

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 4TH 2008
AT THE MADRAS SCHOOL, PENLEY, AT 7.30PM.

Present: Chairman Mrs W Sime, Councillors Mrs H Allen, Mr K Muir, Mr J Blanchard, Mr A Tennant, Ms V Davies, Mr K Owen and Mrs A Moser, County Borough Councillor Lord Kenyon, Mr M Feely (Wrexham Council), PCSO's Emily Williams and Jenna Owen and clerk Miss H Morgan.

- 1) Apologies: Mr R Saunders (away on work business), Mrs C Gregory (unwell)
- 2) The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and correct record.
- 3) Matters arising.
 - a) Declarations of interest. The clerk had received an email from the legal department of Wrexham Council, in response to her query about whether Mrs Allen needs to declare an interest when the Rainbow Centre is being discussed. It confirmed that Mrs Allen will not be able to vote on matters relating to the Rainbow Centre. Mrs Allen said that she was concerned that now she had been appointed as a trustee of the Rainbow Centre, she may not be able to represent the Community Council and wondered whether someone else should be appointed as representative. However, it was agreed that Mrs Allen should continue.
 - b) Bettisfield letter boxes. The clerk has been told by the Royal Mail that the two letter boxes will be replaced as soon as possible.
 - c) Penley playground. The clerk wrote to Wrexham Council, which replied that the problems with drainage will be looked at in the spring. The equipment meets safety standards and is regularly inspected. The Council asked whether the Community Council would be willing to contribute to the cost of refurbishment, but it was felt that there are no funds available at the moment. However, if funding becomes available, it could be considered at a later date. The clerk is to write to Mrs Ibbitson.
 - d) Footpaths. Mr Owen has received a reply from Wrexham Council. The stiles are to be repaired. Mrs Moser said that she had discovered a problem with one of the footpaths near her home and will contact Wrexham Council about it.
- 4) Police report. Emily reported that there had been 11 incidents in Penley and one in Bettisfield since our last meeting. There were three crimes, all thefts. She was asked whether anything could be done about boaters parking near the bridge in Bettisfield, but she said not. The problem with parking in Penley has been resolved. Lord Kenyon said that the school buses in Penley are still using Vicarage Lane to turn round. Emily said that she will speak to the bus company.
- 5) Streetscene report. Mr Feely said that the damaged road signs should be fixed in April. The rubbish bin at the Spar shop is emptied regularly, but as it is well used it was suggested that the owners of the shop are asked to empty it more frequently. Mr Feely will contact the shop. Burgess Lane is currently closed for drainage work. He said that he has been trying to get more funding for repairing country lanes and has been told that some money may be allocated. The clerk said that she had written to Steve Jones two months ago about the 30mph signs to be painted on the road in Penley, but has not received a reply. Mrs Sime said that there were some old signs by the old notice board in Penley which need removing.
- 6) Planning.
 - a) Applications.
 - 1) P/2008/0116. Erection of 3 detached, two-storey dwellings with single detached garages, alterations to existing vehicular access and installation of sealed cess tanks on land to the rear and side of Rose Cottage/Arbour Cottage, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield. No objections.
 - 2) P/2008/0133. Extension to existing farm house, construction of new entrance porch and internal alterations, at Wood Farm House, Breadon Heath. No objections.
 - 3) P/2008/0148. Demolition of existing dwelling and outline application for residential development at Cadney View, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield. It was

agreed that there would be no objection to a replacement bungalow, but a house would not be acceptable, as it would not be in keeping with surrounding properties.

