

Maelor South Community Council – Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 6th May 2025

Time: 6.30 PM

Location: Bettisfield Chapel

Present:

Cllr Alwyn Reay (Chair)
Cllr Nick Ringrose
Cllr Michelle Edge

Cllr John Griffiths
Cllr Ian Burdett
Cllr John Blanchard

Cllr Jackie Tomkinson
Cllr Keith Owen

Apologies:

Cllr Simon Huxley

PCSO Lisa Davies

Cllr John McCusker (County Council)

In attendance: John Gallanders (Clerk) One member of the public

1.05 Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2025–26

Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair were invited from the floor.

- Chair: Cllr Alwyn Reay was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations.
- Vice Chair: Cllr John Griffiths was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations.

Resolved:

- Cllr Alwyn Reay was re-elected as Chair.
- Cllr John Griffiths was re-elected as Vice Chair.

2.05 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all present and noted apologies from Cllrs Simon Huxley and John McCusker. There was one member of the public in attendance.

3.05 Approval of AGM Minutes – 8th May 2024

The minutes of the AGM held on 8th May 2024 were reviewed. Amendments were agreed as follows:

- Cllr Nick Ringrose to be listed as absent rather than “prospective”.

- Confirmation that the meeting was held at Penley Village Hall with two members of the public present.
- Correction of a typographical error in the third paragraph of the Community Report section ("It" instead of "T").

Proposed by: Cllr John Griffiths

Seconded by: Cllr John Blanchard

Approved, subject to amendments.

4.05 Matters Arising from the 2024 AGM Minutes

All issues identified were agreed to be corrected in the final version of the minutes. No additional matters arising were noted.

5.05 Annual Financial Statement

The financial statement for 2024–25 was presented by the Clerk. No queries were raised and the accounts were accepted.

6.05 Annual Community Report

The Chair thanked the Clerk for the preparation of a detailed report and highlighted key issues from the past year some of which are running into the 2025/26 year

- Community Safety: Persistent parking problems at Penley Schools and traffic speed through both villages.
- Traffic Incident in Bettisfield: A serious collision near Smithy Cottage involving multiple emergency services raised concerns about speed, road layout, and maintenance.
- Potholes and Road Surface: Calls were made for WCBC to escalate repairs.
- Cadney Lane Drainage: Members supported enforcement action and proposed earlier reminders to WCBC and landowners.
- Additional Issues: Stagnant water, culvert blockages, and lack of clarity on land ownership/responsibility.
- Escalation Proposal: Clerk to contact WCBC prior to 28th May for timeline and commitment to next steps now they have served an Enforcement Notice on the landowner.
- Acknowledgements: Thanks expressed to Cllr John McCusker for continued support and liaison. Thanks to Peter Grayburn (local resident) for his continuing efforts in raising the substantial issue of flooding and associated risks and the sharing of his information.

Actions:

- Clerk to write to WCBC before 28th May seeking clarification as to whether the enforcement action meant completion of works or only acceptance of liability by the landowner

- Clerk to coordinate GoSafe request and Penley parking review.
- Drainage to be a standing Council agenda item.

Meeting Closed: 8.03 PM

The 2025/26 AGM will be held on 5th of May 2026

The Maelor South Monthly Council Meeting: Immediately followed the AGM

Minutes of the AGM : Signed *Alwyn Reay*

Name- Alwyn Reay

Chair