

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Tuesday, 7th May 2019 at Bettisfield Chapel

Apologies: Cllr. J. McCusker, WCBC meetings, Cllr. Mrs. Sime – will be late.

Present: Cllr. J. Blanchard, Cllr. P. Jones, Cllr. Mrs. Y. Lee-Jones, Cllr. J. Griffiths, Cllr. Mrs.

Rodenhurst, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. Mrs. R. Bettis, Cllr. Mrs. W. Sime, Mrs. L. Houston

(Clerk)

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Item 8b) Installation of knee or waist high posts with lights. It was decided that these would not be legal.

WCBC would be approached to replace the missing light on Ellesmere Lane.

Item 12 – Figures on Income and Expenditure statement were corrected.

The minutes were then agreed to be an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising.

Letter to Chief Executive, WCBC – acknowledgement received on 28.04.19, no reply as yet.

Contribution to Rainbow Centre newsletter has been submitted.

VAS for Ellesmere Lane will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Clerk will attempt to compile a list of key contacts in WCBC.

4. Police report.

The report was received by email.

Councillors would like to receive just Bettisfield and Penley stats, not other villages in our area.

PCSO's to be asked if they would wish to continue with the monthly priorities, previously initiated by PCSO's. Current concerns include speeding in both villages and littering. There are also concerns about parking/dropping off children near to the entrance of The Maelor School which needs to be monitored. Clerk to contact Mr. S. Ellis to share concerns.

5. County Council matters.

Nothing to report.

Cllr. McCusker to be asked when the Wrexham UDP will be approved.

6. Open Forum.

No members of the community attended.

7. Streetscene.

a) Penley

John Williams can access a digger this weekend to complete the clearance of the footpath on Ellesmere Lane.

The owner of the Snack van in Penley layby has been contacted re: litter. He maintains that litter generated by the van is removed each day and that the public are using the Council bin to dispose of household rubbish. This will be monitored.

b) Bettisfield

Dog fouling is becoming problematic. Clerk will source some signs to remind dog owners that this is unacceptable.

Holly hedge in Bettisfield – WCBC have inspected and do not consider it to be a problem. Householder will not cut it back. Clerk to refer to Cllr.McCusker.

8. Planning

a) Applications

P/2019/0343 – Barn conversion at Bridge House, Vicarage Lane, Penley – councillors to compare with previous application.

P/2019/0312 – 15 dwellings to the rear of Brookfield Close. OBJECT on grounds that this would harm the rural character of the area and the particular settlement characteristics of Penley. Additional housing not needed, ribbon development, flooding into the gardens of the adjacent properties.

P/2019/0298 - &, Oakwood Park, Penley – Conversion of garage for dog grooming business – NO OBJECTIONS

P/2019/0293 – Silo, Burgess Lane – NO OBJECTIONS

P/2019/0212 – Dymock Arms. No formal application made as yet. Councillors to meet with Anna Irwin and Philip Forster of WCBC Planning Dept. to discuss the facts and the options.

Two houses adjacent to Madras School. Councillors concerned as to how Planning Permission was granted here due to access issues. Sections 50/52/185 are being contravened as access is crossing a public footpath. Clerk to contact planning Department.

Also query fence at Rose Cottage, Ellesmere Lane - is this too high?

Fence at Tudor Drive still up.

b) Decisions

The appeal associated with land opposite Madras School has been refused.

9. Village Projects

a) Penley

Playground signs – Cllr. Mrs. Bettis to collect posts from P. Jones. J. Williams to install.

Cllr. Mrs. Bettis asked about prize for competition winner. This was delivered to school about two months ago. It was agreed to involve local newspaper when signs are in place.

Rec Telephone kiosk – Cllr. Mrs. Sime has discovered that Ryan.... From Bettisfield can remove the kiosk and transport to Bettisfield for renovation. He will be asked for a new quote to include this additional work.

b) Bettisfield

The new Rex Tower is due to be delivered/ installed on 8th May 2019, but will be weather dependent.

John Williams has started to trim the Office Field.

10. Meetings attended by Councillors.

Cllr. Mrs. Sime attended a Wrexham LAG meeting. She wished to recognise the excellent work being carried out by Community Agents in Cefn Mawr.

Cllrs. Griffiths, Blanchard and Rodenhurst attended a Community well-being meeting at the Rainbow Centre.

Cllr. Mrs. Bettis attended a Dame Dorothy Jeffries Trust meeting. More applications are encouraged from Penley.

Cllr. Jones met with Dr. Redman at Hanmer Surgery to discuss how the plans are moving forward.

11. Finance

Payment of bills

Payee	For	Amount	Cheque No.	Proposer	Seconder
Zurich	Insurance	1390.35	000844	JG	YL-J
Scottish Power	Streetlight electricity	121.72	000845	JG	SR
WCBC	Quarterly streetlight maintenance 1/10/18-31/12/18	113.45	000846	RB	JB
WCBC	Quarterly streetlight maintenance 1/01/19-31/03/19	113.45	000847	YL-J	SH

Income and expenditure since the last meeting

Date	Paid to/from	Amount	Cheque No.	Balance
Treasurer's Account 28.03.19				8,285.61
02.04.19	L. Houston Clerk exps Printer ink	35.00	000841	8,250.61
02.04.19	L.Houston The Sigtist Playground signs	80.00	000842	8,170.61
02.04.19	J. Williams Maintenance	134.00	000843	8,036.61
03.04.19	WCBC Precept	6,066.66		14,103.27
Bus. Instant Access Account 28.03.19				8,643.66

Total available funds		22,746.93
Committed funds	Bettisfield Play equipment	14,500.00
	Penley Street lights	<u>1,658.00*</u>
BALANCE		<u>6,588.93</u>

*Clerk to check with WCBC why three instead of six new lights have been installed.

The commitment of £220 to Penley Village Hall has been removed as out of date. This can be re-applied for if a suitable project is planned.

Review of John Williams' salary.

Currently £12 per hour. Cllr. Griffiths proposed and Cllr. Blanchard seconded an increase to £13 per hour for work carried out after 1st May 2019.

Donation to Madras School Summer Fair.

Cllr. Mrs. Bettis proposed and cllr. Griffiths seconded a donation of £100 towards the cost of hiring an historical re-enactment group for the school Summer Fair. All were in favour.

Audit

The Clerk reported that Morris Cook are to carry out the internal audit and that the accounts are ready to be delivered to them.

Paypal account

Clerk reported that a business account has been set up and log in details will be supplied to Chair and Vice Chair.

Correspondence

From	Subject	Action
Morris Cook accountants	Letter of engagement	Accounts to be delivered
In Focus magazine	Shared	
Penley Village Hall	Acknowledgement of donation	To be placed in Audit file
Chief Executive Office, WCBC	Acknowledgement of our letter	Chase up if no reply received in 7 days
Dave Quick	Response to letter re: littering in layby	Continue to monitor
George Aza	Donation, Madras Summer Fair	Agreed

12. Any Other Business.

- New Councillors – two possible candidates in Penley. No-one has come forward in Bettisfield.
- It was proposed that a sign be made for the Rex in Bettisfield saying that it has been donated by Maelor South Community Council. Involve local newspaper when installation is complete and include in local newsletters.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:55.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 4th June