

## MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at

The Rainbow Centre, Penley.

Apologies: Cllr. Ms. D. Kettle, (attending funeral) PCSO's M. Simister (work commitment) and L. Maurice, (rest day) Cllr. Mrs. R. Coathupe-Fox (family commitments)

Present: Cllr. J. Blanchard, Cllr. P. Jones, Cllr. Mrs Lee-Jones, Cllr. Mrs. Dunne, Cllr. Mrs. Sime, Cllr. Mrs. Bettis, Cllr. Aza, Mrs. L. Houston, (Clerk)

### 1. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. P. Jones declared an interest as Church warden for Bettisfield Church.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting.

Corrections: Item 3 Point 7 – **106** to be inserted.

Item 11a) The current owner of the grass area at Hillcrest was probably the developer and had never resided in Penley.

Item 11a) The sentence ' Householders neighbouring this land would be approached for their consent' to be removed.

Cllr. Mrs. Sime proposed and Cllr. Mrs. Bettis seconded that the minutes were then signed as a true record of the previous meeting.

### 3. Matters Arising.

Item 7b) The Village Hall Committee has been approached about holding a joint summer event. No response received as yet.

Item 13: Clerk had contacted Playsafety to enquire about playground inspection and maintenance. A ROSPA accredited inspector would carry out an annual inspection each June. Cost would be £66.50 for up to 5 items, £3.50 per item over 5. Email confirmation needed.

Item 14: Actions following scrutiny of bank statements:

- The clerk has produced and will maintain a spreadsheet recording payments for planters.
- Clerk has produced a budget plan.

Item 16:

- The council insurance policy does include cover for legal expenses.
- Co-opted councillors signed a formal Acceptance of Office.

### 4. Police Report.

The police report had been received by email.

It referred to problems with shoplifting at Penley Stores, one RTC in Penley and one report of Anti-Social Behaviour. There had been no reported concerns in Bettisfield during this period.

### 5. County Council matters.

No report was received.

#### 6. Penley Playground.

An open meeting had been held prior to the Council Meeting to consult residents regarding the equipment they and their children would like to see in the playground.

A working party had been looking at prices from various companies and had produced a board with some suggested equipment and prices.

A site meeting had been held on the afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> March with the contractor used by A E Evans of Lightwood Green.

It is hoped that completed surveys will be returned within one week so that key pieces can be ordered within a month and work on the park refurbishment can begin within two months.

#### 7. Open Forum.

No issues were raised.

#### 8. Website.

Cllr. Aza volunteered to assist Cllr. Mrs. Coathupe-Fox with any updates needed to the website.

#### 9. Streetscene

##### a) Bettisfield

There are concerns about dog fouling along the tow path. It was agreed to place signs at various points and also to contact the Canal and River Trust about provision of bins.

WCBC had been contacted to report potholes and flooding.

A sign for The Cadney has still not been provided. Clerk to chase up with WCBC.

##### b) Penley.

A sign is needed for Chapel Gardens.

Potholes at the Penley end of Red Hall Lane to be reported.

A litter bin needed at Penmere Park.

#### 10. Planning

A) Applications: P/2017/0146 – Residential development of up to 9 houses on land off Ellesmere Lane, Penley.

Two members of the community were in attendance. They strongly oppose the proposed development and were seeking support from the Community Council. They requested that a

Community Council representative be in attendance at Appeal Hearings or Public Enquiries regarding planning applications. Councillors agreed that they would certainly attend if they were informed of the dates of meetings.

It was suggested that a sub-committee comprising local residents and Council representatives be set up to discuss planning issues. All were in favour.

The Community Council also oppose this development and will make the planning authority aware of the reasons for their objections in writing.

##### B) Decisions

P/2017/0035 – Canal Cottage, Bettisfield    APPROVED

P/2017/0026 – lane End, Penley – PENDING

#### 11. Village Projects

##### a) Bettisfield

Donkey field and tow path.

