

## MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM AT THE MADRAS SCHOOL, PENLEY

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Sime (chairman), Cllr Mrs Wynn, Cllr Muir, Cllr Jones, Cllr Mrs Allen, Ms Morris, PC Hughes and PCSO White and clerk Mrs Coathupe-Fox.

**Apologies:** Cllr Blanchard (Church circuit meeting), Cllr Ms Davies (no childcare), Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth (away on business), Cllr Mrs Moser (ill) and Cllr Owen (delayed at work)

- 1) **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were corrected by deleting the words "without consultation" under item 6) Streetscene (see Matters arising) and were then confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.**
  - a) **Penley noticeboard posts.** After the last meeting Mr Mike Feely telephoned Cllr Mrs Sime, after reading the minutes of the meeting on the website, to complain that he had contacted the clerk to seek permission to cut off the remaining metal posts of the noticeboard. The clerk misunderstood and thought Mr Feely was informing what he was going to do. The clerk has sent a letter of apology to Mr Feely to apologise for the misunderstanding.
  - b) **Community Bus Project Funding Cut.** The clerk contacted Mr Harrison of North Salop Wheelers Community Bus Project to enquire whom she should send the letter of complaint to. Mr Harrison said that WCBC had cut the funding but their hands were tied due to Welsh Assembly guidance so he has written to Martyn Jones MP and Owen Paterson MP. After a brief discussion the council decided to write to Karen Sinclair AM and send a copy to Lord Kenyon.
  - c) **Traffic calming.** Cllr Mrs Allen enquired whether anything had been heard about the traffic calming measure outside the Dymock Arms as it still had not been repaired or removed. The clerk reported that she had sent a letter but will follow the matter up.
- 3) **Police report.**
  - PC Hughes reported that there had been only one significant incident which occurred in Penley. Late on the 15<sup>th</sup> to early hours of the 16<sup>th</sup> November in Polska Street, perpetrators entered an unsecured house and took car keys, a handbag and a car. The cards were used to obtain cash in Whitchurch; the car and handbag has since been recovered. There have been no minor incidents.
  - The driver who collided with the Penley noticeboard has been sentenced to 200 hours community service and ordered to pay MSCC £150 compensation. The court will send the council a letter reporting this outcome.
  - Cllr Mrs Sime asked whether Overton were still going ahead with the purchase of a speedmeter, PC Hughes confirmed that they were but was unsure of how many community councils would be contributing.

- PC Hughes' replacement is still to be confirmed.
  - Cllr Muir thanked PC Hughes for all his hard work and support on behalf of Bettisfield. This was reiterated by all the councillors who wished PC Hughes well for the future.
- 4) **Street lighting maintenance contract.** The contract has now been received. An invoice for 18 May to 30 September 2009 will follow shortly. Cllr Mrs Sime asked the clerk to find the previous contract for comparison to the new contract.
- 5) **Streetscene.**
- Cllr Mrs Sime proposed that the council find out who owns the patch of land at the lay-by with a hope to the council adopting it. The clerk will contact the Land Registry to establish ownership, at a cost of £6.00. Cllr Jones seconded the motion and advised the clerk she would need an ordnance survey map of the area concerned.
  - The planters are finished in Bettisfield. Cllr Muir has been in contact with Mr Mike Feely regarding the soil for them.
- 6) **Planning.**
- a) **Applications.**
- i) P/2009/0917. Erection of boundary fence to a maximum height of 2.25 meters (in retrospect). 12 Oakwood Park, Penley. No objections.
  - ii) P/2009/0931. Relaxation of condition No. 6 of planning permission P/2001/0488 to allow insertion of 2 additional windows in roof. The Old Chapel, Ellesmere Lane, Penley. No objections.
  - iii) P/2009/0911. Erection of Okofen energy box to house and Okofen Wood pellet boiler and fuel store. Taraloka Retreat Centre, Cornhill Farm, Bettisfield, Whitchurch. No objections.
  - iv) P/2009/0943. Garage extension to side of existing dwelling. Trelana, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield, Whitchurch. No objections.
  - v) P/2009/0971. Demolition of former Public House and erection of 4 No. town houses. Former Nags Head Inn, Main Street, Bettisfield, Whitchurch. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to object on the grounds a) the original planning permission was granted with the Nags Head being renovated b) drainage infrastructure can't take anymore additional housing. The clerk will liaise with Cllr Jones regarding the letter of objection.
- b) **Decisions.**
- i) P/2009/0720. Installation of 10Kw vertical axis wind turbine (less than 10.7m high). Hill Farm, Breadon Heath. Granted.
  - ii) P/2009/0789. Agricultural building for storing cattle and fodder (retrospective application for amendments to previous granted under code no. P/2008/0847). Land at Burgess Lane, Penley. Granted.
- 7) **Penley noticeboard.**
- The clerk completed and emailed the insurance claim form to Zurich who replied by agreeing to the council proceeding with the replacement and advising that the invoice be forwarded to them upon receipt.
  - After PC Hughes reported the court's decision to sentence the driver who caused the damage to community service, it was suggested that the driver could dig out the holes for the new noticeboard as part of his community service hours. PC Hughes advised the council to contact the Probation Service with this request upon receipt of the letter from the court.

- Prior to the meeting Cllr Ms Davies informed the clerk that the noticeboard would hopefully be completed before Christmas.
- 8) **Budget and Precept for 2010-11.** Using the figures for 2008-9 and 2009-10, the budget was set for 2010-11. Allowing for a reserve of £1000, it was agreed that the precept be set at £7550, which equates to £12.50 for a Band D property, a rise of £2.50. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Allen, seconded by Cllr Mrs Wynn and agreed unanimously.
  - 9) **Meetings attended by councillors.** Cllr Mrs Sime attended a Northern Marches Cymru board meeting. She also accompanied representatives from Penley Village Hall Committee to a NMC open meeting to find out about funding opportunities from the RDP 07-13 Business Plan 2.
  - 10) **Payment of any other bills.** None.
  - 11) **Review of bank statements.** Cllr Mrs Sime has reviewed the bank statements and found all to be in order.
  - 12) **Application for a new pharmacy contract to be located in Bangor-on-Dee.** A letter was received from NHS Wales University Health Board inviting the council to comment on an application for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List by Adrian Edwards and Martin Oldfield in Bangor-on-Dee. Copies of the letter and application were circulated prior to the meeting and the council has no objections.
  - 13) **Meeting dates 2010.** It was agreed that meetings should continue to be held on the first Tuesday of the month. The clerk distributed a list of meeting dates and will ensure absent councillors receive a copy.
  - 14) **Correspondence.**
    - a) Letter from Northern Marches Cymru re Rural Development Plan 2007-2013 Business Plan 2 funding.
    - b) Letter from the Welsh Assembly regarding Proposed Guidance for the Wales Programme for Improvement for the Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales.
    - c) AVOW newsletter, Autumn 2009, Issue 46.
    - d) Email from the Chair of North Wales Police Authority and the Head of North Wales Police's Roads Policing Unit re views on Operation Focus.
    - e) Email from Project Leader of Keep Wales Tidy for Wrexham CB re volunteers for litter pick January or February 2010.
    - f) Play for Wales newsletter, Autumn 2009, Issue 30.
    - g) Letter from Age Concern regarding Lunch Clubs.
    - h) Letter from the Institute of Employment Studies re Local Government Views on Provision for Disabled Elected Members and Service Provisions for Disabled People in the Community.
    - i) Letter from Children and Young People Service WCBC re New Model of Youth Service Delivery.
  - 15) **Any other business.** None.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.45.