

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30p.m.

at Bettisfield Chapel

**Apologies:** Cllr. Ms. D. Kettle (prior engagement) Cllr. Mrs. R. Coathupe-Fox (family illness)

**Present:** Cllr. J. Blanchard, (Vice Chair), Cllr. P. Jones, Cllr. G. Williams, Cllr. Mrs. W. Sime, Cllr. Mrs. R. Bettis, Cllr. Mrs. Y. Lee-Jones, Cllr. Mrs. H. Dunne, PCSO M. Simister, Mrs. Karen Owen, (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Mrs. L. Houston (Clerk)

**1. Declarations of Interest.**

There were none.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting.**

These were agreed to be a true record of the previous meeting and were duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising.**

Item 11- Potholes in roads at Red Hall Lane, Penley and Cadney Lane, Bettisfield have been reported.

Request for signs at Chapel Gardens, Penley and The Cadney, Bettisfield have been made, along with a bin for Penmere Park, Penley.

There was no report with regard to the ownership of the land at Hillcrest, Penley. The Clerk will contact the Land Registry to establish ownership.

**4. Police Report.**

PCSO Simister presented the report.

There were reports of Anti-Social Behaviour, Criminal Damage and Arson in Penley.

There were no crimes reported in Bettisfield.

Councillors asked about the possibility of holding 'Cuppa with a Copper' events to improve relationships between the police and residents. PCSO Simister did not feel that these were so successful in rural areas, but possibly the police and councillors could join in a proposed coffee morning being planned by Karen Owen from BCUHB.

**5. County Council Matters.**

No report was received.

**6. Penley Hospital**

Mrs. K. Owen – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – Information regarding Penley Hospital. Mrs. Owen reported on measures to improve the Trust's engagement with the public, staff and partners, which was one of the factors responsible for the placing of BCUHB in Special Measures by the Welsh Government. The Trust wants to include the views of everyone in the planning of future services.

She invited the views of councillors on the opening up of hospital services at Penley. The admission criteria for Polish residents would be maintained, but other residents would also be able to use available bed spaces.

Councillors had been disappointed by the lack of support from BCUHB for the development of Hanmer Surgery. Mrs. Owen advised that the clerk should invite the Primary Care Manager, Janet Ellis, to a meeting to discuss this.

**7. Open Forum**

No matters were raised.

**8. Hanmer Arms**

It was reported that Hanmer Community Council Shared MSCC's concerns about the future of The Hanmer Arms.

It was suggested that a committee representing Maelor South, Bettisfield and Bronington Community Councils be set up to establish whether this was a listed building. Clerk will also contact CADW.

Cllrs. Jones and Blanchard will represent MSCC on this committee. Clerk will contact the other Community Councils to arrange a date for an initial meeting.

**9. Penley Playground**

The working party reported that another grant application for £5000 from WCBC's Play Sufficiency Programme had been successful.

Members of the working party had visited several play grounds in the Wrexham area and had agreed on the type of equipment and the suppliers they preferred.

MOTION: Does the Council give the playground committee authority to go ahead with decisions regarding the ordering of equipment?

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Blanchard. All were in favour.

**10. Website.**

Nothing to report at present.

**11. Streetscene**

a) Bettisfield

Speeding in Bettisfield is still a cause for great concern.

The camera has recorded valuable data, including a top speed of 91 mph. 25% of vehicles travel in excess of 60mph, with a large proportion exceeding 80mph.

The Highways Department at WCBC had previously promised to look into this once their survey of A and B roads is complete at the end of April. It was agreed that Cllr. Jones would draft a letter to Darren Green to present to Councillors at the May meeting.

Posters warning about dog fouling had been made and displayed in Bettisfield. These contain a dedicated contact number which residents can use to report incidents that they witness. It was agreed that a copy of the poster would be emailed for use in Penley.

b) Penley.

It was noted that new lamp posts had been installed along the main road in Penley, but the one on the island in the middle of the road had been omitted.

**12. Planning**

a) Applications.

P/2017/0225 Dymock Cottage – Approved

P/2017/0209 Cheshire Cheese Two Storey Extension

Councillors wished to lodge their objection to this application because they consider it to be a false application. This would appear to be a separate dwelling which is 20% bigger than the original property.

P/2017/0210 Cheshire Cheese Agricultural Building, Entrance and Driveway.

Councillors object to this application because there is no agricultural connection.

b) Decisions

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Fence at Chapel House, Penley – this retrospective application has gone to appeal.

