

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2009 AT THE MADRAS SCHOOL, PENLEY AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr Mrs Sime (chairman), Cllr Owen, Cllr Ms Davies, Cllr Mrs Moser, Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth, PCSO Owen, Ms Morris and clerk Miss Morgan.

Apologies: Cllr Blanchard (unwell), Cllr Muir (unwell), Cllr Jones (no transport)

- 1) **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2.12.08, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.**
 - a) Land at Bettisfield. The Land Registry has returned the forms as it was unclear from the map provided which piece of land we were enquiring about. Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth is to discuss it with Cllr Jones.
 - b) Access to the Madras School for meetings. Cllr Ms Davies has asked the head teacher about a key and alarm code but hasn't been given them yet. She will ask again.
- 3) **Police matters.** PCSO Owen reported that there had been 2 crimes in Bettisfield - both incidents were canal boats being broken into - and 3 crimes in Penley, all thefts. There had been one incident of anti-social behaviour in Penley, and one road accident due to the icy conditions. A new PCSO, Bethan Large, will be starting within the next few weeks.
- 4) **Streetscene.** The clerk was asked to write to Highways about Ellesmere Lane in Penley not being gritted during the recent cold spell.
- 5) **Planning.**
 - a) **Applications.**
 - i) P/2008/1273. Extension to side of dwelling, Roseleigh, Ellesmere Lane, Penley. The clerk declared an interest, as the property is directly opposite her home. However, as she had no objections to the proposals, she did not leave the meeting. No objections.
 - ii) P/2008/1285. First floor extension over existing kitchen/utility area to create annex at The Hollies, Moss Lane, Bettisfield. No objections.
 - b) **Decisions.**
 - i) P/2008/1106. Removal of condition restricting development to one dwelling at Cadney View, Bettisfield. Permission has been refused.
 - ii) P/2008/1120. Erection of 11kv wood pole at Park Lane Farm, Penley. Wrexham County Borough Council has no objections.
 - iii) P/2008/1155. First floor rear bedroom extension and ground floor rear porch extension at Acorn Cottage, Penley. Permission has been granted.
 - iv) P/2008/1165. Erection of double garage at The Hollies, Penley. Permission has been granted.
- 6) **Planter scheme for Penley.** The grant application under the Tidy Towns scheme has been successful. The chairman met with two representatives from Wrexham Council to discuss the plans. The planters will be made by residents and Wrexham Council employees will transport the top soil to fill

- them. The community council will pay for the materials and then submit the receipts to Wrexham Council for reimbursement. It was agreed that it was too cold at the moment to make a start on the work.
- 7) **Meetings attended by councillors.** Cllr Mrs Moser and Ms Morris attended the AVOW Christmas reception. They were told that there is money available to fund a luncheon club. Cllr Mrs Sime had attended another Northern Marches Cymru meeting.
 - 8) **Payment of clerk's salary and expenses.** Over the last six months, the clerk has worked 59 hours on council business. At £9.30 per hour, this comes to £548.70. Her expenses for the same period were £62.59. Cllr Owen proposed that these be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth.
 - 9) **Payment of bills.** None.
 - 10) **Review of bank statements.** The chairman examined the bank statements and had no queries.
 - 11) **Correspondence.**
 - a) Letter from Clwyd Community Health Council about a new consultation paper that provides details on the proposed model, membership and functions of the seven NHS Local Bodies in Wales, asking for any comments by 20.2.09.
 - b) Minutes of the Town and Community Council Forum meeting held on 30.9.08.
 - c) Letter from Ben Williams asking for a skate park/ramps in Penley. Unfortunately there were no contact details on the letter. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Wrexham Council for a progress update.
 - d) Details of the next Wrexham Police and Community Forum to be held on 15.1.09 and minutes of their meeting held on 16.10.08.
 - e) Letter and leaflets from Groundwork Wrexham & Flintshire promoting their walking initiative.
 - f) Winter 2008 newsletter from Play for Wales.
 - g) Letter about the consultation on whether the Welsh Assembly should have law making powers.
 - 12) **Any other business.** The chairman said that it would appear that the war memorials are insured by the parish churches, in which case it would not be necessary for the community council to insure them. It was agreed that the clerk should speak to the previous clerk to see if she knows of any reason why we should insure them.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.44.