

**OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Report of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**MEMBERS**

Councillor Sarah Roberts (Chairman)

“ John Williams (Vice-Chairman)

“ Christine Griffiths

“ Caroline Dawson

“ Kevin Hughes

“ R Alun Jenkins

“ Alex Jones

“ Angela Jones

“ David Jones\*

“ Barbara Lloyd

“ Elane Roberts\*

“ Graham Rogers\*

“ Jim Steele\*

“ Linda Subacchi

“ Steven Vale\*

“ Keith Williams

“ Graham Wynn

“ Phillip Wynn\*

\* Absent

The meeting was also attended by Ms Helen McCarthy the Admin Officer and Mr Barry Argent from Empress Rd.

Mr Argent addressed members on the problems that residents on Empress Rd and Bersham Rd have been experiencing over many years caused by problem tenants in 2 HMO properties at nos 8 and 10 Empress Rd. Despite recent police presence and 2 eviction notices there are still problems and a request for help and guidance from the Community Council was made.

Cllr R Alun Jenkins confirmed that the Licensing Dept at WCBC are aware of the problems associated with these properties and have been working with the police on dealing with the issues resulting in the 2 recent eviction notices.

Cllr Keith Williams said that the fault lay with the lack of support provided for tenants like these and he sympathised with the residents in the area.

Cllr Kevin Hughes called on a multi-agency approach to deal with the problems involving the police and licensing dept at WCBC. Residents have been asked to keep a log of incidents and this together with the support of the police could be used to bring a case against the landlord.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive of WCBC and the Head of Licensing and Public Protection Mr Ian Jones to strongly complain about the current situation and request that one of the HMO Licenses is removed and the HMO closed as requested by the police. The Clerk will also contact the police to request that the police CCTV camera is located near the properties.

**355 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Jones, Jim Steele, Steven Vale, Phil Wynn, Elane Roberts and Graham Rogers.

**356 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made.

**357 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Management, Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.

**358 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Slimming World outstanding invoice – the Admin Officer confirmed that recovery of the debt had now been passed to the bailiffs.
2. Defibrillator – the Clerk confirmed that the cabinet was now installed on the wall outside Bradley Rd Church and the defibrillator is being donated through ‘Save a life’ NHS Cymru.
3. Roller Shutters for Maesgwyn Centre – 3 suppliers had been approached and 2 quotations received. **It was AGREED to proceed with the quotation from GHL for £1,302.50 plus vat.**
4. The Clerk updated members on the office move. The new office is being re-decorated next week with the move to take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.
5. The Clerk requested that all articles for the next newsletter are received by early April.

**359 PICNIC IN THE PARK EVENT**

The Clerk reported on plans for the ‘Picnic in the Park’ event planned for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The event will be held in Bellevue Park from 2pm till 7pm. Families will be invited to bring picnics and a band will be playing in the bandstand from 2 till 4pm. From 4 till 5pm there will be folk dancing with another band from 5 till 7pm. More volunteers were needed for the event and asked to dress up in 50s and 60s outfits. A Jubilee treasure hunt will be organised for children. Local veterans will be invited and provided with free fish and chips. In the case of bad weather the community centre will be available. Cllr Linda Subacchi will approach Ysgol Bodhyfryd to enquire about the school children singing at the event.

**It was AGREED to get quotes for the purchase of a PA System.**

**360 RWF PROJECT**

The Clerk updated members on the project. The tender packs had been submitted to 4 firms but only 1 tender had been received to date for the groundworks contract. **It was AGREED for the groundworks to be broken down into sections if necessary, with priority given in the first instance to the plinth and statue.**

The Clerk confirmed that the time frame for groundworks to commence had now been extended to the end of September 2022.

**361 OFFA CARNIVAL 2022**

The Clerk gave a further report. Attractions booked and confirmed included: Cheshire Falconry, Donkeys, Land Train, Circus Skills Workshop, Punch and Judy and Brickfield Football Competitions and Stokes Amusements. Hack horse sanctuary will be running the dog show at the event.

**362 GRANTS BUDGET 21/22**

It was RESOLVED to approve the following grants paid under the power of section 137 of the LGA 1972:

Cylch Meithrin Bodhyfryd	£75
Cylch Meithrin Brynycabanau	£75
Picnic in the Park event	£500
Victoria School – outdoor area	£200
Family Friends	£50
WXM Allotment Association	£50
Wrexham Sounds	£100
FC United of Wrexham	£200
Wales Air Ambulance	£200

**363 EXPENSE CLAIMS**

Expense claims for February were reported as follows:

The Clerk	£77.06
The Community Agent	£66.82
The Admin Officer	£93.35

**364 SALARY DETAILS**

Standard salary details totalling £5,707.08 were reported to the Committee for March to include the monthly payment to the Clwyd Pension Fund and 2 members Independent Remuneration payments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8 pm