### 13. Village Projects

a) Bettisfield:

(i) CART update

Cllrs. Jones and Blanchard have met with Amanda Morgan from the Northwich office of the Canal and River Trust. They had looked at the Donkey Field and she agreed that it would make an excellent community asset if the Community Council could take over the lease from CART. She will make contact again when she has further information regarding long-term plans.

Ms. Morgan seemed less keen on the idea of a fitness trail along the canal. However, this would receive support from BCUHB because of the potential health benefits for people who used the trail.

The Council agreed that if the Donkey Field should become available for purchase, they would be very interested in making that purchase.

(ii) Playground at the Village Hall.

Councillors are keen to improve the play area and had approached the Village Hall committee for support. Mr. Peter Shaw has informed councillors that this comes under the Village Hall remit. It will be brought up at the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall in July.

b) Penley

Councillors are focused on the playground development at the moment and will delay other projects until this is complete.

### 14. Meetings attended by councillors.

Cllr. P. Jones and Cllr. J. Blanchard had attended the meeting with Amanda Morgan (CART).

Cllr. Mrs. Lee-Jones and Cllr. Mrs. Dunne attended a meeting with North Wales Police which focused on the deployment of PCSO's in our area.

### 15. Elections 2017

Following the submission of nomination forms, candidates will know on 25<sup>th</sup> April whether there will be an election in the Maelor South ward.

**16. Payment of bills.**

WCBC Quarterly SLA street Lighting	£117.14	Proposed by Cllr. P. Jones Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Lee-Jones
Cheque number 000757		
WCBC Repair to street light	£353.09	As this work has not yet been carried out, it was decided to withhold payment until completion.
Mr. G. Williams Grasscutting	£174.00	Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Sime Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bettis
Cheque number 000758		

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

Treasurer's Account				
Date	Credits	Debits	Paid to/from	Balance
02.03.17				9,970.60
07.03.17		20.00	Rainbow Centre Room Hire Cheque No. 000748	9,950.60
07.03.17		475.00	Donation to Bettisfield Village Hall Cheque No 000749	9,475.60
07.03.17		275.00	Donation to Church Wardens, Bettisfield Cheque No. 000750	8,925.60
07.03.17		680.00	Donation to Penley Village Hall Cheque No. 000751	8,245.60
07.03.17		410.00	Donation to St.Mary Magdalene Church, Penley Cheque No. 000752	7,835.60
07.03.17		125.00	Donation to Wales Air Ambulance Cheque No. 000753	7,710.60
07.03.17		125.00	Donation to Hope House Hospice Cheque NO. 000754	7,585.60
07.03.17		125.00	Donation to Nightingale House Hospice Cheque No. 000755	7,460.60
07.03.17		125.00	Donation to Blood Bikes Cheque No. 000756	7,335.60

	275.00		Contribution towards bench at Bettisfield Church Cllr. Mrs. Lee-Jones	7,610.60
	28.62		Refund of payment for street lighting SLA Cheque No. 000747	7639.22
03.04.17	3,621.34		Precept payment 1 2017/18	11,260.56
Business Instant Access Account				
10.02.17				34,487.55
	1.32		Interest	34,488.87
31.03.17	5,000		Play Sufficiency Grant	39,487.55

Total available Funds 50,749.43

Committed Funds:

Penley Playground	30,000.00
Funds raised, playground	480.00
Benches	1,000.00
Village Hall donation	220.00
Election Expenses (May 2017)	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>34,200.11</b>

**BALANCE: 16,549.32**

## 18. Correspondence.

Acknowledgement of donations received from Hope House Hospice, Nightingale House Hospice, Bettisfield Village Hall, Penley Church.

Received from	Action
Mrs. Millington, Bettisfield, concerning a speeding vehicle which could have caused a fatal accident.	The letter was passed to Cllr. Jones, who will use it as part of the evidence to be presented in support of speed restrictions being imposed through Bettisfield.
Letter from Hanmer Community Council regarding the waiting times for the ambulance service.	Clerk will reply to Hanmer CC to offer support. Clerk to contact Karen Owen to establish which Health Trust is responsible for our area.
Letter from The Rainbow Centre regarding their quarterly newsletter.	Clerk will submit a report on current Council projects and also request a regular slot to keep the community up to date on Council activities.

## 19. Any Other Business.

- Cllr. Mrs. Sime proposed that the date of the next meeting be delayed until after the elections of May 4<sup>th</sup>. This was seconded by Cllr. Blanchard and all were in favour. The AGM and next Council meeting will take place at 7:30p.m. on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at Bettisfield Chapel.
- As Councillor Williams has moved to Whitchurch, he is unable to stand for Maelor South Community Council. This was therefore his last meeting. Council thanked him for his valued input during his term as councillor.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:38