

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

Present: Cllr. Mrs.W. Sime, Cllr. J. Blanchard, Cllr. Mrs. R. Bettis, Cllr. Mrs. H. Dunne, Cllr. J. Griffiths, Cllr. J. McCusker ,Mrs. S. Bywater, Mrs. H. Clarke, two members of the public. Mrs. L. Houston (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. P. Jones, (holiday) Cllr. Mrs.Y. Lee-Jones (illness) Cllr. G. Williams (work commitment) PCSO's M. Simister and L. Maurice.

1. Declarations of interest.

There were none.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the last meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising.

Item 8 – Signs have been made for the park in Penley requesting 'No Ball Games' and 'No Dogs. Mr. Gerald Williams will be asked to put them up.

Item 13a) The red telephone kiosk in Penley has now been adopted. Clerk to establish cost of moving it.

AOB – Mr. Gerald Williams is willing to tackle the problem of stagnant water at the Broken Bridge Play Space.

- Donations which the Council gives to the churches in Bettisfield and Penley will still go to them after re-organisation of Church in wales finances.

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4. Police report.

An email had been sent, but without the attachment containing the crime statistics. The theft of a mobile workman's canteen/welfare unit from near to Cambrian Cottages, Bettisfield was reported separately. It is thought this was taken over the weekend of September 30th/1st October. Police will welcome any information.

PCSO's provided answers to the questions asked at the last meeting:

- Speed monitoring in Bettisfield: As mentioned numerous times previously, this is a 60mph speed limit, so monitoring cannot be carried out. The speed data from the electronic signage used to be forwarded to ourselves, which in turn was passed on to our Go Safe department (speed enforcement dept.). Could this happen again?
- 20mph, Penley- please see the crime stats emerging issues. A number of drivers will be getting penalty notices and fines for defective vehicles with one having been seized by the police. We have received numerous complaints/angst from outlying residents about the reduction in speed limit and we have referred them to Highways. The general feeling was this was

unnecessary but was accepted that a reduction in speed was acceptable during school times. This causes a lot of frustration outside of these hours.

- Speed signage and speed limits are carried out by the Council, not the police, which includes repeater signs. Suggest contact with Highways dept. which deals with these matters. However I believe that repeater signs are only used in 40 plus areas unless they are purchased by the Community Council.
- Ellesmere Lane –We could carry out speed checks on Ellesmere Lane but at this moment in time it appears to be main routes that all local CC's are asking for monitoring. We will carry this out when time permits. However, I did notice that the 30mph signage from the Ellesmere side is defective in that there is only one sign that at the time of checking was obscured by hedge growth and the other sign on the opposite side of the road is completely missing.(It appears that the post and sign have been struck and damaged at some point in the past). These signs would need to be made good prior to any monitoring. Are there any specific incidents for dangerous or reckless driving whilst exiting driveways?

5. County Council matters.

Cllr. McCusker reported as follows:

Bettisfield Bridge has now been repaired.

The Planning department at WCBC hoped to make a final decision regarding the proposed development at the Nag's Head, Bettisfield soon.

The Rainbow Centre will be fundraising for a new mini bus over the next three weeks. Their target is £9,000. They hope that local individuals or businesses will donate and in return will have advertisements on the bus.

The Dymock Arms is on the market. Ken Skates AM has pledged his support for its redevelopment as a facility for the community.

There are ongoing problems with the 146 bus route.

There has been no contact as yet from Darren Green regarding consultation on the speed limit in Bettisfield.

Wrexham Chief Executive Dr. Helen Paterson is leaving for a new post in Walsall and therefore the planned visit to Penley will not take place.

6. Open Forum.

Mrs. Bywater spoke about the dispute over the footpath in Oak Avenue. She claims to have followed all correct legal procedures to acquire the land. This can be verified by WCBC Planning Department.

There was also discussion about the 30mph speed limit along Ellesmere Lane.

7. Revised Risk Assessment.

Councillors went through all the points in the draft document.

Points to revise:

Insurance policy documents will be checked in March each year to ensure adequate cover.

Meetings in Bettisfield- May – July and September.

All files will be stored securely on Google Drive.

Clerk to contact Jake Gurr and Morris Cook to get a quote for the internal audit and enquire about audit training for Clerk.

With these revisions, it was agreed to adopt the Risk Assessment.

8. Penley Playground.

The yew tree hedge will be planted to protect the fences of neighbouring properties. The small gate to the playground is very stiff and difficult to operate, especially for children. The cost for a new one is £800 + installation. The Community Council will look to access further grant funding to complete this and other smaller jobs. The problem with dog fouling persists. Clerk will contact the Dog Warden and put their number on the Council Facebook page.

