

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2010 AT 7.30PM AT BETTISFIELD CHAPEL.

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

Apologies: Cllr Muir (on holiday) and Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth (ill).

- 1) **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 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) **VAT Refund.** The clerk reported that since the last meeting she completed and submitted the Claim for VAT Refund form to HMRC for a total of £115.93. The refund was received via BACS on 17th March.
- 3) **Police report.** PCSO Large reported the following incidents.
 - a) A digger, worth £5000, has been stolen from Cadney Lane, Bettisfield. It has not yet been recovered.
 - b) There were three incidents in Penley (two on Ellesmere Lane and one on Tudor Drive) of small fires being started on doormats.
 - c) An unoccupied property in Ellesmere Lane Penley has been broken into and all the white goods stolen.
- 4) **Streetscene.**
 - a) Cllr Owen reported that Mr Mike Feely had put black and white plastic posts up at the lay-by in Penley to try to stop vehicles from running over the grass and damaging recently planted bulbs and trees.
 - b) Cllr Blanchard reported that the new seat, which was purchased through the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme, has arrived and will be placed by the bus shelter in Bettisfield.
 - c) Cllr Jones said they had received a complaint from a resident regarding pot holes by the canal on Cadney Lane, Bettisfield. The problem was reported to Mr Kevin Edwards.
- 5) **Planning.**
 - a) **Applications.**
 - i) P/2010/0157. Outline application for erection of 1 No. Dwelling and alterations to existing access, Lyndale, Ellesmere Lane, Penley. After much discussion it was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds: overdevelopment, undesirable backland development, and aggressive loss of amenity to neighbouring houses and concreting of a front garden. The council do not want a precedent set for backland development. Ellesmere Lane is busier than the application suggests.
 - ii) P/2010/0177. Conservatory extension. 1 Alson Street, Penley. No objections.
 - iii) P/2010/0184. Replace existing single-storey extension with larger single storey extension. Meadow View, Grange Road, Penley. No objections.

- iv) P/2010/0201. Drilling of appraisal borehole for the purpose of mineral exploration together with associated infrastructure land to the north of Hollybush Lane Farm, Penley. No objections.
 - v) P/2010/0239. Erection of agricultural building for the housing of livestock and fodder. Land at Halghton Lane, Judsons Meadow, Penley. No objections but suggest a wheel cleaning system be put in place to reduce soiling of the road outside the farm due to the increase in cattle.
- b) **Decisions.** None.
- 6) **Community Council vacancy and co-option of new councillor.** Following the resignation of Cllr Ms Davies and the vacancy being advertised in Penley, a letter has been received from WCBC advising the community council that they have not received any requests for an election and that MSCC are responsible for co-opting a new member. Cllr Mrs Moser proposed that Ms Val Morris be put forward for the vacancy and Cllr Blanchard seconded the motion and the remaining members had no objections.
- 7) **Tidy Towns Grant.** Cllr Jones reported that Bettisfield had submitted their application for the 2010/11 grant for an information board and a meeting about sewerage. Cllr Mrs Sime reported that she had to purchase stakes, tree-ties and planting compost for the trees but could not submit receipts before the end of March. Cllr Mrs Wynn suggested that it might not be too late to submit the receipts to WCBC as they are dated March. The clerk is to forward the receipts to Zoe-Jade Gardner for refund. Cllr Owen thanked Cllr Mrs Sime for all her hard work in planting the trees in the lay-by.
- 8) **Playground.** Since the last meeting Cllr Mrs Sime reported that there might be a good chance Penley could qualify for a grant from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) for new play equipment. Cllr Mrs Sime suggested that a Playground Sub-Committee be set up to progress the grant application for submission by 30th June. This was unanimously agreed. Cllr Mrs Sime had also circulated an email previous to the meeting suggesting documentary evidence to gather for the application. The first sub-committee meeting will be held on 20th April at the Madras School at 7.30pm. The clerk will book the school and invite Ms Ronnie Davies to the meeting as she had been asked to petition the parents and children of the Madras School.
- 9) **Review of Councillors' Allowances Regulations.** As reported at the last meeting a letter was received from the Welsh Assembly Government seeking views on the need to review the regulations on allowances for members of community and town councils and the possible content of any revised regulations. The list of seventeen questions for response was reviewed in detail and the clerk will submit the council's answers before 11th June.
- 10) **Meetings attended by councillors.** None.
- 11) **Payment of clerk's salary and expenses.** The clerk's salary for October 2009 to March 2010 is £500. Cllr Owen proposed that this be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Blanchard. Her expenses for the last six months are £82.62 and have been reviewed and approved by Cllr Mrs Allen prior to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Moser proposed that this be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Wynn.
- 12) **Payment of any other bills.** None.
- 13) **Correspondence.**
- a) Letter from WCBC re Owain Glyndwr Scheme.

- b) Health, Social Care and Well-being Issues March/April 2010, Issue 60 newsletter from AVOW.
- c) Bettisfield Newsletter.
- d) AVOW Newsletter Spring 2010, Issue 48.
- e) Northern Marches Cymru – Supporting Community Enterprise Newsletter March 2010, Issue 3.
- f) Letter from AVOW re new “Riding Routes”.
- g) Letter from WCBC re Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications. Clerk to reply and say no, website doesn’t provide enough detail as yet.
- h) Letter from WCBC re Visit to Wrexham Recycling Park, Bryn Lane, 17th April 2010. The clerk to inform WCBC of attendance of Cllr Mrs Sime, Cllr Owen, Cllr Mrs Moser and herself to the open day.
- i) Letter from WCBC re Rural Youth Work Team.
- j) Letter from WCBC re Street Lighting Service.
- k) Play for Wales Newsletter Spring 2010, Issue 31.
- l) One Wrexham Community Cohesion Strategy 2008-2011.

14) Any other business.

Cllr Mrs Sime advised the meeting of the allotments that are hoped to be set up down Halghton Lane, Penley. Notices have been displayed in the village and Mrs Sue Allen has informed Cllr Mrs Sime that they have received eight enquiries from interested parties but can accommodate up to sixteen.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.34.