

MAELOR SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held at Bettisfield Chapel
Tuesday 1st October 2024 7:00 pm

Present:

Cllr. A. Reay (AR) (Chair); Cllr. Keith Owen (KO); Cllr. J. Blanchard (JB); Alison Jones (AJ); Cllr. Ian Burdett (IB); Cllr. J. Griffiths (JG); Cllr Simon Huxley (SH)

In Attendance:

John Gallanders Clerk (JOG).

Apologies:

Cllr. Nick Ringrose (NR); Cllr. J. Tomkinson (JT); Cllr. M. Edge (ME)

Cllr. J. McCusker (JM)

10.01 Declarations of Interest. No declarations of interest

10.02 Welcome: Cllr (AR) welcomed everyone.

10.03 Public Forum: Representative from **Hanmer Surgery Action Group**

- Several significant points raised in respect to lack of progress and misinformation from BCUHB in respect to the development of a new surgery:
- Lack of clarity on the size of building being put forward by BCUHB
- Lack of clarity on the expectation of which services should/could be provided
- Only one consultation room being allocated
- Mix of patients from England and Wales – currently no input from the Health Board in Shropshire
- The Action Group is receiving support from Llais – patient advocacy service
- Lack of capacity in surrounding surgeries if Hanmer was to close
- Potential to raise the issue with Wes Streeting Minister for Health at UK level

MSCC Members noted all the points being raised and committed to provide supporting letters as appropriate if the Group require for any future submissions.

MSCC asked to be kept informed of progress over the coming months.

10.04 Police Update:

No PCSO present –

CCTV Bettisfield and Community Speed Watch Group- information shared with the agenda about both schemes- information noted

10.05 County Council Update:

Cllr J. McCusker (apology) no items to report

10.06 Minutes 3rd September 2024

Proposed acceptance: Cllr (JG), Seconded Cllr (KO)

10.07 Matters Arising:

Canal and River Trust – works to reseed had been promised but work on Donkey Field has still not commenced. Clerk informed Members an application on behalf of MSCC had been successful for additional trees and bulbs from Keep Wales Tidy.

Action: Volunteers will be sought from the Community to assist with planting.

A provisional cost for 'adult' outdoor gym equipment would be £5,000 for four pieces of equipment. No further action unless members of the community come forward seeking this type of amenity.

Community Agents – A new Community Agetnet has been appointed by AVOW and a briefing meeting will be arranged in the near future to be introduced and share community needs.

10.08 Village Projects

Bettisfield:

Donkey Field

Signs – two signs to be erected to remind the public to take away their rubbish.

Planting – Cllr (AJ) has purchased daffodil bulbs – cost to be reimbursed. A local resident has also made two planters and donated for community use.

Bus stop (Cadney Lane) – Evergreen plants etc now completed

Action: Reimburse Cllr (AR) expenses for plants etc.

Penley:

Defibrillator – (NR) noted all units have been checked by Cllr (NR) and recorded on 'The Circuit'.

Playground – awaiting price for new safety gate

Grass cutting – inform Morris Homes that MSCC no longer cutting grass in front of the hospital.

Zebra Crossing – noted after the last very heavy rainfall that there had not been any flooding. If this remains the case discussion to take place with WCBC re cost.

Youth Club – No update

Rainbow Foundation Polish historical project: No update re signage

10.09 Correspondence:

Communication regarding dog fouling on Henka Road – Clerk provide resident with relevant link to WCBC to log incidents. It was noted this was not just isolated issues as it occurs in various part of Penley.

Members reference- General link to report a variety of issues that are the responsibility of WCBC - [Report it | Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

Insurance: Correspondence received from the MSCC Insurance re the works undertaken three years ago for the repair of the bus shelter – photographic evidence

of the damage and replacement provide. No further action expected as they have previously settled all outstanding replacement costs.

10.10 Finance:

Finance split between Penley and Bettisfield- Report presented by the Clerk to highlight the split of income and expenditure against the respective number of houses in both communities.

Note that the split does not disproportionately advantage Penley

The Finance Report with list of payments due was agreed:

Proposed Cllr (KO) seconded Cllr (JB)

Audit Wales – no update

10.11 Governance:

Clerk reminded Members to look at the Correspondence Matrix sent out to familiarise themselves on any changes etc.

10.12 Planning:

Application 2024/1077

PROPOSAL: STEEL FRAMED BUILDING FOR STORAGE AND CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE

LOCATION: BLAKEWOOD BARN OVERTON ROAD PENLEY WREXHAM LL13 0LY

(I (Planning Officer) write to inform you that elevations and block plans and the description has been amended in connection with the above proposal

It was noted the application had previously been discussed at a MSCC meeting prior to the amendments set out by the Planning Department.

Points to note:

Corrected information re the address

- The entrance splay is in line with the defined residential use
- The footprint of the proposed barn has been reduced
- Confirmation of residential and not commercial use

It was noted that the specific feedback re compliance or not from Highways Department and NRW would address both the original concerns and how these have now been mitigated by the applicant.

Noted for response to WCBC

1. Adherence to the non-commercial use of the premises
2. No objection from Highways Department to the size of the splay entrance
3. No objection from NRW in respect the surface drainage into surrounding water course

10.14 Meetings attended by Members:

Cllr (JG) – Madras School Governors and Penley Youth Club

Cllrs (JB) and (AR) – Bettisfield Village Hall AGM

10.15 Additional items

Computers – Noted the current Clerk is using personal machine due to age of MSCC and the Chair does not have a dedicated computer. It was agreed that Cllr (JG) would source replacements to maximum of £850

10.16 Date of Next Meeting: 5th November 7.00 pm Online

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm.