

## MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AT BETTISFIELD CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Sime (chairman), Cllr Mrs Allen, Cllr Mrs Wynn, Cllr Blanchard, Cllr Muir, Cllr Owen, Cllr Ms Davies, Cllr Jones, Cllr Mrs Moser, Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth, Mr Mike Feely and Mr Kevin Edwards (Wrexham Council), PC Hughes, PCSO White and clerk Miss Morgan.

**Apologies:** None.

- 1) **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7.7.09, and the Penley Planning Committee Meeting held on 18.8.09, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as true records and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.** None.
- 3) **Police report.** PC Hughes reported that since August 1<sup>st</sup>, there had been 9 crimes in Penley, most involving thefts from vehicles. He asked councillors to remind people not to leave items on display in their cars. Also, a window was removed from the Maelor School and some garden ornaments were stolen from a house in Penley. A tractor has been stolen from Bettisfield and has not yet been recovered. There have been incidents of young people hanging around the Maelor School in the early hours and some doorstep deliveries have been taken.
- 4) **Bettisfield drainage.** Cllr Jones reported that most of the blocked ditches in Bettisfield have now been cleared, with the exception of the one owned by the Scottish couple. Kevin Edwards from Wrexham Council explained the council's duties and powers under the Land Drainage Act and said that once a notice has been issued to the riparian owner, there is not much more that can be done to enforce it as Wrexham Council is unwilling to commit itself to the possibility of a financial burden. However, he agreed to write to the landowners to ask them to clear the ditch.
- 5) **Street lighting maintenance contract.** The clerk asked Kevin Edwards to remind Paul Fairclough to send her a copy of the new contract, which she had requested in July.
- 6) **Road signs.** Kevin Edwards said that it may be possible to appeal against the names that Wrexham Council gives to various roads eg the road known locally as Halghton Lane in Penley is referred to as Dymock Lane by Wrexham Council. The clerk is to enquire.
- 7) **Streetscene.** Penley councillors commented on the fact that the rubbish bins are being emptied regularly, although the one in Pendas Park is sometimes overflowing. Cllr Mrs Sime said that the new mower is making a much better job of cutting the grass. Cllr Owen said that the main road coming in to Penley from Overton drops away at the side and asked for that to be looked at. Bettisfield councillors were pleased that the road around Avenue Farm is now being resurfaced.
- 8) **Planning.**
  - a) Applications. None.

- b) Decision. P/2009/0432. Extensions, alterations, detached garage and access modification at Cadney View, Cadney Lane, Bettisfield. This has been granted.
  - c) Cllr Owen said that he had looked at Wrexham Council's website and the application for the change of use of a farm building in Burgess Lane has been rejected.
  - d) Cllr Jones asked the clerk to contact the planning department about the development at the Old Stable Yard in Bettisfield. He would like the community council to be informed if the developer appeals against the ruling that sealed septic tanks must be used.
- 9) **Tidy Towns Grant Aided Projects and the planting of trees.** The Bettisfield councillors had met with Mike Feely and Kevin Edwards to discuss the proposals for the village and Mr Feely has produced some plans. Another meeting is to be held to pinpoint where the planters will be placed and the youth club and interested local residents have been invited to attend. Kevin Edwards said that he would discuss with Zoe-Jade Gardener the best way for Penley residents to be reimbursed for their plant purchases. He will let Cllr Mrs Sime have a plan of any utilities under the patch of grass where the trees may be planted. He agreed that some of the grant money could be used to buy protective fencing for the trees.
- 10) **Meetings attended by councillors.** Cllr Mrs Sime, Cllr Owen, Cllr Jones and Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth had attended the planning training session at Wrexham Council in July and had found it very useful. The clerk is to request a copy of the PowerPoint presentation
- 11) **Payment of invoice for hire of Bettisfield chapel.** As agreed previously, the chapel has charged £5 per meeting, for five meetings. Cllr Owen proposed that this be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Allen.
- 12) **Payment of invoice for street light maintenance.** No invoice has been received.
- 13) **Payment of any other bills.** None.
- 14) **To consider a request for financial assistance from the 1<sup>st</sup> Hanmer Scout Group.** The Scout Group has been told by their insurers that the policy covering the scout hut will not be renewed at the end of October 2009 unless the existing windows are replaced with double glazed units. Cllr Jones proposed that the group should be supported as many children from the local villages have been involved. This was seconded by Cllr Blanchard and the majority of councillors agreed. After a discussion, Cllr Owen proposed that the Scout Group be given £100. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth and was agreed by a majority vote.
- 15) **Correspondence.**
- a) Public Open Space Survey.
  - b) Details from Keep Wales Tidy about the Tidy Wales Week which runs from September 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Annual Report 2008-9 from Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd.
  - d) Letter from Shropshire Council about the Shropshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Consultation on "Policy Directions".
  - e) Letter from the Welsh Assembly about the consultation on proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to community councils and councillor recruitment, retention and allowances.
  - f) Details of the Mayor's Charity Ball to be held on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - g) Summer 2009 newsletter from AVOW.

- h) Health, Social Care and Well-Being newsletter for July/August 2009 from AVOW.
  - i) Letter from the Community Buildings Development Officer at AVOW asking to be informed of events taking place in community buildings.
  - j) Annual Report 2008-9 from the Adjudication Panel for Wales.
  - k) Invitation to join the North Wales Play Association.
  - l) Local Government Partnership Scheme Report 2008-9 from the Welsh Assembly Government.
  - m) Details of the next Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum meeting to be held on 6.10.09.
  - n) Copy of Wrexham Local Bus Strategy from Wrexham Council.
  - o) Housing Standards and Strategy Newsletter Summer 2009 from Wrexham Council.
  - p) Play for Wales Summer 2009 newsletter.
  - q) Invitation to attend AVOW's AGM on 7.9.09.
  - r) Letter from Welsh Water about environmental improvements to Penley Pumping Station.
- 16) **Any other business.** Cllr Owen reported that he has concerns about some land in Penley and asked councillors to keep an eye on it.
- 17) **Appointment of new clerk.** After a lengthy discussion, it was resolved to offer the position to Mrs Rachel Coathupe-Fox, who lives in Penley. Miss Morgan said that she would continue as clerk until the end of September, and produce the agenda for the October meeting, and then would hand over to Mrs Coathupe-Fox, for her to start on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.