

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 15 January 2009

Present	Councillor	Mrs G Jones (Chairman)
	Councillors	Mr M Briggs 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

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman took the opportunity to introduce and extend a welcome to the new Clerk, Mrs Christina Ryan.

1. APOLOGIES Mr M Briggs

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

3. POLICE MATTERS

No Police presence. The Chairman had e mailed invitation details but had not received a response.

A Councillor reported some issues which had been raised at the last PACT meeting:

Drug taking including cannabis and via injections

Nuisance caused by motor bikes

PACT leaflets had not been delivered to all premises in the village detailing the meeting on Tuesday.

Councillor Davies suggested that the Chairman send an e mail requesting that leaflets be delivered to everyone.

There were no attendees at the recent Street Surgery as residents had not been informed of the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

The minutes of the Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Road, Old St Mellons on Thursday 18th December 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the following amendments:

5. *St Edeyrn's spelt incorrectly*

7. *Highways and Planning:*

.....Newport Road/Wern Fawr Lane following 2 accidents on 8th December.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. St Edeyrn's Churchyard

The Chairman has spoken to the Builders regarding the re-building of the boundary wall. Work was due to start but due to adverse weather conditions there has been a delay. As soon as there is an improvement in the weather the work will commence.

The Clerk is also looking into the possibility of a grant to carry out further repairs to the walls. Research will also be done to see if the wall is classed as listed and if so, what faculties will be needed to carry out the repairs.

6. Alley gating

The Chairman has phoned and e mailed the Alley Gating Officer but has not received a response and a decision is now urgently required. The Community Council has been asked by a resident to fund the cost of £2700 but due to constraints on the existing budget and the fact that it is some 4 months until the next Funding round, the Community Council would not be in a position to find this funding. If funding was given, other areas would be entitled to the same funding. A vote was taken by the Council on request for funding and funding was declined.

A Council member stated his objections to Alley gating as he felt that it caused problems by cutting people out of the community.

It was agreed to circulate information on alley gating to each Councillor for information.

8. Donations for the Carol Singing 19 December from:

- Real Xmas tree – donated by Carillion
- Mince Pies – 50 pies donated by Greggs Bakery
- Cheque for £30 – donated by Bute Property Services towards purchase of children's chocolate selection boxes
- Contribution of Mulled wine – Asda
- £20 donation – Tesco
- B & Q – Fairy lights

Burial Fees

Details of the costs for Cardiff County Council and The Church in Wales burial costs had been obtained and were comparable with those of the Community Council, therefore it was agreed to keep existing costs the same.

9. To set the budget for the coming year

The Chairman signed the relevant paperwork for the Precept for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman received a letter from the Audit Office to say that the fee is set and cannot be reduced. The Chair will write back to them requesting a break-down in charges and the possibility of paying the fee via instalments.

10. Village Association

The Village Association met last Thursday and agreed they would fund new Notice Boards for the village, possibly fund 3 dependent on cost. It was suggested that Old St Mellons Community Council fund the uprights for the boards funded by the £500 received from the competition. The name of the Village Association to appear on the boards. Any remaining funds from the £500 should be used for communication projects.

Village Hall – The working party had met this month and were in the process of completing a Hall Key count. Hopefully, all concerned will have responded by next months meeting and then it will be possible to maintain a log and issue numbered sets of keys.

Booking of the Hall – Councillor Stroud was happy to continue handling the bookings for the hall.

It was also proposed that with effect from 1 April 2009, if no regular income was forthcoming for the Hall, then a nominal charge should be made to all regular users of the hall, of a charge of £5 per hour or session.
Agenda item for March meeting.

11. Newsletter

There has been an advert in the newsletter for a water colour painting course and a Councillor had been contacted by a resident who had been disappointed as the course did not go ahead due to lack of funding. It was suggested that perhaps adverts should only be placed for this type of activity if the course was guaranteed to take place.

18. Vacancy of Clerk to the Council

Clerk now in post. The Clerk to Lisvane Community Council has offered her help to the new Clerk. There is also a One Voice Wales meeting at Cowbridge Old Hall on 26th January at 7p.m. The Clerk to attend with Councillor Briggs.

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. PLANNING

08/02770/E Full Planning Permission Expected Decision Level: DEL

Received: 08/01/2009

Ward: PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS

Case Officer Phil Williams

Applicant: Mr & Mrs P Morgan

Agents Mark Taylor, 29 Berrymead Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff

Proposal: FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION – FOR GRANNY ANNEXE

At: Cranberrie Heights, Old Newport Rd, St Mellons, Cardiff *See Copy Letter annexed*

A letter was also received from Cardiff County Council detailing the lodging of an appeal by Mr James Ponchaud re demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment with 2 No. residential dwellings at Melwood, Old St Mellons, Cardiff, CF3 5FX. The Planning Inspectorate is making a site visit.

