Minera News May and June 2023

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Minera Community Council (MCC) met in May and June. The Annual Meeting was also held in May, at which Chair and Vice Chair were appointed for this year.

Two residents attended our meeting to tell the Council about the problems they have encountered following the heavy rain we had in Minera in May. Wrexham Council (WCBC) have cleared some of the blocked drains, and discussions are continuing about maintenance of drainage on land adjacent to the affected properties. Cllr Jerry Wellens is supporting the residents in their discussions with WCBC.

The defibrillators installed by MCC (in Gwynfryn, Minera Lead Mines and New Brighton kiosk) are all registered on The Circuit and guardians appointed to ensure they are ready for use at any time.

The broken bench on the Berwig line will be reported to the wildlife Trust, on whose land it sits.

The entrance created off Church Rd, between the Tyn y Capel, and Pen y Nant requires a dropped kerb to be installed before it can be used. WCBC Planning Dept has informed the landowner of this planning condition.

There have been a number of anti-social behaviour incidents in the community in the past two months. Some are low level, but there is particular concern about young people accessing the Minera Hall site, which poses a danger to them. MCC and Cllr Wellens have engaged the site owners, WCBC and the police in discussion for advice and action. The outcome is that the site owners will erect effective fencing to prevent access. The police will log all incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to our local PCSO, to build a picture which will enable them to take enforcement action when appropriate

The governors of Minera School are actively involved in helping the school respond to the recent Estyn determination. MCC has indicated its support for the school.

Our Community Agent continues to be busy responding to referrals of older people requiring her support and advice, as well as her involvement in groups and activities. The Coronation event, involving older people, and children from Minera school, was particularly successful.

A quotation to complete the landscaping in New Brighton for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee commemoration has been received and the work will be finished later this year. The other commemorative trees planted across the five communities are all flourishing.

The internal audit of MCC's accounts for 22-23 has now been signed off, and the accounts submitted to Audit Wales. They will be posted on the website when authorised.

MCC made donations towards the maintenance of the football field, the churchyard, and SSAFA, which supports some ex-service personnel in our community

MCC has sought advice from WCBC about applying to define the two footpaths which cross the front of Lynwood and Rock Cottage, near to Minera quarry. If anyone has walked either of these paths in the past, and would be able to confirm this, it would help the application. Please contact the Clerk, who will give you the relevant form.

Interest in being co-opted as a Member of the Community Council has been received. The process is now advertised on our website and notice boards, and any people interested are encouraged to come forward.