

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2009 AT THE MADRAS SCHOOL, PENLEY AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr Mrs W Sime (chairman), Cllr Owen, Cllr Mrs Wynn, Cllr Jones, Cllr Muir, Cllr Mrs Moser, Cllr Blanchard, Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth, Cllr Mrs Allen, Cllr Lord Kenyon, PC Hughes, PCSO Owen, Ms Morris and clerk Miss Morgan.

Apologies: None.

- 1) **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.**

War memorial insurance. The treasurer of Penley church has contacted the church insurers. If the church owns the war memorial, then it is covered by the church insurance, but if the church does not own the memorial, then it is not covered. It is not known who paid for the memorials but it is thought likely that it was by the community rather than the church, so it was resolved that the Community Council should continue to insure them.
- 3) **Police matters.** PC Hughes reported that there had been 5 incidents of note since the last meeting. All took place at the Maelor School in Penley. Two were criminal damage and arrests have been made. The problem of youths congregating in the bus shelter in Penley was discussed. PC Hughes wondered if it would be better if the bus shelter faced away from the houses and said he would mention it at the next audit. The police have done a leaflet drop in Penley about dog fouling and littering. One of the school bus drivers was seen throwing rubbish from his bus and he will hopefully be given a fixed penalty notice. Cllr Mrs Moser said that a Penley resident had told her that she had been attacked by a dog and verbally abused by the dog's owner. PC Hughes said that she should be encouraged to report the matter to the police. PC Hughes announced that PCSO Jenna Owen will be finishing as a PCSO and becoming a PC at the end of February. He and the Community Council congratulated Jenna on her success. However, this means that once again there will be only one PCSO for the whole of the area, until Jenna is replaced in June. Cllr Kenyon recommended writing to the police about this and after some discussion it was agreed that the clerk would write. Finally, PC Hughes and PCSO Owen handed out free car stickers and tamper-proof car tax holders.
- 4) **Streetscene.** Cllr Mrs Sime said that there are still no road signs for Penley Hall Drive and Halghton Lane in Penley. There appears to be a number of different names for Halghton Lane, including Dymock Lane and Bryn Lane, but the Penley councillors all agreed that it is known locally as Halghton Lane. The clerk is to write to Wrexham Council requesting signs. The clerk said that she had noticed that the rubbish bin on the entrance to the shop car park was over-flowing at the weekend. Cllr Owen said that this was Wrexham Council's responsibility and the clerk said that she would contact Mike Feely about it.

- 5) **Planning.**
 - a) Applications. P/2009/0097. Rear conservatory extension at The Fields, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield. No objections.
 - b) Decisions.
 - i) P/2008/1206. Removal of existing porch and erection of single storey front porch at 8 Cambrian View, Bettisfield. Permission has been granted.
 - ii) P/2008/1273. Extension to side of Roseleigh, Ellesmere Lane, Penley. Permission has been granted.
- 6) **Bettisfield drainage issues.** The owner of the piece of land in Cadney Lane has been identified by the Land Registry. The Bettisfield councillors asked the clerk to write to the owner, explaining about the blocked ditches and asking for them to be cleared.
- 7) **Planter scheme for Penley.** The planters have been constructed and Cllr Mrs Moser reported that Wrexham Council are coming on Friday (March 6th) to transport the top soil from her house to fill the planters. The invoice for the sleepers has been sent directly to Wrexham Council for them to pay. Cllr Owen bought some nails for constructing the planters, at a cost of £7.80. The chairman proposed that he be reimbursed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Moser. The clerk will invoice Wrexham Council. Cllr Owen and Cllr Mrs Wynn have spoken to some of the residents and have five people willing to adopt and care for a planter. The chairman asked that they ask a few more people, as there are 9 planters in total. Following the clerk's discussion with Wrexham Council about plants, the chairman visited Eastwick Nursery at Knolton and has arranged that they will provide £260-worth of plants. They will invoice Wrexham Council direct. Vouchers for plants will be given to the people responsible for the planters - £20 for a small planter and £40 for a large planter.
- 8) **Tidy Towns grant aided project 2009-10.** The Bettisfield councillors said that they had a few ideas for schemes and are going to do a flier around the village to ask for residents' views. As the application has to be in by March 31st, the clerk passed the application form to the councillors for them to complete. The chairman proposed that another application be put in for Penley, for money to buy plants for the planters. After some discussion, it was agreed to ask for £950.
- 9) **Best kept village/community 2009-10.** It was agreed that this should be discussed again next year.
- 10) **Contributions to village halls and graveyards and donations to charity.** The following councillors declared interests: Cllr Mrs Moser and Cllr Owen (Penley Village Hall) and Cllr Jones (Bettisfield Church and Bettisfield Village Hall). After some discussion, Cllr Owen proposed that the following amounts be given: Hope House £100, Wales Air Ambulance £100, Nightingale House Hospice £100, Penley Rainbow Centre £100, Bettisfield Village Hall £385, Penley Village Hall £550, Bettisfield Church graveyard £385 (to include a one-off payment of £175 towards the cost of tree surgery) and Penley Church graveyard £315. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Blanchard and agreed unanimously.
- 11) **Meetings attended by councillors.** The chairman reported that she had attended a Northern Marches Cymru meeting. £3.1 million is being given away in the current round of grants.
- 12) **Payment of bills.** None.

13) **Correspondence.**

- a) AVOW winter 2008 newsletter.
 - b) Local Government Partnership Scheme report 2007-8 from the Welsh Assembly.
 - c) Letter from the Alzheimer's Society about their services.
 - d) Details from AVOW about their Community Buildings Network.
 - e) Brochure from Ray Parry playground services.
 - f) Minutes of the Wrexham South Community Safety Group meeting held on 6.2.09.
- 14) **Any other business.** Cllr Jones reported that he had followed up the email about youth work. As a result, there is to be an open meeting at Bettisfield Village Hall on March 24th with a view to setting up a youth club for the village.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.04.