

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST JUNE 2010 AT BETTISFIELD CHAPEL AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllr Mrs Sime (chairman), Cllr Mrs Wynn, Cllr Ms Morris, Cllr Blanchard, Cllr Muir, Cllr Jones and Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth, PC Evans and clerk Mrs Coathupe-Fox.

Apologies: Cllr Owen (on holiday), Cllr Mrs Allen (visitors) Cllr Mrs Moser (tendered resignation).

Cllr Mrs Sime informed the council that Cllr Mrs Moser has tendered her resignation. Cllr Jones proposed that a letter of appreciation should be sent.

- 1) **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2010, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.**
 - a) Cllr Blanchard reviewed the bank statements and found everything to be satisfactory except for the receipt from Penley Village Hall which has since been received.
 - b) Nightingale House Hospice had not received the donation cheque which is why no receipt has been received. The clerk has cancelled the cheque and another cheque for £100 has been reissued.
 - c) The clerk has received the Wrexham Play Strategy 2009 to 2013 Document that she requested after the last meeting.
 - d) The clerk has received a copy of the presentation 'Carbon Emission and Energy Use Reduction' from Mr Steve Jones at WCBC in response to her request for more information on the project to reduce the carbon footprint of the street lighting service.
 - e) Mrs Fran Evans at WCBC has responded to the query over the Dymock Arms in Penley. She recently visited the Dymock Arms with the Conservation Officer to take photographs. The Conservation Officer has spoken to the owners who are waiting for the forensic results before they can progress. Mrs Evans considers there is a sufficient amount of the building left to be repaired and renovated. She intends to write to the owners to make the building weather tight and vandal proof pending renovation works.
- 3) **Police report.** PC Evans reported the following incidents.
 - a) Fuel was stolen from Blackwood Farm, Penley.
 - b) A report of a red pickup looking for scrap in Penley had been received.
 - c) Wrexham CID has now closed their investigation into the arson at the Dymock Arms, Penley. Cllr Mrs Sime asked the clerk to update Mrs Fran Evans at WCBC.PC Evans reported that further to the parking issues outside the Madras School, Penley PCSO White and PCSO Large have circulated letters to parents not to park on the zig-zag lines. The clerk reported that she is still waiting to hear from Mr Darren Green at WCBC re the format of the zig-zag's. PC Evans informed the council of the new OWL scheme that was taking over from Neighbourhood Watch. PC Evans requested members email addresses so that he could keep them informed of any issues and finally he was pleased to report that there has been a reduction in crime for the area.
- 4) **Streetscene.**
 - Cllr Muir reported that the potholes on Northwood Road and Cadney Lane were still causing problems. Cllr Mrs Sime reported a large pothole at the junction of New Road and the A495. The clerk will contact Mr Mike Jones at WCBC.
 - Cllr Muir asked the clerk to contact Mr Kevin Edwards at WCBC to remind him about the sign for Bettisfield Chapel. Cllr Mrs Sime asked if the signs for Haighton Lane and Penley Hall Drive could be added to the reminder.
- 5) **Planning.**
 - a) **Applications.** None.

- b) **Decisions.**
- i) P/2010/0184. Replace existing single-storey extension with larger single-storey extension. Meadow View, Grange Road, Penley. Granted.
 - ii) P/2010/0177. Conservatory extension. 1 Alson Street, Penley. Granted.
 - iii) P/2010/0302. Erection of steel framed portal building. Hill Farm, Breaden Heath, Hanmer. Prior approval not required.
- 6) **Tidy Towns Grant.** Bettisfield's application for the design and construction of information boards has been awarded £2,500 and Penley's application for the enhancement of the lay-by including a bench and interpretation board has been awarded £2,500. WCBC has confirmed that planning permission will be needed for the board and bench, in Penley, at a cost of £83.00. Cllr Mrs Wynn proposed we progress with the application and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth.
- 7) **Insurance renewal.** Cllr Mrs Allen and the clerk reviewed the renewal and after the addition of the Bettisfield bench at £750 and the increased values of the Penley street lights to £22,500 and the Bettisfield bus shelter to £5,768, a premium of £555.29 has been secured on a 3 year LTA (Long Term Agreement). The invoice and documentation will follow in the next 10 days. Cllr Jones proposed we pay this and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth.
- 8) **Playground sub-committee report.** The clerk has requested quotes for playground equipment from Playdale Playgrounds and Wicksteed Playscapes. SMP (Playgrounds) attended the site to survey for a quote which is still to be received. Playdale and Wicksteed want to attend site next week to ensure their quotes are correct and will contact the clerk in due course. The text of the petition has been agreed and the clerk has taken it to Penley Baby and Toddler Group. The petition will be circulated at Mother Goose Nursery and the Madras School after the holidays. The clerk is to request letters from WCBC confirming that they own the land and equipment and they are responsible for maintenance and whether or not planning permission is required. The clerk is also pursuing other sources of funding.
- 9) **Meetings attended by councillors.** Cllr Ms Morris attended the following; AVOW 50 Plus Forum, Health & Social Care meeting, Community Health Council meetings at St Asaph and Wrexham and the Installation Ceremony of the new Mayor of Wrexham.
- 10) **Payment of bills.** None.
- 11) **Correspondence.**
- a) Letter from WCBC advising of next meeting of Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum 22/06/10 at 6.30pm.
 - b) Letter from WCBC re Updated Structure – Young People Inclusion (including Youth Service).
 - c) Nightingale House Hospice Newsletter.
 - d) Letter from the Welsh Assembly Government re Changes to Accounts and Audit Regulations and Capital Finance and Accounting regulations in Wales. The clerk is to review and report back at the next meeting.
 - e) Letter from One Voice Wales re Notice of 2010 Conference and AGM on 8/10/10.
 - f) Invitation to the Mayor's Civic Visit to Church – St Mary's Cathedral on 20/06/10.
 - g) Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales re Complaints Wales Consultation.
 - h) AVOW newsletter Health, Social Care and Well-being Issues May/June 2010, Issue 61.
 - i) Invitation to Clwyd Community Chest AGM 01/07/10.
 - j) Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales re The Code of Conduct for members of local authority in Wales: Guidance.
 - k) Letter from WCBC re Wrexham Deposit Local Development Plan.
 - l) Letter from Northern Marches Cymru re Rural Services Pilot Grant Scheme.
- 12) **Any other business.** None.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.08.