

Maelor South Community Council Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting

Held: 17th March 2026 (at Bettisfield Village Hall)

Meeting opened: 7.00 pm.

1.3 Present

Cllrs Alwyn Reay; John Griffiths; John Blanchard; Becky Bettis; Keith Owen; Jan Thomas

Clerk: Becky Bettis (Standing in for John Gallanders)

2.3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from: John Gallanders, Cllr Jackie Tomkinson and Cllr John McCuskar

3.3 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4.3 Police Report and Community Safety

The March Police Report was noted.

Positive engagement at Madras School was highlighted again. Members are writing a letter to North Wales police acknowledging the community engagement and hard work of PC Mark Sayer with the Mini Police Scheme.

Action:

- A joint letter of thanks to be sent from MSCC and Madras School to PC Mark Sayer and colleagues.

5.3 County Councilor Update

No update received.

6.3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (February 2026)

The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr JG Seconded: Cllr KO

7.3 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

8.3 Village Projects and Updates

Bettisfield

Grass cutting contract has been assigned following the tender process.

Two fruit trees have been purchased.

Concerns were raised regarding the standard of pothole repairs in Bettisfield.

Action:

- Photographs of pot-hole repairs to be forwarded onto WCBC.

Penley

Grass-cutting contract has been assigned following the tender process.

Litter concerns were raised, particularly on routes to/from the Maelor School.

The defibrillator at The Rainbow Centre is offline. Replacement pads and batteries are required. The cost of this kit is £125. Members voted to purchase this kit to ensure the defibrillator is back online.

Action:

- Community litter initiative to be explored.

Replacement pads and batteries for the defibrillator at The Rainbow Centre are to be purchased.

Proposed: Cllr JB Seconded: Cllr JG.

9.3 Betsi Cadwaladr / Penley Hospital Update

No substantive update other than engagement with schools and youth club to take place. Standing item to remain.

10.3 Representation – Polish Rainbow Project

- Cllr Becky Bettis shared that she is struggling to attend the monthly meetings as they are held at Midday on Mondays.

Action:

Cllr BB to reach out to Rebecca Griffiths to enquire if there is a way around this.

11.3 Finance

Payments approved for: ALL PAYMENTS AGREED

Voucher	Date	Description	Supplier ref.	Account name	Net	Vat	Total
		April - October 2025	WCBC lighting maintenance Bettisfield		Penley Street Light Inspection	-	-
614	05/03/2026			3727160		323.31	64.66
							-387.97
616	05/03/2026	March Qtr 2/3/4	Village Hall	Room Hire	Meeting Room Hire	-33.00	0.00
			AVOW- payroll charge				-33.00
620	05/03/2026	Two invoices Mobile Jan -		20810/20378	Payroll charges	-21.00	0.00
							-21.00
622	05/03/2026	March Printer Jan -	Clerk Expenses	Jan- March Printer Jan-	Clerk Expenses	-12.50	-2.50
							-15.00
623	05/03/2026	March	Clerk Expenses	March	Computer/IT/Mobile	-13.72	-2.75
							-16.47
624	06/03/2026	Jan - March					-685.38
625	05/03/2026	Home IT	Clerk Expenses	Home IT	Clerk Expenses	-12.50	0.00
							-12.50
626	05/03/2026	Travel HMRC Tax	Clerk Expenses	Travel	Clerk Expenses	-12.60	0.00
							-12.60
627	05/03/2026	Jan - March					-1.00
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							1,184.92

Proposed: Cllr Seconded:

12.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor**Action:**

- JDH Business Services Ltd appointed as Internal Auditor.

The letter of engagement was signed.

13.3 Bleed Kits

Whilst there was an in-principal agreement Members required further research on compliant kits, costs and location before making a final decision.

Action:

- Clerk to report back in future meetings.

14.3 Pride in Place Funding

Members noted that the new funding has an allocation of £44,117. capital for MSCC for 2025–27.

Action:

- Members are to form sub-committees for each village and will collate ideas in consultation with the community.

15.3 Correspondence

No additional correspondence.

16.3 Governance

Members noted there are still vacancies in both Penley and Bettisfield. Members are to focus on positive recruitment strategies.

17.3 Planning

Land West of Tudor Drive Storage of Timber, Logs and Woodchip Letter of support for P/2026/0085.

18.3 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th April 2026 – Penley Community Hub

Meeting closed: 9.35 pm.