

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

Present: Chairman Mrs W Sime, Councillors Mr J Blanchard, Mr K Muir, Mr P Jones, Mr K Owen, Mrs A Moser, Mrs G Wilson Butterworth and Mrs B Wynn, PC Luke Hughes, PCSO Jenna Wyn Owen, Ms V Morris and clerk Miss H Morgan.

- 1) **Apologies:** Ms V Davies (unwell), Mrs H Allen (unexpected guests)
- 2) **The minutes of the last meeting** were signed as a true and correct record.
- 3) **Matters arising.**
 - a) The records relating to Penley parish hall should be given to Mrs Williams at Penley WI tomorrow night (Nov. 5th).
 - b) The clerk had notification from Wrexham Council that funding is in place for the Penley play area and a contractor will be employed to carry out the work, so, after discussion with the chairman, she did not write to Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd.
 - c) Wrexham Council has acknowledged our letter about the planters for Penley.
 - d) Mr Jones said that he had contacted Northern Marches Cymru for details of grants but nobody had returned his call. The chairman suggested that he contact Bob Haynes.
- 4) **Police report.** PC Hughes reported that there had been 15 incidents since the last meeting, including one of criminal damage at the Maelor School. The offenders have been caught on CCTV. He said that Hallowe'en had been very quiet. A new PCSO should be appointed before the end of the year to replace Emily. PCSO Owen is hoping to run cycling proficiency lessons in Bettisfield. Mr Owen had been in contact with PC Hughes about three dead badgers that he had found, which could indicate badger baiting. Mrs Moser had suffered an attempted theft of her horses.
- 5) **Streetscene.** Mike Feely will be unable to attend any more of our meetings in the foreseeable future, due to a ban on overtime and a dispute over terms and conditions. He has told the clerk that he will be happy to come out to see any member of the council within normal working hours if there are any issues that need addressing. The clerk is to contact him about the dropped kerb outside Mr Tennant's house, to ask for markings to be put so that drivers can't park there. She is also to ask about having the drains in Bettisfield cleaned out in preparation for winter, and to complain about the state of the roads in Bettisfield outside Avenue Farm and going out towards Northwood.
- 6) **Planning.**
 - a) Applications.
 - i) P/2008/1106. Removal of condition of planning permission code P/2008/0148 restricting development to one dwelling at Cadney View, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield. Object due to poor access, there will only be one entrance for 2 dwellings, and it is on a bend. Also, they will be too close to Catari.
 - ii) P/2008/1120. Erection of 11kv wood pole at Park Lane Farm, Penley. No objections.
 - iii) P/2008/1147. Substitution of house types at current housing development affecting plots 62-81 and 90-95 consisting of 2-storey 2 and 3 bedroom mews and 2-storey 3 and 4 bedroom detached dwellings on the former Penley Hospital site. No objections as

there will be more starter homes for young people, rather than larger executive homes.

- iv) P/2008/1155. First floor rear bedroom extension over existing kitchen including balcony area & ground floor rear porch extension at Acorn Cottage, Red Hall Lane, Penley. No objections.
- b) Granted.
 - i) P/2008/0840. Infilling works at Trench Bridge, Red Hall Lane, Penley.
 - ii) P/2008/0847. Erection of building for use as fodder and cattle shelter on land at Burgess Lane, Penley.
 - iii) P/2008/0863. Erection of sports complex and bus/coach facility at the Maelor School, Penley.
 - iv) P/2008/0883. Extend garage to form workshop at Plot 2, Meredith Close, Bettisfield.
- 7) **Risk assessment.** This was discussed in detail. The main points for action are: a) the clerk is to look into replacement values for the war memorials, street lights and bus shelter in time for the next insurance renewal; b) Mr Muir and Mr Blanchard will conduct an annual inspection of the wooden bus shelter in Bettisfield; c) bank statements are to be checked quarterly by councillors; d) the chairman is going to ask her daughter to show the clerk how to do a full back-up of computer records; e) the clerk is to obtain a contract of employment for herself.
- 8) **School transport for Bettisfield.** Mr Jones had been approached by a Bettisfield resident regarding a change to the transport provided to take her child to Bronington school. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr Jones should advise the parent to contact the bus company and/or school.
- 9) **Meetings attended by councillors.** Mrs Wilson Butterworth had attended a meeting at Glyndwr University about sustainable environments, which she had found very interesting. Examples were given of projects in the area. Mrs Sime had attended a Northern Marches Cymru risk assessment meeting, which was necessary before the Welsh Assembly would release funds to Wrexham Council. Mrs Sime said that it would be good if a scheme could be set up within the villages to promote community involvement.
- 10) **External audit and payment of auditor's fee.** The auditor gave a clean report, apart from the fact that the council did not undertake a review of the effectiveness of internal controls. This refers to points picked up by the internal auditor and will be addressed by the clerk. The auditor's fee was £141.00. Mr Blanchard proposed that this be paid – this was seconded by Mrs Moser.
- 11) **Payment of electricity bill for Penley street lights.** The clerk has been in correspondence with Scottish Power over the electricity supply for the Penley street lights. Scottish Power has agreed to charge for two years electricity and to waive the previous years' charges. The bill for two years was £185.81. Mr Owen proposed that this be paid – this was seconded by Mr Muir.
- 12) **Payment of bill for Bettisfield poppy wreath.** Mrs Millington from Bettisfield church had bought a wreath for £16.50 on behalf of the community council. Mrs Wilson Butterworth proposed that she be reimbursed and this was seconded by Mr Blanchard.
- 13) **Payment of street lighting maintenance and any other bills.** The street lighting maintenance bill for the quarter to 30.9.08 was £92.00. Mr Muir proposed that this be paid and this was seconded by Mr Owen. There were no other bills.

14) Correspondence.

- a) Letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales regarding a review of Community Council Election Results for 2008.
- b) Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales 2008-11 report from the Welsh Assembly.
- c) Letter from Wrexham Council in reply to our letter about the speed limit in Bettisfield. It could be five years before there is any change.
- d) Letter from Wrexham Council about the next Town and Community Council Forum to be held on 9.12.08.
- e) Copy of a satisfaction survey carried out by North Wales Police.
- f) Minutes of the Wrexham South Community Safety Group meeting held on 3.10.08.
- g) Copy of the Clwyd Community Health Council Annual Report 2007-8.
- h) Details of grants available from WREN.
- i) Invitation to attend an energy saving workshop for community buildings on 13.11.08.
- j) Letter from Wrexham Council re: Dog control orders.
- k) Letter from Wrexham Council asking for views on the fixed play strategy and partnership with Community Councils. This was completed.
- l) Letter from Wrexham Council inviting us to apply for a grant for a lunch club.

15) Any other business.

- a) Mr Owen had got some prices for sleepers for the planters from Reeves of Wem.
- b) Mr Jones asked that a letter be written to one of the Bettisfield landowners regarding cleaning out his ditches. However, the man lives in Scotland, so Mr Muir said that he would try to find out his address.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.44.