- 4) P/2008/0145. Single storey extension at Yew Trees, Ellesmere Lane, Penley. The clerk declared an interest as the property is next door to her home, but as she has no objections it was not felt necessary for her to leave the room. No objections.
- b) Granted.
 - 1) P/2007/1395. Conservatory to rear of Oak Grove, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield.
 - 2) P/2007/1480. Renewal of permission for conversion of outbuildings to smithy at Small Farm, Tarts Hill, Hanmer.
- 7) Penley Rainbow/Community Centre. The six Penley councillors and the clerk attended a meeting on 20th February 2008 at the Rainbow centre. It was also attended by representatives of the Penley Rainbow Centre and Penley Village Hall Committee. The meeting was held to discuss issues raised at the AGM of the Rainbow Centre on 18th February. Whilst no formal minutes were taken, it was agreed that a summary of decisions and actions would be made at the end of the discussion. These were:
 - a) The plan currently before the Wrexham planning department would be modified to more closely meet village needs. To this end, representatives of the village hall, Rainbow Centre and their architect would meet on Tuesday 26th February. Mrs H Allen would attend as MSCC representative.
 - b) A management committee covering both the Rainbow Centre and Penley Village needs was required for the new centre. Talks to establish a formal binding agreement would commence by the end of June to cover this.At the meeting on 26th February, a new plan was drawn up for the interior of the Rainbow/Community Centre. This plan was presented to the Community Council meeting for approval. After a lengthy discussion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the new plans. Mr Tennant, Mrs Moser and Mrs Allen took no part in the decision, due to their interests in the village hall and Rainbow Centre.
- 8) Community websites. Both communities now have websites: www.bettisfieldvillage.org.uk and www.penleyvillage.co.uk. Mrs Sime has paid for the domain name and the monthly hosting fee for the Penley site. Her daughter has designed the web site and will continue to maintain it, so funding is no longer needed.
- 9) Penley notice board. The notice board has now been erected. Mrs Sime proposed that Mr Colin Davies be paid his invoice of £411.07 for making it and this was seconded by Mrs Moser. It was agreed that some concrete slabs should be placed around the notice board and Mr Owen was asked to do this. The villagers of Horseman's Green have expressed an interest in the old notice board.
- 10) Play strategy for Wrexham. As part of the new play strategy, Wrexham Council is undertaking a consultation in Penley. The youth bus will be coming to the village on Tuesday March 11th, between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.
- 11) Local Government Member code of conduct. The clerk read out a letter from the Welsh Assembly Government, regarding a revision to the rules on codes of conduct. She will print off some forms for councillors to sign at the next meeting.
- 12) Meetings attended by councillors. See 7) above.
- 13) Payment of bills. None.
- 14) Contributions to village halls and graveyards and donations to charity. The clerk reported that there is a surplus for the year of £2075. The amount budgeted for contributions and donations was £1730. It was agreed to give away £1730 and for the remaining surplus to be set aside for future projects such as the play equipment. Mr Blanchard proposed that the following amounts should be given: Wales Air Ambulance £100; Nightingale House Hospice £180; Penley Rainbow Centre £100; Bettisfield village hall £350; Penley village hall £500; Bettisfield graveyard £200; and Penley graveyard £300. This was seconded by Mrs Allen and unanimously agreed.
- 15) Correspondence.
 - a) Invitation to join One Voice Wales, at a subscription of £107. It was agreed that we should not join.

- b) Flyer from the secretary to the North Wales Working Party on Aggregates, drawing attention to the public consultation on the North Wales Regional Technical Statement on Aggregates.
 - c) Letter from Wrexham Council re: provision of litter bins for dog fouling.
 - d) List of events at Bettisfield Moss from Natural England. Mrs Sime and Ms Davies said that they would like permits for the Mosses; the clerk will contact Dr Joan Daniels. It was also agreed that Dr Daniels should be invited to attend one of our meetings.
 - e) Invitation from the Ramblers' Association to a basic footpath law course on Saturday March 29th at Llandudno. Mrs Sime and Mr Owen will be attending.
 - f) Invitation from Wrexham council to a celebration event to mark the achievement of 100 signatories to the One Wrexham Charter of Belonging, to be held on Wednesday 9th April.
 - g) Agenda for the meeting of Wrexham South community safety group to be held on March 7th, and minutes of their meeting held on February 1st.
- 16) Any other business.
- a) The clerk said that she will be attending a clerks' workshop on March 13th in preparation for the elections being held on May 1st.

There being no other business, the meeting closed 21.28