

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Bettisfield Chapel

Tuesday, 6th June 2017 at 7:30p.m.

Present: Cllr. J. Blanchard, Cllr. P. Jones, Cllr. Mrs. H. Dunne, Cllr. Mrs. Y Lee-Jones,
Cllr. Mrs. R. Bettis, Cllr. J. Griffiths, PCSO L. Maurice, PCSO M. Simister,
Mrs. L. Houston (Clerk)

Apologies. Councillor Mrs. W. Sime (holiday) Cllr. Ms. D. Kettle (previous engagement)
Councillor John McCusker arrived late due to earlier meetings.

1. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. J. Griffiths, Planning Application, Ellesmere Lane, Penley

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes were confirmed to be a true record of the previous meeting and were duly signed by the Vice-Chair.

3. Matters arising.

- Land at Hillcrest. The clerk wrote to the landowner, Mrs. Liggins on 10th May 2017, but has not yet received a reply. It was agreed to wait a little longer before approaching her again.
It was reported that Mr. Gerald Williams had been approached by a resident of Hillcrest while cutting the grass there, asking who had given him authority to cut the grass. He placed his vehicle on the land to prevent grass cutting. Mr. Williams referred the resident to the Community Council.
- Hanmer Arms. Hanmer Community Councillors would prefer not to meet at the moment because they fear that if the owners became aware of such a meeting, it would prompt them to move more quickly with their plans. It was agreed that Hanmer Community Council should take the lead on this.
Clerk has contacted CAMRA to check whether the pub can be registered under the Asset of Community Value scheme.
- One Voice Wales. The Community Council will receive a 50% discount for the first year of membership making the cost £100.05.
- Signs of the Times in Ellesmere quoted approximately £20 for an A4 size sign to be placed in woodland at Hillcrest to appeal against fly-tipping.

4. Police report.

The police report was received.

No crimes were reported in Bettisfield.

In Penley there was one case of criminal damage reported, but no evidence found. There were also three reports of anti-social behaviour.

A resident has voiced concerns to Cllr. Mrs. Bettis about youths stripping material from a garage at the rear of The Dymock Arms. There is a fear that this may contain asbestos. It was resolved to try to establish who owns this site.

5. County Council matters.

Cllr. John McCusker arrived at 8:30p.m.

There was no County Council business to report, but Cllr. McCusker outlined his plans and priorities. It was agreed that the Clerk would keep him informed of Community Council issues and that he would support the following:

- The provision of a 30mph speed limit for Bettisfield.
- Help to establish ownership of the Dymock Arms site and report back to the Community Council.
- Support the objection to a housing development at the former Nag's Head, Bettisfield on the grounds of ecology and drainage issues.

6. Open Forum.

Two members of the community of Penley attended. They wished to discuss the cutting of grass at Hillcrest. They claimed to have been maintaining the area since 1985, with permission from Mr. Liggins initially. There was no formal written agreement made. Mrs. Liggins wishes the land to be maintained as a conservation area. The trees are protected and the land is visited by pipistrelle bats. Residents were concerned that the Community Council is planning to place playground equipment on the land, but were reassured this was not the case. They also objected to young children using the land to play football on Sundays, supervised by a parent, but eventually agreed that the children could continue to play, as long as they stayed away from the boundary wall.

Residents shared the Community Council's concerns about fly-tipping in the woodland near to Hillcrest. Those 17 acres are also owned by Mrs. Liggins and will not be built on.

It was agreed that the Council and residents should work together to formulate an action plan for future progress.

7. Penley Playground.

Benches have been delivered and work is expected to begin on the installation of play equipment on 19th June 2017.

8. Website.

Illness has prevented councillors attending training on website administration, but this is to be rearranged soon.

9. Streetscene

a) Bettisfield.

Nothing to report.

b) Penley

A hedge in Ellesmere Lane is blocking the pavement for pedestrians. A polite request will be sent to the householder to cut it back.

A 30mph sign is missing on one side of Ellesmere Lane and on the other side the sign is covered by a hedge. To be reported to Highways.

