

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held online.

Tuesday 6th February 2024 7:00 pm

Present: Cllr. J. Griffiths (JG) Chair, Cllr. A. Raey (AR), Cllr. Keith Owen (KO), Cllr. S. Rodenhurst (SR), Cllr. J. Blanchard (JB), Cllr. J. Tomkinson

In Attendance: John Gallanders Clerk (JOG); Ian Burdett (potential Community Councillor)

Apologies: Cllr. M. Edge (ME), (JT) Cllr. Nick Ringrose (NR),

02.01 Declarations of Interest.

No additional declarations of interest

01.02 Welcome: Cllr (JG) welcomed everyone and introduced Ian Burdett as a prospective Councillor to fill the vacancy for Penley.

02.03 Police Update: PCSO Dean Sayer not present – apology sent during the meeting re operational issue.

Update shared – Hi-Viz patrols continuing and reporting of the ‘abandoned’ vehicle in the school layby to WCBC.

02.04 County Council Update: Apology from Cllr John McCusker

Members had no points to be raised with the County Councillor

02.05 Open Forum – No members of the public in attendance.

02.06 Minutes 10th January 2024

Amendments: Bramble House to be corrected to “The Brambles”

Proposed acceptance by Cllr. SR, seconded by Cllr. JB.

02.07 Matters Arising:

12.03 **‘Abandoned’ vehicle** – A ‘Removal Notice’ had been placed on the vehicle. PCSO also followed up with WCBC (the responsible Authority for vehicle removal) A Council Member also reported to the Police about another untaxed and uninsured vehicle seen in the area. PCSO to follow up.

Canal and River Trust re the car parking and access issues, email received, the keypad lock and potential public car parking during the day is being investigated. Subject to no restriction from the Council they will also put signage up re keeping access from the bridge to the towpath clear. Clerk has offered for a site visit to take place with local Members from Bettisfield to discuss general canal related issues.

Road issues: Points noted the outstanding issues from the walkabout have been raised with the Council officer, some of the issues will not be sorted until the dryer weather to enable tarmac and white lining to take place.

02.08 Village Projects

Bettisfield:

A meeting took place prior to the MSCC meeting between Cllr JG; Cllr AR; Cllr JB to discuss the results of the Community Survey and what information needs to be shared back to residents.

Action: Clerk to draft a report for distribution

Key Points:

The report will be circulated to all Council Members, so they are aware of the implications re the lease on Donkey Field and various financial implications.

Planters: Planters that cannot be repaired have been removed from the Chapel – a community member has adopted one and there are possibly another couple of residents that may take them on. Item covered in the Survey Report.

Mobile Fish and Chips: a van visits Bronington and may shortly try Bettisfield to identify the demand for a regular visit.

Signs: Cllr JB reported the MSCC signs for Bettisfield will be erected when the weather is better.

Penley:

New Noticeboard: Costs have been obtained for an additional Community Noticeboard for near Llanerch Panna- the noticeboard plus necessary materials for erecting would be approximately £1300.

Discussion to take place with nearest residents to ensure they would be happy – proposal is to site close to the new defibrillator.

Planters: It was noted that number 1 and 5 have now been removed

Signage: Permission has been given to erect one in the church grounds

02.09 Correspondence-

Email message from Ian Bancroft CE WCBC re a meeting in February to discuss the Section 106 and other matters pertaining to Morris Homes site.

02.10 Finance:

Finance position circulated prior to the meeting – no invoices for payment.

Clerk provided information on an expense claim for a resident in respect to a planter they have adopted. Amount of £15.29

Statement and payments approved.

Audit Wales – confirmation has been received that the accounts for 2022/23 have been approved and an unqualified statement has been issued. This has been posted on the MSCC website as per the regulations.

Clerk highlighted that there are still outstanding queries for 2021/22 and that no invoices for either of the audits have been received.

Concerns that have been raised by other Community Councils have been shared with the Chair which confirms that MSCC is not alone with regard all procedural concerns.

Grants –

The Clerk had circulated a list of the grants that have been made in previous years as well as details of new applications.

It was reported that both churches and village halls as well as the Youth Club have completed a report on the use of funds from 2023/24 and a separate application form for a new grant.

A full list of the approved applicants will be posted on the website.

It was agreed that an underspend from other budget lines would be used to meet the budgeted shortfall.

Proposed Cllr JB seconded Cllr SR

02.11 Governance: A resident who has indicated they may be interested in becoming a community Councillor for Bettisfield will be approached by Cllr JB- Chair has offered to discuss with the individual.

02.12 Planning:

No new applications

It was agreed that no objection would be raised in respect to the following carried forward application:

Planning Application P/2024/0016 - Dilys o/Valid From 17/01/2024 Land Adjacent To 23, Hill Crest, Penley, Wrexham, LL13 0NL

02.13 Communications: No report.

01.14 Meetings attended by Members:

Cllr JT gave an update on the Youth Club – regularly 25 attendees – often these are new people so overall number is quite a bit higher.

Wrexham Youth Service will be delivering a series of Personal Development Training sessions for the YP.

Cllr (SR) attended school Maelor School Governors meeting.

Cllr (JG) attended a very informative training session on Section 106 – pleased to note that MSCC seem to be doing very well with information gathering and submissions in respect to Section 106.

Cllr (JG) attended the Rainbow Foundation Community briefing meeting on their proposals to do some form of historical recognition about the Polish Hospital.

Cllr (JG) has asked for a copy of the budget and project/ business plan, but nothing received yet. It is acknowledged that there is significant history to the hospital and the site and that many people who have memories are getting old and their first-hand accounts need recording.

It was noted that Wrexham Museum produced a very good exhibition a few years ago and they should still have all the resources.

Cllr JG had registered for a consultation event on the creation of a Dee Valley National Park but was never provided with any joining details.

Clerk JG attended the recent Town and Community Council meeting with WCBC – it was noted that only 7 T & CCs were represented and one of the WCBC speakers did not attend. Discussion centered around WCBC proposals for Wrexham City – it was noted however they were only interested in the City Centre and not the Rural areas – officers have been asked to report to the meeting at a future date about what impact city status has on the rural areas.

02.15 AOB

Cllr (SR) raised concerns that there are ‘abandoned’ street work signs on the corner of Tudor Drive and Ellesmere Lane – Cllr KO stated that they were in relation to road works that took place on the Shropshire side of the border.

Action: Clerk will raise with our WCBC contact

It was noted that a previous light that had been reported as faulty is still on all day.

02.16 Date of Next Meeting – 5th March 2024, 7.00pm online.

Note: Due to Easter the April meeting will be moved to the 9th. This should be face to face in Bettisfield Chapel.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm.