

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2009 AT THE MADRAS SCHOOL, PENLEY AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr Mrs Sime (chairman), Cllr Owen, Cllr Mrs Wynn, Cllr Muir, Cllr Jones, Cllr Blanchard, Cllr Mrs Moser, Cllr Mrs Allen, Ms Morris and Clerk Miss Morgan

Apologies: Cllr Ms Davies (unwell), Cllr Mrs Wilson Butterworth (stuck in snow), PC Hughes.

- 1) **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6.1.09, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **Matters arising.**
 - a) War memorial insurance. The clerk spoke to Eileen Edwards, the previous clerk, who thinks that the church insurance for monuments does not include the war memorial. The chairman said that she would ask the Penley church treasurer to ring the insurance company for clarification on what the church policy covers.
- 3) **Police report.** In PC Hughes' absence, the clerk read out his report. There had been one attempted theft in Penley but the offenders were disturbed. There was an incident of anti-social behaviour in Penley, involving some young people. PC Hughes asked whether the provision of a youth shelter had been considered. Both Penley and Bettisfield will be subject to a zero-tolerance approach to traffic offences. PC Hughes said that he would chase up the proposed reduction in speed limit for Bettisfield. The new PCSO, Beth Large, has started work. Cllr Owen said that he had discussed the youth shelter with PC Hughes and had told him that it has been considered in the past but there is nowhere suitable to put one.
- 4) **Streetscene.** The clerk wrote to Wrexham Council regarding the gritting of Ellesmere Lane, Penley, but has not received a reply.
- 5) **Planning.**
 - a) Applications.
 - i) P/2008/1273. Amended plan for extension to side of dwelling at Roseleigh, Ellesmere Lane, Penley. Out of time.
 - ii) P/2009/0009. Removal of hedgerow in field opposite Penley Mill Garage, Lions Lane, Penley. Out of time.
 - iii) P/2009/0060. Erection of agricultural building in field no. 7583 off Red Hall Lane, Penley. The clerk is to query the need for another agricultural building, when permission for an earlier building was granted less than two years ago.
 - iv) P/2009/0061. Amendment to previously approved barn conversion scheme as allowed under code P/2005/0422 and erection of new stable building (partly in retrospect) at Corner Barn, Overton Road, Penley. No objections.
 - b) Decisions.
 - i) P/2008/1183. Extension to dwelling at Pear Tree Cottage, Penley. Permission has been granted.

- c) Planning Officers Reports.
 - i) P/2008/1206. Removal of existing porch and erection of single storey front porch at 8 Cambrian View, Bettisfield. The recommendation is that permission be granted.
- d) Other Planning Matters. Cllr Owen said that when planning permission was granted for the erection of a stable on land adjacent to Dymocks Inn in 2007, one of the conditions was that the existing access to the field be blocked up and a new access made. He said that although a new access has been made, it is never used and the old access is still used. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the planning enforcement officer. Cllr Owen also said that he is concerned about a field in Back Lane, Penley, where a gateway was made some time ago with brick pillars. The clerk said that the planning enforcement officer is aware of this.
- 6) **Bettisfield drainage issues.** Cllr Jones has been able to establish which piece of land it is whose owner we need to identify. The clerk is going to resend the forms to the Land Registry.
- 7) **Complaint from a Penley resident about neighbour dumping rubbish in his garden.** The clerk has been in contact with the Public Protection Department at Wrexham Council and has been told that the only remedy, if the rubbish is at the front of the house, is if there is a contravention of planning regulations. The clerk is to contact the planning enforcement officer.
- 8) **Planter scheme for Penley.** Kevin Edwards from Wrexham Council has been in contact with the clerk and the chairman. The grant money for the scheme needs to be spent by 31st March 2009. Councillors discussed the purchase of sleepers for the construction of the planters. Cllr Owen had had a quote from Reeves of Wem for £20 + VAT per sleeper and they would charge £1+VAT (per cut) to cut them to size. The Old Oak Import Company from Penley had also given a quote, but they were more expensive and they were not able to cut them. The sleepers from Reeves had the added advantage of being wider, so they would give a deeper bed. It was agreed that Cllr Owen should order the sleepers from Reeves. Cllr Mrs Sime proposed that the clerk be given authority to pay up to £600 for the sleepers if the supplier isn't willing to wait until March for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Blanchard. Cllr Mrs Sime said that the next round of Tidy Towns Grants will be open for applications in March and suggested that the Bettisfield councillors think about what could be done in Bettisfield.
- 9) **Meetings attended by councillors.** None.
- 10) **Payment of bills.** None.
- 11) **Correspondence.**
 - a) January 2009 newsletter from Nightingale House Hospice.
 - b) Details of the play area equipment chosen by the children for Penley playground.
 - c) Copy of Wrexham Outdoor Fixed Play Strategy consultation from Wrexham Council.
 - d) Minutes of Wrexham South Community Safety Group meeting held on 5.12.08.
 - e) Letter from Shropshire Council regarding the Local Development Framework for Shropshire.
 - f) Brochure from the Kidney Wales Foundation.
 - g) Letter from North Wales Police asking for details of any events that require police involvement/knowledge.

- h) AVOW Spring 2009 newsletter for carers' issues.
 - i) AVOW January/February 2009 newsletter for health, social care and well-being issues, together with details of a Welsh Assembly consultation on paying for care.
 - j) Consultation paper from the Welsh Assembly on Proposals on the future of community health councils in Wales.
- 12) **Any other business.**
- a) Play strategy consultation. Cllr Mrs Sime has completed the questionnaire.
 - b) Youth worker. Cllr Mrs Sime passed details of a comment posted on the Penley website from a youth worker provided under a Northern Marches Cymru scheme to the Bettisfield councillors. They will contact the youth worker to see if Bettisfield village hall could be used.
 - c) Cllr Mrs Moser announced that she is about to be cautioned by the police for allowing her dogs to worry sheep. She said that there is no evidence that her dogs have worried sheep but wondered if the caution would bar her from serving as a community councillor. The clerk is to make enquiries.
 - d) Ms Morris asked whether we should invite someone from AVOW to talk about the money available for a luncheon club. However, after discussion, it was agreed that there isn't sufficient demand for a luncheon club in this area.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.03