Cllr. Jones had followed up on a previous meeting with a Canal and River Trust to discuss plans for the two locations. Nothing further had been heard, although at the time the idea to install a fitness trail along the tow path had been considered a good one.

The grass on the donkey field is now very high and residents are concerned that it presents a fire hazard. Cllrs. Jones and Blanchard will follow this up.

##### b) Penley

- Grass area at Hillcrest: Mr. G. Williams is willing to take on the job of cutting the grass. Cllr. Sime proposed that the Community Council try to buy this land. Ownership needs to be established. Cllr. Aza offered to use a contact to do this. Mr. Williams will also take on tree felling on the waste land near to Penley Hospital.
- Cllr. Aza has contacted Ken Skates AM to ask for support in converting The Dymock Arms into a gym. Alternatively, a unit on Penley Industrial Estate could be used. Cllr. Aza advised that this type of development was not within the Community Council's remit. It was suggested that a piece of land near to the Broken Bridge play space could be used as an outdoor gym facility. Good fencing would be required.

#### 12. Meetings attended by councillors.

Cllr. Mrs. Sime had attended a Wrexham LAG meeting.

Cllr. Mrs. Bettis had attended a meeting of the Maelor School Governing Body.

#### 13. Elections 2017

The Clerk distributed nomination packs and went through the requirements and deadlines or handing in nominations to Electoral Services at Wrexham County Borough Council.

Completed nomination papers must be handed in person to Electoral Services by 4p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

#### 14. Payment of bills.

Rainbow Centre – Hire of Meeting Room for December 2016 and January, February and March 2017 - £20.

Payment proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Sime and seconded by Cllr. Jones.

Cheque number 000748

#### 15. Charitable donations.

Recipient	Amount	Cheque Number	Proposed by	Seconded by
Bettisfield Village Hall	£475	000749	WS	HD
Church Wardens, Bettisfield	£275	000750	YL-J	PJ
Penley Village Hall	£680	000751	WS	JB
Penley Church	£410	000752	GA	RB

Wales Air Ambulance	£125	000753	RB	HD
Hope House Hospice	£125	000754	RB	WS
Nightingale House Hospice	£125	000755	JB	PJ
Blood Bikes	£125	000756	JB	PJ

There were no objections.

**16. Income and expenditure since the last meeting.**

Treasurer's Account				
Date	Credits	Debits	Paid to/from	Balance
27.01.17				10,948.51
9.02.17		144.25	Cheque No. 000732 Penycae CC ROSPA training	10,804.26
14.02.17		661.20	Cheque No. 000743 Furnitubes bettisfield bench	10,143.06
15.02.17		124.11	Cheque No. 000744 Scottish Power	10,018.95
20.02.17		70.35	H. Birch Cheque no. 000746 Defib installation	9,948.60
02.03.17	22.00		Sale of Cardminder wallets	9,970.60
Business Instant Access Account				
27.01.17				9487.15
9.02.17	0.40		Interest	9,487.55
10.02.17	25,000		Grant cheques	34,487.55

Total available Funds		44,458.15
Committed Funds:	Penley Playground	5,000.00
	Funds raised, playground	480.00
	Benches	1,000.00
	Village Hall donation	220.00
	Election Expenses	2500.00

TOTAL: 9,200.00

BALANCE: 35,258.15

17. Correspondence.

From	Subject	Action
Cllr. P. Jones	Nag's Head Development Section 106 payment	Clerk has contacted Planning Department and is awaiting a reply.
Mrs. S. Evans, The Smithy, Overton Road, Penley	Damage to boundary fencing of property caused by RTA	Clerk to write to Highways Dept. supporting erection of crash barrier and to inform Mrs. Evans.
Martin Howorth, WCBC	Information and signs re: dog fouling	Information passed on.
WCBC	Play Sufficiency Grant	Application submitted.
Mr. Gerald Williams	Increase in charges to £12 per hour for grass cutting and maintenance jobs.	Increase accepted.

18. Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 22.33