

## **OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,  
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

<b>Present</b>	Councillor	Mrs G Jones (Chairman)
	Councillors	Mrs D Brown Mrs A Davies Mrs P Jenkins Mr L Phillips Mrs D Rees Mrs J Rogers Mr. D. Stroud.
	Clerk:	Mrs C Ryan

### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

None

### **2. Declaration of Interests.**

Councillor D. Rees - St Edeyrn's Churchyard  
Councillor D Rees – Playing Fields  
Councillor A Davies – St Edeyrn's Churchyard  
Councillor A Davies – Alley Gating Footpath 14 Ty'r Winch Road  
Councillor A Davies – item re Western Power Distribution Income  
Councillor A Davies – Playing Fields  
Councillor A Davies – Old St Mellons Church  
Councillor A Davies – Old St Mellons Village Association  
Councillor P Jenkins – 106 Monies in relation to Beechtree Park  
Councillor G Jones – Old St Mellons Church  
All Councillors declared an interest in 106 Money

### **3. Police Matters.**

There was no police presence.

Claire Quick had sent an e mail requesting the date of the next meeting. There had been a meeting of residents and Community Councillors re the dug problems in the area. There has also been a spate of break ins to cars, with some 3 or 4 being targeted, particularly Ford Focus and thieves want the chip from the car radios as they can be used to work T.V's. A box had also been thrown away in the Churchyard, containing lollipops (prescribed drugs), which will be disposed of in the proper manner. Next PACT meeting January 4<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### **4. Minutes of the meeting of 17th September, 2009.**

#### **7 PLANNING**

There was no record of the decision of the Council, namely that there were no objections to the applications.

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A Davies – Playing Fields omitted.

12. Parking at Wern Far Lane.

The business mentioned had not moved out as yet, but were planning to move in the New Year.

## **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

### 5 St Edeyrn's Churchyard

The Clerk has managed to get a response from 1 contractor to arrange a meeting to view the repairs. However, a resident has subsequently volunteered to carry out the work for the Council. The Chairman will speak to them further regarding this offer.

### 5 Media Group

The Chairman has requested a meeting with Rhys Griffiths to update the web. An advertisement for a new Caretaker has been placed in the Newsletter.

### 10. To Receive Working Party Reports.

#### Media Group

The Chairman thanked all those who had submitted articles. There had been printing problems with the one article on the children's page as it had been received very close to the deadline for the printers. Normally it would have been re-set but unfortunately there had been no time to do this, so the Printers agreed to give an extra 100 copies free. £385 has been received for the adverts towards a final production costs of £481, so the actual cost to the Council was £96. In time it is hoped that we will break even.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Don Jones for all his hard work.

Adverts which were too late for inclusion for this edition will be kept on file for next time.

#### Village Hall

This group has not met due to the hectic time involved with the production of the Newsletter.

#### Finance Working Party

The Clerk has written to the County Council re Rate relief but has not received a reply.

The Village Association have stated that the Secretary and Chair are happy to meet with the Council sometime in January, date to be agreed.

The Clerk has written to EON but no reply.

Contact details are still needed to be placed on the Notice Boards.

### 12. Carillion Container

There is a possibility that 2 containers may be available for use at either the Playing Fields or the Village Hall. There would be no charge to move them as Carillion will arrange for the transport. They are constructed of steel, with no windows with wooden floors and shelving.

We will possibly need Planning permission, Clerk to write to the Council outlining the details of use etc to enquire what planning permission we will need.

The Playing Field Group and the Village Hall group to bring forward proposals for the use of the containers.

Lisvane Library – no immediate plans to close the library as they have yet to raise the funds for the new building.

### 13. Orchard Project

A vote of thanks was given to Councillor Jenkins and her husband for siting and plating the apple tree.

### 14. 106 Money

The Community Council has met with the 106 Money Officers. The Playing fields working party had met and raised the issue that the Tennis Courts were not included in the funding as they are an asset to the village. The Officers were very helpful when they were informed of this and stated that they would re-visit their decision. It was suggested that possibly a new surface be applied and some cosmetic work undertaken on the remainder. Also, in regard to the running track, it was requested that ash-felt be used as children can then use it to ride their bikes on. The problem with country park stone dust is that the Council would need to replace it and also it would need regular maintenance re cleaning. The Officers will re-visit the option of ash-felt. It was also hoped to have 1 piece of play equipment for 6-9 year olds. Hopefully they will look favourably upon these requests. The County Councillors had also raised issues with the 106 team following a survey they had undertaken.

It was suggested that there was possibly less need to spend money on items of equipment at the Beech Tree site as residents had expressed some reservations at the erection of play items there.

The County Council offered to give the results of the survey which they undertook to the Community Council.

### 15 Alley Gating

This is no in place with keys having been given out to the residents living adjacent to the lane. The Clerk will write to request a set for the Community Council.

