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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON
22nd SEPTEMBER 2020.
Chair: Councillor P Vaughan

169.PRESENT Councillors: P Blackwell, Mrs S Benbow-Jones, B Cook, D Metcalfe, Mrs P Roberts, Rev K Tiltman, Mrs I Twigg, B Twigg, D Wright & Mrs G Wright also, two members of the public.

170.APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs J Jones & Ms J Parrish

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

171.TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to planning application P/2020/0301 – took no part in the discussion

172. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS
The Chairman invited the member of the public to proceed with his statement to members. In relation to application P/2020/0438 a brief overview from the last several years of living in the area was given including the access point to the piece of land in question. It was reported the piece of land is extremely steep, any vehicles which have attempted to access the land over the last few months have become stuck in the ground and have to take a run up at the hill, which is dangerous as there are houses opposite also being on a blind spot.
It was stated there has never been any access from the roadway on to the land, this is backed up by over one hundred statements from residents of this area who believe the access which has currently been made is completely unlawful.

The member of the public was thanked for his address to members.

A lengthy discussion followed, members had been furnished with photographic evidence of the area which clearly shown an unbroken line of mature trees, this image was taken several years ago. A further image was shown which was taken by a drone within the last few weeks, this image shows the removal of numerous mature trees at two points each side of Poplar House where access has been recently been gained. The image also shows a pile of trees, which are stacked and situated to the top of the land. A line of mature trees to the rear of Poplar House have also been removed this spring. It was stated two acts of Parliament have been breached, which is currently being investigated by NWP and WCBC being Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 and Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000.

It was reported by three Councillors who have lived in this area for over fifty years who all agreed that no gateway or access has ever been created from the roadway to this piece of land. It was reported the works which have recently been undertaken is a total decimation of the area.

It was re-iterated this application is to determine whether a lawful development certificate can be granted. Members all agreed and resolved there has never been any entrances or access to this land from the roadway, therefore it is not a lawful entrance. Cefn Community Council strongly object to the application to grant a lawful certificate. The Clerk was requested to pass on the objection to WCBC.

173.TO RECEIVE & RATIFY DELEGATED DECISIONS MADE FROM LAST MEETING TO PRESENT DATE

The Chairman reported to members the Clerk has placed the order for the five Defibrillators in preparation of installation. The Clerk reported two are to be installed on privately owned properties and asked Cllr Wright to contact the proprietors and arrange a suitable date for installation. It was reported the officer dealing with the request at WCBC has now retired, an officer has been delegated to deal with our request in the interim. Cllr Wright stated he would contact Mr Roberts at WCBC.

Cllr D Wright reported to members the Clerk had been under pressure regarding the re-opening of the hall to enable physical meetings, the legislation and guidance is not clear enough to be able to make the decision. Cllr Wright proposed that council meetings are to continue via Zoom for at least October to December, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Benbow-Jones all members in favour.

174.TO RECEIVE POLICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the stats are only for Cefn area not the whole community.

4 Criminal Damages

- 3 damages to cars ranging from scratches to extensive damage using ketchup and faeces. 2 were at the top of Cefn, 1 was on Bro Gwilym. No suspects identified yet but the investigations are still ongoing.
- 1 damage to the windows in the Orthopaedic clinic on Well Street. No suspects.

4 Harassments

- All out of neighbourhood disputes in varying areas in Cefn.

3 Public Order Offences

- Again, created due to neighbours arguing / using abusive language.

1 Robbery

- 18 year old victim has been subject of a robbery at his home address in Rhosymedre. Suspects are 16 years. Investigation ongoing.

2 Road Traffic Accidents

- Damage only, no injuries.

1 Theft from Motor Vehicle

- In Rhosymedre, a purse taken from the victim's car (car was left unlocked) and their bank cards were used in the local area. Investigation is still ongoing but CCTV from the shops will be used to identify the suspect.

4 Theft stats

- 1 relates to money from a purse in Ffordd Offa.
- 1 relates to items being stolen from the garden in Hill Street.
- 2 from the same address, scrap metal being taken from the garden in Dolydd Road.

1 Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle

- Victim states her car has been stolen without the keys from the property. This was in Temple Vale.

As we mentioned earlier this month, we are seeing an increase in cold callers again. NPT have run 'focus days' in Chirk, Rhos and Llay to visit people in the community to provide advice and information about cold callers. So far, we have had one report from Cefn of a male cold calling and asking to cut down trees. We are hoping to run another focus day in Cefn and surrounding areas soon.

175. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AGENT

August & September 2020

I have taken 8 days annual leave during this period.

