

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30PM AT THE MADRAS SCHOOL, PENLEY

Present: Cllr Mrs Sime (chairman), Cllr Blanchard, Cllr Mrs Wynn, Cllr Owen, Cllr Mrs Moser, Cllr Muir, Cllr Jones, Ms Morris and clerk Mrs Coathupe-Fox.

Apologies: PC Stephen Evans (transition period, official start 06.01.10), Cllr Ms Davies (previous engagement), Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth (ill) and Cllr Mrs Allen (bad weather).

- 1) **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.**
 - a) **Traffic calming repair/removal.** The clerk spoke to Mr Mike Feely regarding the traffic calming measure outside the Dymock Arms. Mr Feely reported that he had passed the matter over to the street lighting department and would mention it again on our behalf.
- 3) **Police report.** None.
- 4) **Street lighting maintenance contract.** The clerk contacted W.C.B.C. and spoke to Mr Geoff Edwards, Street Lighting Manager for an explanation of the new contract. The previous rate was £19.80 per lamp per annum which included most replacement parts. The new rate of £14.75 covers the same inspection and testing as before but does not cover any replacement parts which will cost on average £27 per street light. Cllr Muir proposed that the new contract be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Moser.
- 5) **Streetscene.**
 - Cllr Mrs Sime reported four bags of rubbish down Back Lane (a.k.a. Grange Road). The clerk to inform W.C.B.C.
 - Cllr Mrs Sime asked the clerk to write to all the Penley planter owners to thank them for all their hard work and to inform them that £40 for large planters and £20 for small planters is available for summer plants and to return their receipts to the clerk before 21st March 2010.
 - Cllr Jones would like to obtain another grit box for Bettisfield down by the bus stop and the end of The Cadney, by the letter box. The Bettisfield councillors appreciate that grit might not be able to be supplied until later in the year. The clerk will contact Mr Mike Feely with this request.
- 6) **Planning.**
 - a) **Applications.** P/2009/1044. Removal of hedgerow (and reinstatement to match existing). A539 North East of Dymock Arms, Penley. No objections.
 - b) **Decisions.**
 - i) P/2009/0857. Two storey side extension. 7 Ellesmere Lane, Penley. Granted.
 - ii) P/2009/0592. Erection of agricultural building. Field No. 7583 off Red Hall Lane, Penley. Granted.

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.

c) **Planning Committee Report.** Erection of boundary fence to a maximum height of 2.25 metres (in retrospect). 12 Oakwood Park, Penley.

7) Penley noticeboard.

- The new noticeboard is up and Cllr Mrs Sime thanked Cllr Owen for all his extreme hard work in digging out the posts and helping with the reinstatement of the noticeboard. The rest of the council reiterated their thanks.
- The invoice has been received from Vicarage Workshop for the sum of £885.84. The clerk will forward this to the insurance company (Zurich) as per their previous instruction.
- Cllr Owen proposed that the balance of the invoice from Mr Davies at Vicarage Workshop should be paid as soon as possible, Cllr Mrs Sime seconded this. The clerk will contact the insurance company to find out the exact figure Maelor South C.C. have to contribute to the invoice and will organise payment to Mr Davies.
- The clerk reported that the letter from the court that prosecuted the driver who caused the damage to the noticeboard has still not been received.

8) Penley lay-by.

- The clerk contacted the Land Registry regarding the grassed area of the lay-by, at a cost of £5.00 not £6.80 as previously recorded. The land is not registered.
- Cllr Mrs Sime suggested that a site meeting take place regarding the enhancement of the lay-by, the councillors agreed on 23rd January at 10am at the lay-by. The clerk will create a poster to invite all Penley residents to the site meeting to contribute to the plan.

9) Meetings attended by councillors. Cllr Mrs Sime attended a Northern Marches Cymru meeting.

10) Payment of invoice for street light maintenance. The invoice has been received from W.C.B.C. for the period 18.05.09 to 30.09.09, with two rechargeable repairs, for a total of £160.36. Cllr Mrs Sime noticed that the wording on the attached repair breakdown read 'Sign & Bollard Repair' when in fact it was a repair to a normal streetlight. Cllr Mrs Moser proposed the clerk to query this and if satisfied with the reply to organise prompt payment to W.C.B.C., Cllr Blanchard seconded this.

11) Payment of any other bills. None.

12) Correspondence.

- a) Cllr Mrs Sime had received correspondence regarding an Open Day at Bangor-on-Dee Village Hall on Saturday 16th January 2010.
- b) AVOW – Health, Social Care and Well-being Issues Newsletter November/December 2009, Issue 58.
- c) Letter from WCBC acknowledging receipt of our precept requirement for 2010/2011.
- d) Letter from Welsh Assembly Government re Consultation on proposed changes to Local Authority Capital Finance framework.
- e) Letter from Welsh Assembly Government re Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2010-11.

- f) Wrexham PACF North Wales Police Authority Agenda for next meeting Thursday 14th January 2010.
 - g) Bettisfield Newsletter.
 - h) Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales re Code of Conduct – Draft Guidance from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.
- 13) **Any other business.** Cllr Muir advised the council that Mr Mike Feely was being made redundant at the end of March 2010, after 20 years service but was hoping to be redeployed. Cllr Muir, Cllr Blanchard and Cllr Jones have written letters of support personally to Mr Feely. Cllr Muir proposed that the council send a letter of support to Mr Feely and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Moser. The clerk will write to Mr Feely and thank him for all his hard work and support to the council over the years.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.57.