9. Website.

Cllr. Bettis has received training on the administration of the website and will now spend some time with the Clerk to enable her to also work on it.

10. Streetscene

a) Penley

Streetlights reported out in Penmere Park. Clerk reported to WCBC, but was told that the Council has not yet adopted these roads and therefore responsibility lies with Morris Homes.

Lights 10, 11 and 12 are out in Ellesmere Lane.

b) Bettisfield

Potholes still a problem in Cadney Lane and The Cadney. Clerk to report again. Sign for The Cadney to be commissioned with Signs of the Times.

Ray Parry has been contacted re: development of playground at Bettisfield Village Hall.

11. Planning

i) Applications

P/2017/0789 Fairview, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield.

First floor extension in roof space, Ground floor rear extension.

Erection of double garage. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS.

P/2017/0778

Cheshire Cheese, Penley

Erection of agricultural building and formation of vehicular access.

THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS.

ii) Decisions

P/2017/0659 15, Ellesmere Lane.

Change of facing material from brickwork to render. GRANTED

12. Village Projects

a) Penley

- Red telephone kiosk.

Information from Cadwyn Clwyd received. Will grant £2500 funding if CC

contributes £750. Councillors did not feel this was worthwhile expenditure.

Clerk to get quote for moving the kiosk.

- There had been some concerns about siting the kiosk in the playground, but the majority of feedback via the Council Facebook page has been very positive.
- Mr. Simon Ellis, Headteacher at The Maelor School has confirmed that the school owns the football pitch between the Maelor and Madras Schools. He is willing to discuss community use with the Community Council. Clerk had information on Football Cages. Will find out more and circulate to Councillors.
- A sign will be ordered to discourage littering in the Broken Bridge area – ‘Outdoor Play Area Please Respect.’

b) Bettisfield.

- The licence for the Donkey Field has been received. The grass has been cut.
- Bettisfield councillors are still keen to purchase village gateways.
- The list of planter owners has been updated.

13. Meetings attended by Councillors.

Cllr. Mrs. Bettis and Cllr. Griffiths attended Code of Conduct Training.

Cllr. Mrs. Sime attended a Wrexham LAG scoring meeting. A feasibility study for the Old Shed on the Mosses scored highly.

Cllr. Mrs. Bettis attended a meeting of Madras School Governors.

14. Payment of Bills

Paid to	Amount	Proposer	Seconder
Canal and River Trust Rent of Donkey Field	£120.00 Chq. No 000784	HD	JB
Canal and River Trust Estate Management fee	£60 Chq. No 000785	RB	JG
The Sigtists Penley Park Signs	£60 Chq. No 000786	JG	JB
W. Woodman Repairs to bus shelter, Bettisfield	£250.00 Chq. No 000788	JB	HD
J. Blanchard Planters	£62.65 Chq. No 000789	JG	HD

Roadware Bin for BBPS	£103.14 Chq. No 000790	JB	HD
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15. Income and Expenditure since the last meeting.

16. Treasurer's Account				
Date	Credits	Debits	Paid to/from	Balance
31.07.17				15,991.80
5.09.17	35,000.00		Transfer from Business Instant access Account	50,991.80
5.09.17		42,840.00	Ray Parry Playgrounds	8,151.80
5.09.17		123.10	Scottish Power	8,028.70
5.09.17		198.00	Gerald Williams Grasscutting	7,830.70
5.09.17		59.95	Mrs. L. Houston Clerk's expenses	7,770.75
5.09.17		30.00	Bettisfield Chapel Room hire	7,740.75
02.10.17				7,740.75
Business Instant Access Account				
04.09.17				35,875.02
05.09.17		35,000.00	Transfer to Treasurer's account	875.02
			Interest	
02.10.17				875.02

Total available funds

8615.77

Committed Funds

Penley Village Hall 220.00

Election expenses May 2017 2,500.00

TOTAL 2,720.00

BALANCE

5,895.77

A VAT refund of £7,529.84 has been applied for.

17. Correspondence.

From	Action
Resident concerned about fly tipping in the woodland off Hillcrest and also pathways there being churned up by someone riding a quad bike through the woods.	Agreed to order signs asking people to respect the woodland, No Fly Tipping.
WCBC- Notice of tree works on the highway verge at Dymock Place.	Information received.
Mr. Simon Hill – concerned about 20mph speed limit in Penley.	Confirmation of receipt of email and thanks.

18. Councillor vacancies in Penley.

The Council will continue to advertise the vacancy via the village noticeboards and Facebook page.

19. Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.20p.m.