- 1 referral from the CMHT
- 5 referrals from British Red Cross (BRC)
- 2 referrals from Occupational Therapy (OT)
- 1 referral from Social Services (SS)
- 9 family referrals
- 17 self-referrals
- 1 WCBC referral
- 1 Community Council referral
- 1 County Councillor referral

- **Cefn** – 17 referrals
- **Rhosymedre** – 5 referrals
- **Acrefair** – 5 referrals
- **Newbridge** – 0 referrals
- **Plas Madoc** – 11 referrals

19 referrals have been closed during this period and support has continued with residents referred during previous months. However, I would like to make you aware that due to the current situation regarding COVID I have noticed two sad trends. The first is that people have a renewed sense of panic and are too scared to go out. Rather than being able to visit the residents and refer on, I am finding that is taking extra time to try and re-assure them that COVID never actually went, therefore has not made a come-back! Secondly, there are several elderly people that I am currently supporting who have disclosed that they wish to end their life by suicide. This is extremely sad and upsetting for all.

There is still a noticeable increase in benefit and debt queries, and I have supported numerous residents with the COVID crisis emergency fund, DHP's, and PIP claims, and I continue to work in partnership with OT, SS and CMHT within the community. Wellbeing and mental ill health are still the main priority. I attend the weekly coffee & chat morning

with CRNCA, encouraging the attendees to venture out and return to a ‘normal’ life. The number of people attending is increasing each week. It is also worth nothing that there has been an increase of vermin within our community. Sadly, some letters have been incorrectly sent out to residents without firstly gathering the correct information, causing great upset and resulting in complaints to the Plas Madoc estate office.

My plans for the remainder of this month is to attend the coffee and cake on Wednesday afternoon at Llys y Graig, visit Plas Telford, meet with Paul Blackwell, and Shan Cooper, and take a walk around Newbridge, as once more there have been no referrals for that area. I want to try and determine if that is because they do not require help, or because this service is not well known there. I would also like to ask if the George Edwards hall could be made available for small groups of individuals who need to improve their mental health and wellbeing. This is just as important as physical health and there is a definite need within our community!

Members discussed the report and expressed concern regarding mental health issues.

176.TO AGREE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE FOR 2020

Councillor D Wright reported the steering committee had met to discuss the service; two recommendations were given to members. The second recommendation was carried, proposed by Cllr D Wright seconded by Mrs P Roberts all members in favour. Members resolved to hold a small service on 11th November comprising of councillors, Ms B Grey-Davies to read the Welsh Prayer & reading, Derek Roberts to recite the Ode. Rev Mrs K Tiltman will conduct the service. There will be no hymns, reading of the names or march past. It is hoped a Remembrance Service to coincide with VE Day can be planned for May 2021 when the commemorative booklet will be launched.

A discussion followed regarding filming the service which could be uploaded to the council's website and social media, the Clerk to contact Francis Roberts Funeral directors.

177. TO RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT

1. Have had quite a few zoom meetings over the last couple of months especially with AVOW regarding the community buildings re-opening. GE Hall now open to essential users only, with all appropriate measures in place. Hand sanitisers, signs etc – have also purchased a fogging machine which is used after every session. Currently users are Dancezone & Foodbank
2. Outbuilding at Trefynant Cemetery broken into over the weekend and machinery stolen – contractor has reported to NWP, given crime no – no forensics to visit. low value of goods.
3. Request if any members have fairy liquid bottles
4. Thank you on behalf of Community Council and myself to Councillor Mrs G Wright & D Wright for their efforts during the crisis. They have both collected Prescriptions, shopping etc. – will place article in next edition of comm news
5. Annual Accounts conclusion of audit by 30th September 2020 – nothing back from the auditors yet. Required notices will be place don Council's website
6. Update for Leader Project – coordinator started role February, due to Covid 19 deadline extended will not lose out on timeframe – spoke to coordinator last week he has been very quiet over the last few months, he informed me he was spending a few hours on new

grant applications and establish if any could be applied for in Cefn. The Clerk confirmed the community Councils contributed to members.

Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones wished to congratulate and thank the Clerk, Chair & Vice Chair for their hard work and efforts over the last few months, this was echoed by all members.

178.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 28th July 2020 - ***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 28th July 2020 be confirmed and signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.***

179. Monthly Accounts

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT 22nd SEPTEMBER 2020
EXPENDITURE

Wages/Sal from (month 4&5) 9005.80
T Nicholls-Smith, H Parry, S Roberts, B Lloyd, MC Hartshorne

