

## **MINERA NEWS MAY 2018**

### **The MCC May meeting was preceded by the AGM.**

The Chair Cllr John Edwards was re-elected.

The vice –chair Cllr Hazel Field was re-elected.

The school governor Cllr John Savin was re-elected.

The press officer Cllr John Edwards was re-elected.

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WCBC Cllr Dave Kelly advised that the funding for PCSO's is being reduced by the WCBC and there will be a reduction in officers in the next twelve months. The PCSO's are being allocated to where the most crime is perceived to be happening. Coedpoeth is an operational station so there are officers stationed there that will only be deployed to areas with issues. Wrexham are the only authority who actually fund additional PCSO's.

An e mail was received by the clerk confirming the insurers will be completing the claim for the arson damage to the Minera playground. The community council agreed to have an extraordinary meeting to discuss what new equipment is to be installed.

A meeting has been arranged by the clerk with representatives from Arriva, WCBC, and Minera Community Council. The meeting discussed possible solutions to the lack of a bus service in Gwynfryn. Commercial information is to be given from either D Jones or Flintshire council, to Arriva who will then review the information and advise if a service can be provided.

Easy-Bus have applied to cover routes where there have been none operated by Arriva.

E mails have been issued to Street scene in relation to Wern Road and New Brighton, potholes, some have been completed.

The Salvation army band may not be able to attend the remembrance service, however the bugler be there as usual.

The chair is Co-ordinating a meeting between the two WI' groups and the Poppy girls.

It was advised that the road sign needs to be replaced on Vicarage Hill as there is no sign there currently. The sign advising the gradient at the top of the Berwig Hill has fallen down and needs re-erecting. The chair has re-erected it previously.

The MCC clerk is to contact Kingdom re dog fouling in the area, to advise that the visits need to be completed between 06.30-18.00.

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An E Mail had been received from a cyclist from Chester advising how the mountain road surface is dangerous and needs repairs. Street-Scene has been advised.

A resident's complaint in relation to potholes on Willowbank road has been forwarded to Street-Scene.

Cllr D Kelly is still progressing planning issues on Minera Industrial Estate in relation to the dairy development.

A Budget review completed by WCBC states they are looking for a 4.5 million saving, possibly 6 million, making 10 million over two years.

There is on-going dialogue between WCBC, Chester Council and Shropshire Council in relation to improvements on the A483.

A reply was received from the Rhos clerk in relation to MCC's query regarding the streetlight contractors. The lighting committee is to attend the meeting next week when the current contract is being reviewed. They will enquire if MCC can apply for the 0% interest loan. This would enable the council to upgrade to LED lighting with the cost repaid over a period of time.

The clerk is to resend AONB lighting contact details to the lighting committee. This is because AONB are opposed to sky illumination which affects wildlife

The Clerk is to report the lamp by the Lilacs on Felin Hill (No 55,) which has been damaged by a vehicle, to WCBC who are responsible for the lights from Minera to the Wern.

An e mail from NWWT, letter of thanks for MCC's support was read out. An invitation was received from NWWT re Minera Quarry Grand Opening

The letter from North Wales Police re: Armistice Day/Remembrance Sunday was read out.

The clerk updated the community council on the latest correspondence in relation to GDPR. The community council is too small to pay any fees and there is a bill to be passed via the House of Lords requesting that Community Councils are exempt from having to allocate a data protection officer.

A planning application was received in relation to **P/2018/0365:** Demolition of Existing porch and erection of replacement porch extension, White Cottage, Maesyffynnon Road, Minera, Wrexham. Minera Community Council have raised no objections

A meeting of AONB was attended by Cllrs H Field and J Barton. The Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) are keen to work with the community councils. The Cllrs will attend future meetings. The information into the 'Dark Skies' initiative was discussed by Cllr D

Kelly at a further meeting he attended. They advised that the funding streams that the AONB have access to can help with projects on the peripheries of the AONB. A discussion ensued in relation to AONB, NWWT and Cadw.

The annual appraisal of the clerk had been completed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

The work and responsibility of the clerk has significantly increased from when she started the position. The chair and vice chair have reviewed the salary grade based on the increase in responsibility and have requested to increase the grade from SCP 15 to SCP16. This was agreed by all members..