

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2009 AT BETTISFIELD CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr Mrs Sime (chairman), Cllr Mrs Wynn, Cllr Mrs Allen, Cllr Blanchard, Cllr Muir, Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth, Ms Morris and clerk Miss Morgan.

Apologies: Cllr Jones (on holiday), Cllr Ms Davies (no childcare), Cllr Owen (delayed at work), Cllr Mrs Moser.

- 1) **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.**
 - a) The clerk wrote to Sergeant Whibberley regarding the temporary loss of a PCSO, and received a response saying that the new PCSO, Jemma White, started on March 9th and will be training until May 10th. If additional resources are required in the interim period, arrangements will be made.
 - b) The clerk wrote to the couple in Scotland who own the land in Bettisfield which has blocked ditches. On receipt of the letter, the lady phoned the clerk and after some discussion agreed to telephone Wrexham Council to discuss what can be done to solve the problem.
- 3) **Police report.** None.
- 4) **Streetscene.** Cllr Muir said that he has spoken to Mike Feely from Wrexham Council about the poor state of the roads in Bettisfield. Mr Feely said that they are doing their best but there are many roads in the area that also need work. Some potholes have now been filled in.
- 5) **Planning.** None.
- 6) **Bettisfield youth club.** A youth club has been started and meets every Tuesday in the village hall. This means that the village hall is no longer available for Community Council meetings. Cllr Blanchard said that we could use the chapel but the minister would want us to pay a charge of £5 per meeting. (As a member of the chapel, Cllr Blanchard declared an interest.) Cllr Mrs Allen suggested holding the meeting on a different night so that we could use the village hall but after discussion it was agreed that we should continue to meet on Tuesdays. As there are no other premises available in Bettisfield, Cllr Muir proposed that we pay £5 per meeting for the use of the chapel and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth. The clerk is to check with Cllr Jones that the youth club is continuing over the summer.
- 7) **Tidy Towns grant aided projects.** Cllr Blanchard reported that Cllr Jones has submitted an application for Bettisfield for money to buy planters and a notice board. Cllr Mrs Sime reported that the Penley planters have now all been adopted and there is a waiting list. The children from the Madras School will be helping with one of the planters.
- 8) **Penley church/school car park lock.** Cllr Mrs Sime reported that the lock cannot be opened – she suspects that someone has altered the code. However, as the problem of youths driving around the car park is no longer an issue, it was agreed not to replace the lock at the moment.

- 9) **Meetings attended by councillors.** None.
- 10) **Payment of street lighting bills.** Due to the change in the VAT rate, two bills have been received, one for October and November for £49.36 + VAT at 17 ½% and one for December for £24.68 + VAT at 15%, totalling £86.38. Cllr Mrs Sime proposed that these be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth.
- 11) **Review of bank statements for the last quarter.** The bank statements were reviewed and there were no queries.
- 12) Correspondence.**
- a) Consultation document from the Chief Planning Officer about Local Planning Guidance Note 29.
 - b) An invitation from the National Assembly for Wales to visit the Assembly building in Cardiff Bay.
 - c) Housing Standards and Strategy Newsletter from Wrexham Council
 - d) Newsletter from the Boundary Commission for Wales.
 - e) Spring 2009 newsletter from AVOW.
 - f) March/April 2009 Health, Social Care and Well-Being newsletter from AVOW.
 - g) Letter from One Voice Wales inviting us to join, at a fee of £115.
 - h) Letter from Wrexham Council about the appointment of a Rural Housing Enabler, Beth Ditson, and a letter from Beth Ditson explaining her role.
 - i) Minutes of the meeting held on March 6th from the Wrexham South Community Safety Group.
 - j) Draft Parks Strategy Consultation from Wrexham Council.
 - k) Letter from Wrexham Council about the Owain Glyndwr Scheme.
 - l) Letter from Clwyd Community Health Council about proposals on the future of Community Health Councils in North Wales.
 - m) Spring 2009 issue of Play for Wales.
 - n) A digital TV switchover pack for community organisations.
 - o) Thank you letters/receipts from Wales Air Ambulance, Nightingale House Hospice, Hope House and Penley church.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.19.