10. Planning

a) Applications

P/2017/0389 – Extension to provide morning room and extension to boot room.
The Orchard, Burgess Lane, Penley. There were no objections.

b) Decisions

P/2017/0225 – Dymock Cottages, Halghton Lane, Penley GRANTED

P/2017/0270 – Three pairs of semi-detached houses, Ellesmere Lane, Penley PENDING

P/2017/0290 – Nine houses at former Nag's Head, Bettisfield PENDING

11. Village projects

a) Bettisfield

Cllr. Jones has been in discussion with Matt Hart, Chief Property Surveyor with CART. He has no objection to the Community Council leasing the Donkey Field for an initial 12 month period. He will inform Cllr. Jones of the charge as soon as possible. There are restrictions, namely that the land cannot be built on or major pieces of apparatus installed. However, picnic tables or benches would be acceptable. He also gave permission for a gate to allow pedestrian access to be installed. CART will mow the field initially and then the responsibility will lie with the Community Council. CART will get in touch when the lease is prepared. It was agreed that the Community Council would try for a longer lease at the end of the initial 12 month period and would not spend too much money on the land in this first year.

b) Penley

Cllr. Mrs. Bettis has approached The Maelor School to discuss a competition to design a logo for the Broken Bridge Play Space in Penley. Due to staffing issues, they could not commit at this point. It was agreed to approach Madras Primary School instead. Cllr. Mrs. Bettis reported that The Maelor School has a very strong School Council and proposed that some Community Councillors could attend one of their meetings to discuss with the students what facilities they would like to see in Penley. This suggestion was supported unanimously. Cllr. Bettis will try to arrange.

12. Meetings attended by councillors.

None.

13. Payment of bills.

Recipient	Amount	Cheque Number	Proposer	Seconder
*Penley Village Hall donation	680.00	000767	RB	YL-J
Zurich Municipal Insurance Premium	676.11	000764	PJ	HD
Clerk's expenses	204.70	000765	JG	RB
Clerk's salary	996.00	000766	JG	RB
Marmax – benches	968.40	000768	PJ	HD
Madras School - planter	11.38	000769	JG	RB
Mr. G. Williams grasscutting	210.00	000771	YL-J	RB
Ms. D. Kettle - planter	10.00	000770	HD	YL-J

*The cheque previously issued to Penley Village Hall has been lost. This was cancelled with the bank and a replacement cheque issued.

14. Income and Expenditure since the last meeting.

Treasurer's				
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Account				
Date	Credits	Debits	Paid to/from	Balance
28.04.17				16,867.10
10.05.17		60.93	Paul Scott Planter Chq. No. 000733	16,806.17
22.05.17		117.14	WCBC Street Light maintenance 01.01.17- 31.03.17 Chq. No. 000759	16,689.03
22.05.17		117.14	WCBC Street Light maintenance 01.07.16- 30,09,16 Chq. No 000760	16,571.89
22.05.17		353.09	WCBC Street Light repair Chq. No. 000761	16,218.80
23.05.17		121.72	Scottish Power Street Light electricity Chq. No. 000762	16,097.08
16.05.17	680.00		Cancelled cheque Penley Village Hall donation. Cheque No. 000751	16,777.08
Business Instant Access Account				
28.04.17				34,490.38
09.05.17	1.37		Interest	
09.05.17				34,491.75

Total available funds

51,268.83

Committed Funds

Penley Playground

35,000.00

Funds raised by community

480.00

Benches

1,000.00

Penley Village Hall

220.00

Election expenses May 2017

2,500.00

Unpresented cheque 000763
39,404.00

204.00 TOTAL

BALANCE

11,864.83

15. Correspondence.

From	Subject	Action
Cllr. Mrs. Sime	Prevention of grasscutting at Hillcrest	This matter was discussed under items 3 and 6
Cllr. Ms. D. Kettle	Resignation as Community Councillor	Clerk to write to Ms. Kettle expressing the Council's regret at her decision, but thanking her for her service.
One Voice Wales	Code of Conduct training	Clerk to email details to Councillors
One Voice Wales	Membership information.	Discuss At the next meeting.
Seafarers	Request to display posters to celebrate Merchant Navy Day on 3 rd September	Agreed to display posters nearer the time.

16. Co-option of new councillors for Penley.

There had been no interest expressed in the vacancies. The vacancies will be re-advertised. Clerk will notify Electoral Services of Cllr. Ms. Kettle's resignation and begin the process of advertising this vacancy.

17. Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10p.m.