The Chairman received a letter from Cardiff Council re traffic management schemes. The County Council has sent a scheme document to properties affected. It transpires that the Community Council needs to request information on a scheme by scheme basis.

The Chairman, along with the County Councillors have also written to the council re gritting of the roads.

Began Road – Widening of M4 bridge.

Residents have received a letter drop detailing closure times of the roads. It was requested that this be put on the web site and notice boards for all to see.

8. FINANCE

EXPENDITURE

Payee	Service or Goods	Amount	Chq No
J Fishpool	Caretaker – Hire of hall	15.00	2719
G Jones	Expenses London Calor Train fares £71 Underground £10 Coffee £5	86.00	2720
Cardiff C.C.	Rates	92.50	2721
Magars	External Audit fees	327.75	2722
Julie Attard	Cleaner	100.00	2723
Mr R Kimber	Cleansing Orderly	72.00	2724
M Longman	Groundsman	155.36	2725
J Fishpool	Caretaker	40.00	2726
C Ryan	Clerks salary (2 weeks)	130.00	2727
Cardiff C.C.	Waste disposal	73.11	2728
Direct Debits			
Cardiff CC	1 month's tax – Village Hall	466.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	101.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£1668.72	

INCOME

Coach House	Advert – Newsletter	25.00
Summers Funeral Directors	Burial Fees	250.00

Hall Letting

Nil

TOTAL INCOME £275.00

Bank Account Mandate It was agreed to update the current bank mandate to include the new Clerk.

9. TO RECEIVE COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The County Councillors Rees and Rogers reported details of:

- Graffiti – cleared from Londis store, Heritage Trail and Lyncroft Close.
- Need to purchase extra cans for residents use to clear the graffiti
- Road Works at Began Road. There are serious pot holes in the road and the matter has been reported and awaiting response. The County Council hopes to make funds available for the repairs. Also may be able to fund dropped kerbs.
- Extra gritting is to be carried out during the adverse weather.
- Tuesday 27th January at noon, the Community Councillors have been invited to attend the Wales National Holocaust meeting.

10. TO RECEIVE WORKING PARTY REPORT

A. 106 Money

The Working Party met and looked through the residents suggestions and had drafted a document which detailed expenditure items in order of priority. This document was circulated at the meeting.

It was agreed to meet in 7 days to discuss the document further.

It was necessary to ascertain the amount of money which might be available under this scheme and it was therefore agreed that the Chairman would contact the County Council to enquire what the amount might be.

Could Councillors comments on the draft document be given to Councillor Phillips by 21 January 2009.

11. ARCHIVES

The Chairman had contacted the County Council and they have agreed to supply a representative to look at the files and to make a decision on the archiving of the files. These will then be stored by the County Council on behalf of the Community Council at no charge.

12. TENNIS COURTS

Concerns were raised by the current state of the Tennis Courts and their poor condition.

It was mentioned that the nets have been taken down and put into storage for the Winter.

There are 4 years left on the lease of the Tennis Courts to the Village Association. At the end of the lease a decision will need to be made on renewal of the lease. Councillor Rogers requested a copy of the lease. (Clerk to provide).

13 RECORDING OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman had taken advice over the recording and the suitability of the venue for Council meetings.

It transpired that the equipment required would be expensive as the acoustics were not compatible for cheaper equipment. Also, in order to be able to implement recording of the meetings, unanimous agreement was needed from all Council members to the meetings being recorded.

A vote was taken, but it was not unanimous and it was therefore agreed not to record any future meetings.

Councillors A Davies, D Brown and L Phillips, wished to record that they were in favour of the recording equipment.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

- National Assembly for Wales – Public Meeting on consultation on Members pay and allowances – 27th January
- Calor – Letter from Ian Sachs
- Health watch circular
- Funding Your Police Service – questionnaire – Councillor P Jenkins to advise
- E mail from a resident re 106 funding and use of part of the funding for Alley gating
- Information on County Councillors surgery for display on the Notice Boards

- Letter received from Eastern Business park re problems with parking.

The Chairman requested that the Community Council be represented when Cardiff County Council meet with the Business Park and PACT. The Chair will write to all concerned to request this for future meetings.

15 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Extra Key holders for the Playing fields

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to the unavailability of the Chair & Vice Chair on 19th February, it was agreed to move the meeting to Thursday 26th February 2009.

The meeting ended at 9.15p.m.