

## MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 AT BETTISFIELD CHAPEL AT 7.38PM

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Sime (chairman), Cllr Ms Davies, Cllr Owen, Cllr Jones, Cllr Blanchard, Cllr Mrs Moser, Cllr Mrs Wynn, Cllr Mrs Allen, PC Hughes, Ms Morris and clerk Miss Morgan.

**Apologies:** Cllr Muir (on holiday)

**Introduction:** The chairman suggested that before beginning the meeting, everyone should give a brief description of their background and interests for the benefit of the other members.

- 1) **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7.4.09, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.** The youth club will be continuing to meet in Bettisfield village hall on Tuesday nights for the foreseeable future.
- 3) **Police report.** PC Hughes reported that over the last month there had been five incidents in Penley, including a house burglary. There had been no incidents in Bettisfield. Dog fouling is still a problem in Penley, especially in Penmere Park, and he is taking steps to address this. Various issues relating to speeding traffic were discussed. PC Hughes said that the new PCSO will be starting in her new post later in May and he hopes to bring her to the next meeting.
- 4) **Streetscene.** Cllr Jones said that some of the rails on the bridge on the corner of Cadney Lane and Moss Lane have been knocked down and he is concerned about safety. The clerk said that she would speak to Mike Feely about this. Cllr Jones said that residents have raised concerns about the speed of traffic travelling on the A495 towards Ellesmere. Visibility from the junction where the Bettisfield road meets the A495 is very poor. PC Hughes said that he would look at this with Mike Feely to see if there is any way of slowing down the traffic and/or improving visibility. Cllr Jones also said that there is still a problem with some Bettisfield residents dumping grass cuttings on verges, which then block the ditches. PC Hughes said that he would look into this, as it is classed as fly-tipping.
- 5) **Planning.**
  - a) Application. P/2009/0317. Replacement of site security cabin with static caravan to provide 24 hour site security cover on land adjacent to Unit 33, Penley Industrial Estate. No objections.
  - b) Decisions.
    - i) P/2009/0061. Amendment to barn conversion at Corner Barn, Overton Road, Penley – granted.
    - ii) P/2009/0097. Rear conservatory extension at The Fields, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield – granted.
  - c) Withdrawals. Application P/2009/0060 for the erection of an agricultural building in field 7583 in Red Hall Lane, Penley, has been withdrawn.

- d) Other matters. Cllr Mrs Moser said that a Penley resident had asked about the Morris Homes site – the resident thought that some of the works areas of the site were only supposed to be there for up to three years. However, councillors thought that they were allowed until the development was completed.
- 6) **Meetings attended by councillors.** None.
- 7) **Insurance renewal.** The premium quoted by Allianz for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 was £721.50. The clerk contacted two other insurance companies for quotes. Zurich Insurance quoted £442.19 and Norwich Union, through Came & Company Insurance Consultants, quoted £613.28 or £582.62 if we enter into a three year binding agreement. It was agreed that the policies should be checked in detail and Cllr Mrs Sime proposed that Cllr Mrs Allen, together with the clerk, should be given responsibility for looking into this and deciding on the best option. This was seconded by Cllr Jones.
- 8) **Payment of street lighting bill.** The invoice for the quarter to 31.3.09 was for £85.13. Cllr Owen proposed that this be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Allen.
- 9) **Correspondence.**
- a) Thank you letter from Penley Village Hall for the donation of £550.
  - b) Letter from Wrexham Council to say that the next Town and Community Council Forum meeting will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and inviting us to submit items of business for discussion. Cllr Jones suggested that the drainage problems in Bettisfield would be a good subject for discussion. He and Cllr Blanchard said that they would discuss whether to go ahead with this idea and will inform the clerk.
  - c) Minutes from the Wrexham Police and Community Forum meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January.
  - d) Letter from Really Welsh about their daffodil bulbs, offering two 25kg sacks of bulbs for £20. Councillors thought that this was a good offer and asked the clerk to find out the delivery charges and the variety of bulb, so that a decision can be made at the next meeting.
  - e) Letter from Wrexham Council about the Tenant and Resident Conference being held on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - f) Invitation from Wrexham Council to send a representative to the Annual Meeting of the Council on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - g) Brochure of play equipment from Kompan.
- 10) **Any other business.**
- a) Cllr Mrs Moser raised the problem of footpaths being ploughed up. Cllr Mrs Sime said that the landowner has two weeks to reinstate footpaths after ploughing.
  - b) The clerk said that she still hasn't had receipts for the donations given to Bettisfield Church and Bettisfield Village Hall. Cllr Jones will look into this.
  - c) Cllr Owen said that a large oak tree in Penley has been cut down and he thinks that other important trees in the two villages should be looked at with a view to having preservation orders put on them. It was agreed that councillors will look at this before the next meeting.
  - d) Cllr Jones submitted an application to the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme for £2268 to be spent in Bettisfield on various improvements.
  - e) Cllr Mrs Moser commented on how good the planters look in Penley.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.18.