshire Council - Email re: Spring meeting of Clwydian Range & Dee Valley 29/04/21 – <i>Due to the postponed of the FC meeting this item had already taken place – Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported she had attended the meeting and will forward the presentation given, one of the items discussed was Dark Skies and if members wish for an officer from ANOB attend in future to show the presentation they would be more than willing too. – Resolved to be noted</i>
6	AVOW – Annual Volunteer awards 3/06/21 nomination close on 14/05/21 – <i>Resolved to be noted</i>
7	Traffic Wales – Email - Urgent bridge deck repair on A483 River Dee Viaduct – <i>The Clerk reported this item had been received today so has been added onto correspondence, Resolved to be noted.</i>

The Clerk reported she is continuing to forward via email all correspondence received from Ken Skates, AVOW and WCBC when it is first received.

76.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Received During March/April 2021

P/2021/0286

Erection of two modular classrooms
Ysgol Cefn Mawr, Plas Kynaston Lane, Cefn Mawr

In relation to application number P/2021/0286 no objections/observations were raised

P/2021/0305

New Vehicular Access
148 Cae Gwilym Lane, Cefn Mawr

In relation to application number P/2021/0305 no objections/observations were raised

P/2021/0338

Single storey extension
7 Willow Court, Acrefair

In relation to application number P/2021/0338 no objections/observations were raised

P/2021/0409

Two Storey Extension to side and rear
13 Maes Madoc, Acrefair

In relation to application number P/2021/0409 as the application had only been received that day, the Clerk advised she would sent to all members for comments.

77.REPORTS

77.1 Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported she has received further complaints regarding youths on electric scooters, the Clerk will send the complaint on to NWP again.

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