

## **Minera Community Council News September 2016**

Sarah Jones from Cadwyn addressed Minera Community Council re the K6 Telephone Box at New Brighton recently purchased for £1.00.

She talked through the available funding. This project could possibly provide maps, information for the surrounding area, first aid boxes and puncture repair kits etc. They would be installed within the confines of the kiosks, making them as indestructible as possible and to be protected from graffiti. Consultants work with the community to decide what is to be shown within the kiosks and how best to format the information. For any project work to commence the New Brighton Kiosk would need to be brought up to a reasonable standard to protect the insides from the elements and to safeguard the telephone box. To bring up to required standard, there would be a need to replace panes of glass with poly carbonate. It also needs to be rubbed down and repainted.

The PCSO reported one burglary other than dwelling. (Outbuilding)

She had been trying to contact Kingdom, the company who deal with littering offences, to have the dog fouling incidents dealt with.

PCSO Nichole Smith had spent time speed monitoring on the Minera Hall road by the School. There hadn't been any offenders to date.

Following concerns expressed by the chairman that there is an issue at the junctions near the school, she will show a presence around school opening or closing times.

There is a meeting scheduled with Sgt John Roberts 'Go Safe', at the junction of Cae Adar Lane at 11.00am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2016 to discuss the proposed location of the Go Safe van on a regular basis.

The PCSO advised how she will not be attending the meeting on a regular basis from now on. She will attend at special request or if there is a lot to report.

The clerk provided quotes from Kaspersky, MacAfee and Norton for internet security. It was proposed the Clerk proceed with the quote from Norton.

Cllr H Field and Cllr J Edwards are progressing footpath issues.

The football pitch is currently under control of the Education Department. The community council are to write to the school governors for their approval and support before applying for grant funding.

In his report the Chairman stated that he has responded to concerns expressed by some Gwynfryn residents in relation to a proposed temporary car park at the rear of the bus shelter. He has also spoken to the PCSO regarding complaints regarding dog attacks.

Following concerns regarding blocked drains on Willowbank Road, he has contacted WCBC Highways.

The chairman has again contacted Dee Valley water following previous complaint about water leaking at the bottom of Berwig Hill. Work has now been completed three months from when they were first notified.

He co-ordinated a meeting with interested parties to discuss footpaths near Lynwood between NWWT, Ramblers, Rights of Way along with MCC councillors John Edwards (chair) and Hazel Field (vice chair).

Following a complaint of overgrowth near the sub-station on Hall Road, Minera, the chair contacted Scottish Power who cleared the area next day. They also promised to do an inspection and maintenance of the area three times per annum.

The chairman reported that there are issues relating to the development at Maesteg, Gwynfryn. Under the Site Management Plans no vehicles should enter the housing estate opposite. All construction vehicles are to be parked on site. A large long vehicle which had difficulty accessing the site recently had to enter the whole length of the estate. The Site Traffic Management Plan had not been applied for prior to commencement of work. Vehicles are only to access the site via designated routes with no parking on highways.

MCC are not happy about lateness of planning documents.

The chairman has been liaising with the PCSO in response to dog complaints.

Having again contacted Dee Valley Water re Berwig Hill leak the job is completed.

He has also Co-ordinated a meeting with interested parties re footpaths issues.

Following a complaint re the overgrowth at the sub-station Minera, the chair contacted Scottish Power who tidied up the area next day and promised inspection every three months.

Large HGV entered Maesteg Avenue delivering to building site opposite. The Construction Management Plan for Maesteg, Gwynfryn had not been submitted prior to work commencing. The chair questioned why this had not been put in place earlier.

He reported a break-in at a garage on Fford Isaf, Gwynfryn. A compressor and circular saw were stolen. Police attended immediately.

A complaint was received in relation to resurfacing work carried out recently was level with the entrance to three driveways on Gegin Lane which would result in flooding of the properties. The chair contacted Highways who are addressing the issue.

He has reported that he had spoken to a lady regarding bringing her dogs by car specifically to foul in the Minera playground. She did pick up the mess and binned it.

An extra ordinary meeting on Monday the Coedpoeth car park was discussed. The main car park is overcrowded and is utilised by residents, commuters, users of the church and users of

the retail facilities in Coedpoeth which can mean the car park is congested. The community council had discussed how the Parish Hall/Old Library has a generous car park which is closer to the retail facilities in Coedpoeth, The Clerk is to write to Coedpoeth Community Council to see if this area could be opened up and used as an additional car park.

The chair reported that Jones Buses left a young lady with a pushchair stranded in Gwynfryn as she was refused access to the bus. The clerk is to arrange a meeting with Gary Jones.

In his report WCBC D Kelly advised how he had reports of contractors leaving grids and ditches full of debris after completing resurfacing work on Gegin Lane. Cllr D Kelly had advised Darren Williams of WCBC that it was not acceptable, and that it requires correcting.

The report on Gors & Berwig Quarries- Japanese Knotweed completed by Blue Sky Landscapes was read out. The proposals in the report were to complete one other treatment this year and to assess the growth and report again in 2017.

An e mail from a resident in relation to the Car Park in Gwynfryn was read out. The clerk is to write to Wales & West in relation to the scheme and if they are adhering to it and to see if they wish to proceed with the proposal for a car park.

Two e mails were received from the Co-op in relation to reopening the closed toilet at the Coedpoeth store. This facility will not be reinstated due to reckless vandalism. They advised they would look into the possibility of incorporating a toilet in the new store to be located by Five Crosses, Minera.

An e mail was received from TCC in relation to a group from St. Mary's church with an issue of parking on Church Road, Minera. The clerk is to reply to the TCC advising that unless there is an alternative proposal, there is no land suitable therefore there is no requirement for a meeting.

Cllr D Kelly re:Traffic Calming Measures. He explained in detail what was being planned in the Minera Ward.

An e mail had been received in relation to the Consultation of Fire & Rescue Services after the cut-off date for correspondence to be included at the meeting. However due to the importance of the issue it was included. The clerk is to write to confirm MCC support and to ask in which way we can assist in objecting to the proposed cuts.

Planning Applications P2016/0739 & P2016/0740 Phase 2 & 3 Tomlinson's dairy extension. The community council believe that the proposed development at Tomlinson's dairy is a welcomed investment and a provider of additional employment within the local area and is to be encouraged in the current economic climate. However the impact on the Minera Ward and its influence was discussed at length.

The Minera community council confirmed the planning application should go ahead but with the following conditions:-

- The access onto site for staff from the Gwern y Gaseg Road is to be disallowed. The junction to the main road (A525) is insufficient. Other roads in the area are unsuitable and insufficient for increased traffic. This includes Willowbank Road which is a single track lane which leads onto the Talwrn Road where cars are parked on one side making this single file traffic. There is also a children's nursery at the narrowest point. Unless there is a scheme of major improvement at the Five Crosses junctions.
  - The visual impact of the factory operations are to be addressed with more than adequate screening.
  - The height of the proposed new milk silos are a concern. They are adverse to the current skyline. Can they be redesigned to be more visually appealing.
  - The road into the Minera Industrial Estate is to be improved due to increased traffic, providing car parking facilities for the estate where possible.
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- The use of plastic blow moulding plant is to be exclusively for Tomlinson's product production on this site alone, and not to fulfil contracts for other companies at other locations.

The items detailed above are to be e mailed by the clerk to David Williams in the absence of Matthew Phillips, as soon as possible, to enable them to be included in the paperwork for the planning meeting scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

It was reported that stiles on Footpath No 12, Gors to Berwig Hill need replacing. The clerk is to write to Rights of Way to request replacements.