

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd January 2017

7:30p.m. at The Rainbow Centre, Penley

Present: Cllr. P. Jones, Cllr. J. Blanchard, Cllr. Lord Kenyon, Cllr. Mrs. W. Sime,
Cllr. Mrs. R. Bettis, Cllr. Mrs. R. Coathupe-Fox, Mrs. L. Houston (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. Ms. D. Kettle (holiday), Cllr. G. Williams, (work commitment),
Cllr. G. Aza, (work commitment), PCSO's Maurice and Simister (rest
day)

1. Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Vice Chair.

3. Matters arising.

- Item 7 – 146 Bus Service. Information had been received to confirm that the service would continue from 19th December 2016 under an emergency tender. A new tender is being arranged to begin in April 2017.
- Item 7 - Development at Big Green Farm. The solicitor for the developer confirmed that there are two applications for a total of 25 houses, but no plans for a further 18 houses as reported by a member of the public.
- Item 10a) – Damage has been reported to Wrexham County Borough Council and acknowledgement received.
- Item 16 – Play project. Clerk had contacted Aaron Jones, the new Senior Playworker for Groundwork North Wales. There are no immediate plans to re-visit Penley to run play sessions due to commitments in other areas of the County Borough. However training could be provided for parents or other community members to run these groups. It was agreed that this training would be a good idea. Agreed that the clerk would contact The Maelor School to ask if young people doing Duke of Edinburgh Award or the Welsh Baccalaureate might be interested in this training.

4. Police Report.

The report had been received by email. PCSO's continue to monitor the parking outside The Madras School. No problems at present.

There were no crimes in Bettisfield.

In Penley there were three complaints of Anti-Social Behaviour which are being investigated.

5. Open Forum.

No community members attended.

6. County Council matters.

The budget is being prepared and will be presented to the Executive Board in January or February. Council Tax will increase by at least 3%.

There will be further cuts because the overall budget will be reduced.

There will be a further three years of savings to make. Schools should not be affected because their funding is protected.

7. Penley Playground.

- Cheques for grant funding totalling £25,000 have been received and will be banked. Cllr. Mrs. Coathupe-Fox will obtain quotations for new equipment. Timescale for work 12-18 months.
- Cllr. Mrs. Bettis had researched information about grants through ASDA. Clerk to contact Community Champion at the Wrexham store.
- Cllr. Mrs. Bettis will also contact Tesco in Ellesmere regarding Community grants.

8. Website.

Mr. Bettis has translated the website information into Welsh and this has been uploaded. The minutes of meetings will also be translated and uploaded once approved by councillors.

9. Streetscene

a) Penley – Overhanging trees in Penley Hall Drive to be checked

b) Bettisfield – Clerk to chase up the Cadney sign. Also several potholes to be reported.

A contact at the council for these matters has been established.

Planning

a) Applications:

P/2016/1118 –Thirteen properties at Big Green Farm, Penley. There were no objections, with the proviso that a contribution be made towards increasing capacity at Madras School and towards the improvement of play facilities in the village.

P/2016 – 1119 - Twelve properties at land south of Big Green Farm, Penley. The council wishes to lodge an objection to development of green space.

P/2016/ - 1129 - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate at The Hawthorns, Sandy Bank, Penley. There were no comments.

b) Decisions.

P/2016/0751 - Granted

P/2016/0858 - Granted

P/2016/0753 - Pending

10. Village Projects:

a) Penley

No new projects in Penley at present.

b) Bettisfield.

Play area – provision of new play equipment to be discussed with the Village Hall Committee.

11. Meetings attended by Councillors.

No meetings attended this month.

12. Payment of Bills.

Payable to	Proposer	Secunder	Amount	Cheque number
*iBeacon project			750.00	000735 cancelled
Audit charge	Cllr. Mrs. W.Sime	Cllr. Mrs. R. Coathupe-Fox	236.00	000740
Mr. G. Williams (grass cutting)	Cllr. Mrs. R. Coathupe-Fox	Cllr. Mrs. W.Sime	100.00	000741
Mrs. Audrey Hughes (Planter)	Cllr. P. Jones	Cllr. Mrs. R. Coathupe-Fox	2.99	000742

* Having looked into the detail of the iBeacon project, councillors no longer felt this to be a suitable project for Bettisfield. This cheque will

therefore be cancelled. Clerk to write to Sarah Jones at Cadwyn Clwyd to withdraw from the project.

14. Income and Expenditure since the last meeting.

The accounts were presented.

Treasurer's Account				
Date	Credits	Debits	Paid to/from	Balance
30.11.16				13,996.24
6.12.16		59.51	Mrs. L. Houston Clerk's expenses Chq. No 000736	13,936.73
6.12.16		117.14	WCBC Street Lighting Chq. No. 000737	13,819.59
6.12.16		623.09	Mrs. L. Houston Clerk's salary Chq. No. 000738	13,196.50
6.12.16		1779.00	Penley Village Hall Donation Chq. No. 000739	11,417.50
Business Instant Access Account				
6.12.16				9,486.36

Total available Funds: 20,903.86

Committed Funds:

Penley Playground	5,000.00
Funds raised, playground	480.00
Benches	1,000.00
Penley Village Hall donation	221.00
TOTAL:	6,701.00
	<u>14,202.86</u>

Bank statements to be checked against expenditure by Cllr. Mrs. Sime, for audit purposes.

15. Correspondence.

Received from	Action to be taken
Welsh Government – Expenditure limit for 2017-18	Calculation to be included in accounts for audit purposes.
WCBC – Community Council Elections - Information event for clerks	Clerk to attend on February 14 th 2017.
Home Start – request for donation	To be deferred to March meeting.

16. (i) Councillor vacancies in Bettisfield

Notices advertising the two vacancies to be put up in Bettisfield. The closing date for nominations and requests for an election will be 24th January 2017.

(ii) Election of Chairperson.

Cllr. J. Blanchard agreed to continue as Vice Chairman and to Chair meetings in the absence of a Chairperson.

17. Any Other Business.

- Wrexham Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Initial Consultation. Responses to the consultation were discussed. Clerk to collate and submit.
- Up to date information requested about the sale of Cardminder wallets.
- It was suggested that it might be easier to recruit new councillors if they were to represent just their own village.

It was felt that there will probably be some re-organisation in the next two years, so it may be possible to request this, although there will be legal requirements to fulfil. However, it would not be financially viable for Bettisfield to stand alone. It is also desirable to keep the size of constituencies of equal size. Further information may be obtained from the Boundary Commission.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:31 p.m.