

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Bettisfield Chapel

Tuesday 4th of June 2024 7:00 pm

Present: Cllr. J. Griffiths (JG:); Cllr. A. Reay (AR) (Chair); Cllr. Keith Owen (KO); Cllr. J. Blanchard (JB); Cllr. M. Edge (ME); Allison Jones (AJ); Cllr. Nick Ringrose (NR),

In Attendance: John Gallanders Clerk (JOG).

Apologies: Cllr Ian Burdett (IB); Cllr. J. Tomkinson (JT).

06.01 Declarations of Interest.

No additional declarations of interest

06.02 Welcome: Cllr (AR) welcomed everyone.

06.03 Public Forum: No items

06.05 County Council Update: No report

06.06 Police Update – No PCSO present – reported that Cuppa with a Copper and village walkabout had taken place to alert PCSO of current issues.

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

06.08 Matters Arising:

Canal and River Trust – it was noted the extensive work completed and the contractor is off site. There is potential funding for additional environmental improvements- CRT Ecologist will be in touch with local Members further works. Local Member to hold security code for the gate and open as and when requested rather than open access.

Members agreed for the time being they would hold the security code.

Action: Clerk to contact CRT re very wet area on path from car park and gate. Query path to canal and picnic area. Request a statement from CRT to share with the community around progress of work. Noticeboard posts have not been erected.

Invoice Cllr AJ when plaque arrives (plaque and memorial bench)

Contact Jonny Bell to obtain a quote for additional work required and restart cutting bus stop area.

Cllr JB to oil seat by bus stop

06.09 Village Projects

Bettisfield:

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

Village Hall update: It was noted that there had been some confusion over the request for funding to support replacement of a cooker. Members were updated and it was confirmed that the offer of the annual £500 grant was still open.

Action: It was agreed that representatives of the Village Hall should be invited to attend the public section of a future MSCC meeting to outline any request.

Penley

Defibulator- (NR) reported the pads at the Rainbow Centre will shortly need replacing due to use by date.

Action: Clerk to order from WAST

Footpaths across fields- noted that any ploughing across footpaths is permitted provided reinstated within two weeks.

Roadside street bins- noted an issue had been raised re the bin by the shops. WCBC acted promptly. A request has been made for a larger bin. Item previously raised with WW during walkabout.

Morris Homes fencing: Latest email from MH indicated works to commence week 30/05/24.

Annual Play Inspection – the report has not indicated any red issues- Members concerned that items marked as non-compliant with BS standards not marked either amber or red.

Action: Clerk to share report with Ray Parry and ask for maintenance schedule. JW to be asked to cut hedge and overhanging branches.

6.10 Correspondence-

Civic Service invite from WCBC – no action

06.11 Finance:

Finance report presented. No invoices for payment

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

Audit Wales – there has been no update re outstanding invoices.

06.12 Penley vacancy; the vacancy has been advertised in the web site.

06.13 Planning: No new Planning applications

Clerk is in communication with Planning Officers re Big Green Farm – outstanding issues and Rose Cottage – development with no planning permission.

06.14 Communications: No report.

06.15 Meetings attended by Members: Cuppa with a Coppa Cllrs JB; AJ; AR in Bettisfield

Madras School – Cllr JG gave an update re a building being repurposed for school and community use. Further updates as progress are made.

Wrexham Play- Cllr JG met WCBC officials to discuss play at the Morris Homes estate and school field- progress to be reported at future meetings.

06.16 AOB – Hanmer Surgery – Cllr AR gave an overview of the current difficulties and lack of progress by BCUHB. It was agreed that the Dr and Surgery representatives be invited to the next MSCC meeting to provide an update. Members in full agreement to support.

06.17 Date of Next Meeting – 2nd July 7.00pm Penley Village Hall (TBC)

Meeting closed at 9:15 pm.