

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 21st May 2009

Present

Councillor	Mrs G Jones (Chairman)
Councillors	Mrs A Davies
	Mrs P Jenkins
	Mr D Stroud
	Mrs D Rees
	Mrs J Rogers
	Mrs D Brown
Clerk	Mrs C Ryan

1. APOLOGIES:

Councillors	M Briggs
	L Phillips

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor A Davies – re proposed use of Village hall by Welsh play group.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor D Rees proposed Councillor G Jones as Chairman and this was seconded by Councillor D Stroud. Councillor Jones accepted the post as Chairman for a one year term.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor D Rees proposed Councillor D Stroud as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Councillor J Rogers. Councillor Stroud stated that as he had a full time role elsewhere, that he would be restricted in his availability to attend meetings which may arise during the day. Councillor Stroud then nominated Councillor P Jenkins and this was seconded by Councillor A Davies. Councillor Jenkins agreed to accept the post for a one year term.

Discussion followed on whether it might be a good idea for the new Councillors to actually shadow the Chairman or Vice Chairman in order to gain valuable experience.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

A – One Voice Wales

Councillor Briggs is the current representative so it was agreed to defer this appointment until the next meeting when he would be present.

B – Old St Mellons Village Association

It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor G Jones, would continue as the representative.

C – Governors Representative for St Mellons Church in Wales School

It was agreed that Councillor D Brown would continue as the representative.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

Councillor Jenkins proposed that the Chairman's Allowance remains at £225 as per the forthcoming Budget figure. All were in agreement.

7. MEDIA WORKING PARTY REPORT (NEWSLETTER)

The Chairman's husband has kindly agreed to do the Newsletter again for the Community Council. A vote of thanks was given to him for undertaking this task.

The format this time will be A5. There is a Media Group meeting planned for Sunday evening and at the meeting a draft newsletter will be assembled and then passed to all Councillors for them to agree it. The document needs to go for printing by 15th June at the very latest.

A discussion was held at the Media meeting on the suggestion of a Community Council open morning with tea and coffee for residents to attend. It was agreed that this should be put on the Agenda for the July meeting, with a possibility of reviewing it in September when there may be more time available.

It was also agreed that it would be a good idea for the Media group to have a stall at the forthcoming Old St Mellons Village Association Fete in July. The Clerk will write to request this.

A request had also been received from a Welsh Medium playgroup on regular use of the Village Hall. Councillor Jenkins agreed to liaise with the group and ascertain their needs. She will report back to Council.

Councillor Rees suggested that at future Council meetings, tea and coffee might be served to the residents who attend. This was agreed, with Councillors all agreeing to donate items such as tea, coffee and biscuits.

Agenda items for the next meeting were agreed:

Pay & Conditions for Staff
Training & Development

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Thursday 18th June 2009.