## 6. Local Residents.

It was agreed to the adjournment of the Council meeting for 15 minutes to enable residents to express their views or ask questions on issues within the powers, duties and functions of the Council. Issues raised to be considered by the Council.

## 7. Highways and Planning.

**09/01870/E** Full Planning Permission **Expected Decision Level:** DEL  
**Received:** 07/12/2008 **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS  
**Case Officer:** Geraint Roberts  
**Applicant:** Dr Michael Christopher, 14 Parkstone Avenue Old St Mellons  
**Proposal:** Two and Single story rear extension and single story front extension  
**At:** 14 Parkstone Avenue, Old St Mellons, Cardiff, CF3 5TY

**09/01803/E** Full Planning Permission **Expected Decision Level:** DEL  
**Received:** 07/12/2009 **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS  
**Case Officer:** Tim Walter  
**Applicant:** Neighbourhood Regeneration SPE Cardiff C C Atlantic Wharf  
**Agents** Products Design & Development, Cardiff C C Cardiff  
**Proposal:** Restoration and improvement of boundary fencing  
**At:** St Mellons Church, Church lane, Old St Mellons CF3 5UP

In respect of the first application the County Councillors will request a site visit.

With the application at the Church, there was a possibility that a second gate may be installed. This work should be supported as it should improve the security of the area.

## 8. Finance matters & Payment of Creditors

Payee Chq No	Service or Goods	Amount	
<u>DD</u>			
Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	30.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.
Nat West	Voucher Statement Fee	3.25	
Cardiff C.C.	Rates	489.00	D.D.
<b>Current Account as at 16 December 2009</b>			<b>£2097.60</b>
<b>Less unrepresented cheques</b>			<b>739.43</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1358.17</b>
<u>Cheques</u>			
P Barnett	Cutting St Edeyrn's November	215.00	2836
R Kimber	Cleansing orderly	72.00	2837
G Lewis	Caretaker	40.00	2838
C Ryan	Clerks Fee	233.46	
	Postage	8.56	
	Rental Telephone & Broadband	18.00	
	Telephone calls	4.40	
	Equipment	15.00	
	Travel	6.60	
		286.02	2839
HMRC	PAYE	361.40	2840
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<b>£974.42</b>
Balance carried forward	Current Account less total expenditure to 16.12.2009		<b>£383.75</b>
	Capital Reserve		<b>£8637.97</b>
<b>Income since last meeting</b>			<b>—</b>
Hall Hire			375.00
James Summers Funeral Service			500.00
St John's College – newsletter			25.00
Councillors Rees and Rogers – advert newsletter			50.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£950.00</b>

There had been no payment to the Cleaner this month as she is still not carrying out her duties. Thanks were given to Councillors Davies, Stroud and Jones for cleaning the hall in her absence.

## **9. To receive reports from County Councillor's Rees and Rogers.**

- A scheme of work has been proposed for the Dell to improve the situation there on a permanent basis following the last litter pick in September. There is a consultation over a 6 week period to consider the possibility of raising the fences and clearing verges which are subject to fly tipping.
- A survey has been requested at Church lane regarding traffic using the No Through Road. The signage was poor and it has now been agreed that a new sign be erected in 2010.
- There has been an issue with overfilling bins at the Post Office and Pharmacy.
- Bollards to be erected at Nathaniel Road.

## **10. To receive Working Party reports.**

There are no working party reports for this month.

## **11. One Voice Wales**

Councillor Briggs attended the last meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October and raised the following issues after attending the meeting:

- Do we renew our membership, which is some £250 p.a.
- Should we look at an alternative body for our support, e.g. NALC, Society of Local Clerks.

Clerk to ascertain the cost of the alternatives and to contact other clerks to see who they use.

## **12. Budget**

The Council is continuing to monitor closely all expenditure. Following the last meeting it was agreed that the Precept be set at £22,000 as there has been no increase for several years.

The Clerk presented the Accounts for 2008/2009. There had been no issues raised by the Internal Auditor, except that VAT should have been claimed for payments to the Wales Audit Office for their fee of £2500. The Clerk will arrange for this to be rectified.

The Accounts were accepted and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

## **16. Correspondence received**

1. Eastern Business Park – letter of response re parking
2. Safer Council re Anti Social Behaviour
3. Kate Berry – attending a session in January
4. IES information
5. LDP Consultation info
6. Ombudsman annual report
7. Complaint from 2 Councillors                      With the Ombudsman – no comment
8. Complaint from Resident                              With the Ombudsman – no comment

They have now completed the work at the roundabout in the village and the daffodils that have been planted have all been destroyed. Clerk to write to the Council requesting they are re-planted.

The Council need to prepare a Village Plan for the forthcoming 2 years. This should cover financial aspects of what we would like to have in the village. A Working party to be set up. All Councillors should be involved on a monthly basis.

**17. Items for Next Meetings**

Alternative to One Voice Wales

Kate Bery – Monitoring Officer

Carillion Container

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 at 7.30p.m.