Invoice No

20/049	106174	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	2189.15
20/050	106175	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	42.65
20/051	106176	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	0.93
20/052	106177	Baldwins - Invoice for payroll services for six months	244.80
20/053	106178	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	445.00
20/054	BACS	Peter Green - Invoice for Cemetery	1037.00
20/055	BACS	Peter Green - Invoice for Play area	799.00
20/056	106179	Scottish Power - Invoice for GE Hall	290.39
20/057	106180	Defib Store - Invoice for cabinets x5	2955.90
20/058	106181	BT - Invoice for Office	231.07
20/059	106182	Snowdonia Fire & Security - Invoice for GE Hall	111.36
20/060	106183	Healthcare Matters - Invoice for Fogging Machine GE Hall	273.48
20/061	BACS	ACS Technology - Invoice for office IT	72.50
20/062	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for August 2020 (LGA 1972 sect 112)	291.41
20/063	106184	Viking Direct - Invoice for office	157.36
20/064	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for August 2020	29.28
20/065	106185	EDF Energy - Invoice for unmetered supply	2189.15
20/066	106186	Canda Copying - Invoice for office copier	206.88
20/067	106187	British Gas - Invoice for GE Hall	15.87
20/068	106188	Steve Pugh - Invoice for gravedigging	385.00
20/069	BACS	Peter Green - Invoice for Cemetery	1017.00
20/070	BACS	Peter Green - Invoice for Play area	809.00

20/071	106189	Jones Lighting - Invoice for repairs July & August	1339.82
20/072	106190	Hafren Dyfrdwy - Invoice for Abernant Cemetery	436.63
20/073	BACS	TMNS - Expenses for August 2020 (LGA 1972 sect 112)	19.38

Invoices Received During June/July 2020

HMRC Tax & NI (17.07.20 & 19.08.20)	1925.34
Clwyd Pension Fund (17.07.20 & 19.08.20)	1184.54
HSBC Charges (27.07.20 & 27.08.20)	39.53
WCBC NNDR	1204.00
	£28949.22

Income

HMRC Vat repay	2540.76
SP Manweb (Wayleave) (Rec 0082)	1.00

Burial

Mossfords Memorials (Rec 0080)	25.00
Francis Roberts (Rec 0083)	1010.00

GE Hall

Dance Zone (Rec 0079)	275.00
Oddfellows Arms (Rec 0081)	50.00

Interest

Business Money Manager 13.08.20 & 13.09.20	3.87
	£3905.63

Resolved that the listed payments be approved

180. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING DEEMED URGENT

1		Mrs Parry - Letter Re: Trefynant Cemetery- ***The Clerk reported she had received a request from a family to erect kerbstones on a family grave at Trefynant. The Clerk had responded stating the rules had been updated in April 2019 which had been signed by the family at the time of burial. Following a discussion, the Clerk was requested to write again to the family refusing permission to erect Kerbstones which is stated in the rules & regulations for the cemetery.***
2		Cllr D Metcalfe - Email re: letter of support requested for initiative for social and economic recovery & the Circular Economy – please see below link https://www.plaskynastoncanalgroup.org/app/download/5811373997/PKC+Group++The+Cicular+Economy.pdf ***The Clerk read the contents of the email to members - A lengthy Discussion took place regarding pricing of alcohol and litter unfortunately members had not read the document so were not able to discuss any further. The Clerk suggested deferring the item until October meeting, giving members the opportunity to read the document. Resolved to defer until October meeting.***

181.TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2020/0301	Conversion to 7 apartments and replacement rear Extension Former HSBC Bank, Well Street, Cefn Mawr Follow link for full plans www.wrexham.gov.uk/plans

All members received the application no objections received; Cllr D Wright updated members that the application has been refused by WCBC on technical means.

P/2020/0438	Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Vehicular and Pedestrian Access Land Adjoining Poplar House Bowers Road Acrefair Follow link for full plans www.wrexham.gov.uk/plans

All members received the application, extension granted until 23rd September 2020, further documents attached. Dealt with under min 172.

182. REPORTS

182.1 Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported she has received numerous complaints about cars parked around Abernant area due to the fact people will not pay to use the Canal & River Trust car park facility. Councillor D Wright reported the traffic wardens were patrolling the area today.

182.2 Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones reported she had received a request to enquire if the council would make a grant donation for the purchase of machinery for St John's Church, Cllr Rev Mrs K Tiltman reported she had received a grant from the Chairs purse.

182.3 Councillor Mrs Benbow-Jones asked if there was any update regarding the opening of the fair on 'Dick's Bank' on Thursday evening. Cllr D Wright reported he had emailed the relevant officers at WCBC who have advised it is in the hands of public protection department and NWP. Concerns were raised by members that the opening of the fair will attract numbers from outside of the community possibly increasing the risk of Covid-19. All members strongly opposed to the fair being in the community during the pandemic.

182.4 Councillor D Metcalfe updated members the bridge at Mill Lane which had been damaged had been repaired.

182.5 Councillor D Metcalfe asked for a show of hands for the naming of the development at the Old Air Products Site. It was explained to Cllr Metcalfe when the development is built the developer will contact the community council for their input regarding appropriate names. Resolved to place in obeyance until such time the development commences.

Councillor Mrs S Benbow-Jones tendered her apologies and left the meeting

CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) act 1960, which applies to Community Councils, it was RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the undermentioned item of business, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

183. PART 2 -Exclusion of Press & Public

TO DISCUSS & RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING TABERNACLE CHAPEL

A discussion took place regarding Tabernacle Chapel

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