

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITYCOUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

at Bettisfield Methodist Chapel.

Present: Cllr. J. Gurr (Chair), Cllr. Mrs. W. Sime, Cllr. Ms. D. Kettle, Cllr. P. Jones, Cllr. J. Blanchard, Cllr. G. Williams, Mrs. L. Houston (Clerk)

Apologies. Cllr. Mrs. B. Wynne (Holiday), Cllr. Mrs. G. Wilson-Butterworth (Family commitment)  
Cllr. Mrs. R. Coathupe-Fox (Work commitment), PCSO Mike Simister (Work commitment)

1. Declarations of Interest.

None

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were agreed to be an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising.

- Item 9a) Streetscene, Bettisfield.

Cllr. Blanchard and Clerk had emailed the Canal and River Trust to raise issues of car parking near to, and dog fouling along the canal. Both had received acknowledgement, but no further information. Clerk to email again to remind CART of the issues.

- Item 9b) Streetscene, Penley.

Trees are causing damage to garage rooves at Penda's Park, Penley and also to the perimeter fencing. Clerk to contact WCBC to request that they cut back the trees, as they would appear to be growing on council land.

Drainage problem in Penley has been reported, but no action taken. Clerk to report again.

- Item 11a) Village Projects, Bettisfield.

With reference to the suggestion that a joint project between MSCC and CART could install a fitness trail near the canal, a request for a meeting had been received from Ani Sutton of CART. Bettisfield councillors will follow this up.

- Item 14.2 Income and Expenditure

Cllr. Mrs. Coathupe-Fox had scrutinised bank statements and reported that all was in order.

4. Police report.

The report was received by email.

5. County Council matters.

No report was received.

6. Open Forum.

The council were asked to support an application by The Rainbow Centre, Penley, for a Together in Wrexham 'Enabling Grant'. If successful, the grant will be used to establish A Digital Inclusion Project via a Community Internet Access Point. There were no objections and the application was countersigned by the Chair on behalf of the council.

7. Penley Playground.

In the absence of Cllr. Mrs. Coathupe-Fox, this item will be deferred until the next meeting.

8. Website.

Cllr. Ms. D. Kettle reported that the website was not easy to update and that she intended to spend some time with Cllr. Coathupe-Fox to learn how to update information. Cllr. Gurr asked for access so that he could look at the problems.

9. Streetscene

a) Bettisfield.

- The Vehicle Activated Sign continues to work well at both ends of the village.
- Clerk to contact Streetscene again regarding the Cadney/Cadney Lane signpost.
- The signpost on the A495 at Bettisfield is damaged. Clerk to report to Highways.

b) Penley

- A mattress has been fly-tipped near to New House Farm in Hampton Wood Road. Clerk asked to contact Shropshire County Council to request its removal.

10. Planning

a) Applications

P/2016/0569 – Application for a Non-Material Amendment to Planning Permission P/2014/0484 on 5/11/14.

There was some discussion about which local authority this application was made to. There were no objections.

b) Decisions

P/2016/0301- Milking parlour at Avenue Farm, Bettisfield - Pending.

11. Village projects

a) Bettisfield

- Fitness Trail – Councillors to meet with Ani Sutton of CART.

b) Penley

- Wasteland near to the hospital has been cleared. Mr. G. Williams will establish the condition of the ground and assess what might be done there. A poster has been displayed to canvass public opinion. A spring gate will be put in and better fencing erected to ensure safety.
- Clerk to establish who owns the woodland behind Hillcrest, Penley and write to request permission for MSCC to make the area safe and possibly install a fitness trail.

12. Meetings attended by councillors.

Cllr. Mrs. Sime attended the Wrexham LAG meeting. It was reported that projects were coming in well. The question of what would happen to funding if the UK left the European Union was raised. The Welsh Government has pledged to make up the shortfall until 2020.

13. Response to internal audit:

a) Update financial regulations

Councillors approved the Annual Governance Statement and this was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

b) Risk assessment update, following published guidance.

The Risk Assessment document had been updated, but it was agreed that more detail should be included. The Clerk and the Chair will work on this.

14. Payment of bills.

1. Use of Bettisfield Methodist Chapel for Council Meetings -£30

Payment was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Sime and seconded by Cllr. Ms. Kettle.

Cheque Number 000722.

This invoice represented an increase of £5 since last year.

2. Zurich Municipal Insurance Premium - £648.57

This bill had arrived between meetings and needed to be paid immediately.

Approval was given in retrospect. Payment proposed by Cllr. Blanchard and seconded by Cllr. Williams.

Cheque No.000721

15. Income and Expenditure since the last meeting.

<b>16. Treasurer's Account</b>				
Date	Credits	Debits	Paid to/from	Balance
27:05:16				c/f 9625.01
10.06.16		125.00	Wales Air Ambulance Chq. No 000699	9,500.01
20:06:16		584.19	L. Houston Clerk's salary Chq. No.000713	8,915.82
17:06:16		10.00	B. Wynne – Planter Chq. No. 000714	8,905.82
10.06.16		3.00	A. Hughes- Planter Chq. No. 000715	8,902.82
13.06.16		150.00	G. Williams – Grasscutting Chq. No 000716	8,752.82
29.06.16		8.96	C. Long-Planter Chq. No 000718	8,743.86
10.06.16		31.60	F. Simkiss – Plants Chq. No 000719	8,712.26
20.06.16		72.10	L. Houston-Clerk expenses Chq. No 000720	8,640.16
27.06.16		648.57	Zurich Insurance Chq. No. 000721	7,991.59
				Closing balance
<b>Business Instant Access Account</b>				Balance c/f9,483.97
	Interest 0.40			
				9,484.37

Total available funds

£17,475.96

Committed funds:

Penley Playground

5,000.00

Benches	1,000.00
Penley Village Hall donation	2,000.00
* Legal fees, Broken Bridge Project	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>9,000.00</u>

- A peppercorn rent of £1 per annum will be payable each October.

17. Correspondence.

- Annual Inspection Report for playground at Penda's Park, Penley received. The overall assessment was 8-Low Risk. It was agreed not to do any remedial work at present, as the council is hopeful that new equipment will be purchased soon.
- Information has been received about the Red Telephone Box Regeneration Project. This is not applicable to the Maelor South area. The red telephone kiosk in Penley is not due to be decommissioned.
- Information received about the iBeacon Network Project. Bettisfield councillors are interested in finding out more about this project. Clerk will contact Sarah Jones for more information.

18. Co-option of new councillor for Penley.

There is possibly one other interested party.

19. Any Other Business.

- No further communication has been received from Community Agents. Clerk to contact to invite to the next meeting if this project is ongoing.
- The lists of planters in Bettisfield and Penley were discussed. It was agreed to bring updated lists to the next meeting. Clerk will also advertise for new people to take on planters which are available. The allowance is £20 for a small planter and £40 for a large one.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:20p.m.