

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held at Penley Village Hall

Tuesday 5th May 2024 7:00 pm

Present: Cllr. J. Griffiths (JG:); Cllr. A. Raey (AR) (Chair); Cllr. Keith Owen (KO); Cllr. J. Blanchard (JB); Cllr. M. Edge (ME); Cllr. J. Tomkinson (JT); Allison Jones (AJ)

In Attendance: John Gallanders Clerk (JOG); one member of the public

Apologies: Cllr. Nick Ringrose (NR),

05.01 Declarations of Interest.

No additional declarations of interest

05.02 Welcome: Cllr (AR) thanked everyone thanking them for supporting his nomination as Chair.

05.03 Public Forum:

Traveller site development: A question was asked by a member of the public re the proposed traveller site on the edge of the MSCC area. It was reported MSCC had raised objects based on highways, unsuitability of land due to flooding and impact on demand of local services. The site is in Shropshire but a potential impact on WCBC.

Lighting Green Bank Farm: A query re the responsibility of lighting- a member response was that the lights are on a private unadopted site and therefore the property owner's responsibility. MSCC have made representation to WCBCs re lighting improvements that should be made due to the development along Ellesmere Lane– works outstanding.

A walkaround in Bettisfield with PCSO had occurred and various points re traffic had been highlighted. A drop in was also scheduled for the 9th of May.

Action: Cllr (AR) to provide the Clerk with latest speed date re Bettisfield for forwarding to (DS)

05.05 County Council Update: Cllr John McCusker – not present

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No amendments: Proposed acceptance by Cllr. KO, seconded by Cllr. JB.

05.07 Matters Arising:

Canal and River Trust – it was noted the extensive work being undertaken which has resulted in the Donkey Field being closed whilst it is used as the construction site.

Action: Clerk to request a statement from CRT to share with the community around progress of work.

Big Green Court: Awaiting response from WCBC re the expected improved lighting. Noted that trees and road marking have now been installed on the site.

05.08 Village Projects

Bettisfield:

Speed recorder sign: Noted a problem may exist with data downloading. Cllr AR to check during dry weather to see if the matter can be resolved. Machine is 10 years old so potential software compatibility issue.

Donkey Field: CRT making good progress and should be off site at the end of May. They have produced an ecology plan for the site which local members have accepted. CRT will reinstate the grass area and carry out plantings. Cllrs JG to provide three trees. Cllrs JG; AR; AJ met the CRT team.

Cuppa with a Copper: due to take place

Penley:

Play Survey – a WCBC play survey has been conducted which has highlighted a recommendation of an additional gate for the playground as a safety measure. The low risk level is noted – Clerk to identify costs.

Lay-By: it was noted following a walkabout WCBC have installed safety bollards.

Noticeboard: It was noted that repairs were necessary to the main noticeboard – Cllr KO to look if it is repairable.

Quotes for a new noticeboard obtained by Clerk for Tudor Drive – approximately £1000- additional estimated to be sourced.

Morris Homes – The Clerk reported that numerous emails and phone calls have taken place with no satisfaction – Still no action to carry out repairs.

Resignation: It was noted that Cllr Sheila Rodenhurst had resigned.

05.09 Correspondence-

Information Commissioner: It was noted that Community Councils should be registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO)

Members agreed for the Clerk to register.

05.10 Finance:

Finance report presented.

Proposed acceptance: Cllr (JG) Seconded Cllr (AR)

Audit Wales – there has been no response yet for 2023/24 period.

Grant funding Bettisfield Village Hall: Cllr (ME) requested that MSCC to contribute to the broken cooker at Bettisfield Village hall- the unrepairable cooker is presenting a problem for bookings such as weddings and village social events.. An amount of £1500 was requested.

The Clerk highlighted the only amount within the budget was a pre allocation of £500 normally distributed in February. There is currently no budget line for any higher amount.

Cllr ME would take the offer detail to the Village Hall Comtmittee. It was also suggested that the VHC contact Jo Young the funding officer in AVOW.

Disproportionate funding: Cllr ME raised a point that she believed there was disproportionate funding allocated between Penley and Bettisfield. The Clerk explained some of the budget lines and the variation in number of properties between the two communities. Traditionally the allocations have not been proportionately split but on a need's basis.

Training – Members to review and inform the Clerk if they are interested in attending.

Declarations- all Members reminded they need to complete Member declaration forms on an annual basis.

05.12 Planning: No new Planning applications

05.13 Communications: No report.

05.14 Meetings attended by Members: No reports

05.15 AOB - no AOB

05.16 Date of Next Meeting – 4th June 7.00pm Bettisfield Chapel

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm.