

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held online.

Tuesday 5th March 2024 7:00 pm

Present: Cllr. J. Griffiths (JG) Chair: Cllr. A. Raey (AR); Cllr. Keith Owen (KO); Cllr. J. Blanchard (JB); Cllr. Ian Burdett (IB); Cllr. M. Edge (ME), Cllr. Nick Ringrose (NR),

In Attendance: John Gallanders Clerk (JOG);

Apologies: Cllr. S. Rodenhurst (SR); Cllr. J. Tomkinson (JT)

03.01 Declarations of Interest.

No additional declarations of interest

03.02 Welcome: Cllr (JG) welcomed new Cllr (IB) to his first meeting following co-option to the vacancy in Penley.

03.03 Police Update: PCSO Dean Sayer not present – latest police update circulated in advance of the meeting.

Update shared – Hi-Viz patrols continuing and reporting of the ‘abandoned’ vehicle in the Penley layby to WCBC, Police are unable to act as the vehicle is not road hazard. Cllr (JM) raised issues with WCBC Officers.

03.04 County Council Update: Cllr John McCusker

Speed camera van due in Overton/Penley in March

Council Tax to increase by 8.6% plus 1.3% for North Wales Fire and Rescue Service- even at this rate services will be cut.

Refuse collection issues in Bettisfield – missed bins and scattered refuse from collection vehicles.

Issues re potholes in Bettisfield- significant issues but full repairs cannot be carried out until dryer weather.

Action: WCBC (W.W) to be contacted to arrange a walkabout with Bettisfield Council Members. Council Members to inform Clerk of any refuse collection issues.

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

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Proposed acceptance by Cllr. KO, seconded by Cllr. NR.

03.07 Matters Arising:

‘Abandoned’ vehicle – Cllr JM to progress matter with WCBC following Cllr KO receiving email stating they had closed the case.

Canal and River Trust – No update.

Action: Clerk to chase up previous actions re car park and bridge.

03.08 Village Projects

Bettisfield:

Grants: Query re MSCC not funding the Bettisfield Fete organised by the Village Hall- Clerk shared that the VH had submitted three applications and two were funded- £500 general grant for the Hall and £100 for the Garden project.

Planters: 5 planters have been removed from around the chapel due to poor state of repair and no volunteers coming forward to maintain.

Fish and Chip van may start regular visits.

Survey: Members had been circulated prior to the meeting for comments – no comments received- Members agreed the version should be distributed to the public.

It was agreed that the April MSCC meeting will start at 6.30pm at Bettisfield Chapel to enable the public to attend and share ideas.

It was noted that the survey was not about identifying funding cuts but to ensure best value.

Litter picking: Thanks letter to be sent to PG – Cllr ME to provide contact details.

Penley:

Planters: It was noted that number 3;4;6;7;8;9 are the only ones remaining- other that are past repair have been removed (Cllr (KO) has arranged collection).

Lay-By: it was highlighted that cars are driving over the grass verge.

Action: PCSO to be informed if there is anything he can do to 'suggest' to drivers not to cause damage.

20 MPH sign still not working by the Maelor school.

Action: Clerk to chase up WCBC

Morris Homes – the fence around the green open space at the front of estate is damaged in several places and is dangerous to children.

Action: Clerk to chase again as reported previously.

Phone box – flooding still occurring – W.W. to be contacted.

Big Green Court- indication that the contractor has finished onsite as recent tarmac and white lining completed. Street lighting improvements still not undertaken.

Action: Clerk to contact WCBC Lighting Officer re compliance for planning application conditions.

Village litter pick: MSCC pickers and bin bags to be provided

03.09 Correspondence-

Clerk has sent various information items out during the month – non requiring any feedback.

03.10 Finance:

Finance report presented.

Invoices for payment £996.77 Final balance £7925.11

Proposed acceptance Cllr (NR) seconded Cllr (KO)

Audit Wales – an invoice has been raised by Audit Wales for £868 for the period 2021/22. This is considerably higher than anticipated. The Clerk has contacted AW contesting the value – this action is in line with other Clerks from other CCs. No invoice has yet been received for 2022/23.

Grants – An application submitted by Advance Brighter Future was held over from February until clarification over engagement in MSCC area. This has been received.

Balance of £75 was awarded. Proposed Cllr (JB) seconded Cllr (AR)

03.11 Governance: Penley allocation of Members is now full. The potential person for Bettisfield has indicated they do not wish to be considered.

Bettisfield vacancy still open for a co-option.

03.12 Planning:

Planning Application P/2024/0060 - Dilys o/Valid From 14/02/2024 Potters Cottage, Bettisfield, Whitchurch, Wrexham, SY13 2LB two storey extension and erection of rear balcony

Comment to submit – MSCC do not have any objection provided all necessary planning guidance is adhered to.

Planning Application P/2021/0746 - Dilys o/Valid From 28/07/2021 Corner Farm, A539 From Iris Cottage To Lion Lane, Penley, Wrexham, LL13 0LU erection of greenhouse (in retrospect) amendment to 2021 PA revised location

Comment to submit – no objection

Penley Mill – ongoing issues in respect to the siting of a caravan – awaiting update from WCBC.

03.13 Communications: No report.

03.14 Meetings attended by Members:

Clerk attended the Community Agents meeting on behalf of Councillors. – arrangement has been made for the MSCC are Community Agent to present an update at May meeting. Information about the Polish project to be given at a community meeting on 7th March (Cllr JG) to attend.

Cllr (JG) Youth Club – good progress with the school and availability of space for summer programme of activities.

03.15 AOB No business

03.16 Date of Next Meeting – Due to Easter the date will be moved to 9th April at Bettisfield Chapel. Community meeting to discuss survey 6.30pm – main Council meeting 7.00pm

May meeting will be held in Penley Village Hall – this will be the AGM 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm.