

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 15 July 2010.

Present
Councillor Mr L Phillips - Chairman
Councillors Mr M Briggs
Mrs D Brown
Mrs P Jenkins
Mrs G Jones
Mrs D Rees
Mrs J Rogers

Clerk: Mrs C Ryan

1. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors:
Mrs A Davies – bereavement
Mr D Stroud - holiday

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillor G Jones - The Dell
Councillor D Rees – Playing Fields
Councillor D Rees – St Edeyrn’s Churchyard
Councillor J Rogers – Planning at Began Road- lives in close proximity
Councillor D Brown – Planning at St John’s College – son attends school

3. Community Safety & Security

No report from PACT meeting.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 17 June 2010

2. Declaration of Interest –

Councillor Rogers wanted it reported that she no personal or financial interest in The Dell, Carillion Container and Ty To Maen Flats.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 20 May- *Councillors Rees and Rogers had found attending the Media group meetings difficult, due to meetings being called at short notice and them having other commitments. They therefore intend to resign from the Media Working Party.*

5. 12. *Councillor Rees stated that she did not abstain from the meeting due to her connection to the Planning Department at Cardiff County Council. Delete sentence.*

A discussion followed as to whether Councillors should all declare their interest in items connected to the Village Association. Councillor Davies to be asked if she wishes to continue noting this Interest in writing at each meeting.

13. Newsletter

Sentence to be added..... *The Chairman did not specify a deadline date for delivery of the Newsletters by the Councillors.*

9. Receive reports from Councillors Rees & Rogers – 1st bullet point, *Wern Fawr Lane spelled incorrectly.*

The Minutes were agreed and signed, subject to the amendments being incorporated

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

14. Web site – The Chairman is still working on resolving this issue.

11. The info displayed at the Village Fete will be retained for display at Village Hall. Possibility of using Calor gas money to purchase display units.

5.15 Alley Gating – The Clerk had been in contact with Tom Chell, Alley Gating Officer and has been informed that the review of the Order will take place in December.

12. Carillion. The Chairman has spoken with Carillion and they will give the Community Council 48 hours notice before attempting delivery. The Playgroup have agreed to meet the costs in full for the Planning.

16. Astronomy Evening

Councillor Jones had requested that Mr Wyatt contact Councillor Stroud with the details.

106 Money – The Chairman had contacted Cardiff County Council and was awaiting their reply.

Councillor Jones commented, that on a recent visit to the Playing Fields, the area was being used to its full potential and all users were thoroughly enjoying the facilities.

12. Key Distribution – A vote was taken for the installation of a Key cabinet to be sited at the Village hall in order that all Councillors have access to all keys for the Community Council facilities. The vote was 4 For the proposal and 3 Against, so the key cabinet will be installed.

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

A/10/01169/E Full Planning Permission **Expected Decision Level:** DEL
Received: 28/06/2010 **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer: Geraint Roberts
Applicant: Miss Cathy McClean, 4 Began Road, St Mellons, Cardiff
Agents: Lloyd Britton Architects
Proposal: Two Storey side Extension & single storey to rear of property
At: 4 Began Road, Old St Mellons, Cardiff

A/10/00692/E Listed Building Consent **Expected Decision Level:** DEL
Received: 30/06/2010 **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer: Daryl Jones
Applicant: St John's College, C/O Agent
Agents: Boyes Rees Architects, Palace House, Stow Hill, Newport, NP20 4EA
Proposal: Extension to existing Main College building to provide specialist teaching Accommodation and improved access for disabled persons

No plans had been received for the Application at St John's College and a discussion took place as to the fact that it was a listed building and concerns raised that an extension may have an effect on neighbouring properties being overlooked. Councillor Rees confirmed that the proposed extension would not have an impact on the listed building and there would not be an issue with neighbours being overlooked. Councillor Rogers had further information regarding the proposed extension, stating that it would be a two storey extension with a glazed section and a two storey rendered building to house a classroom and library. Councillor Rogers also confirmed that 1 letter of objection had been received along with many phone calls regarding the trees and privacy aspect. It has been confirmed that the trees in the area are protected and would not be cut down. Councillor Rogers stated that she would ascertain if the application was to go to full Planning Committee and report back to the Community Council with her findings.

8. Finance Matters and payment of Creditors

Payee	Service or Goods	Amount	Chq No
Designer Print	Newsletters	481.00	2894
P Jenkins	Keys for Village hall cupboards	12.50	2895

The above cheques were issued at the Council meeting on 17 June and did not therefore appear on the expenditure sheet for June.

Current Account as at 15 July 2010 **£5775.53**

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Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	85.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.
Nat West	Voucher Statement Fee	3.25	
Cardiff C Council	Rates	409.00	D.D.

Cheques

P Barnett	Grass cut – St Edeyrn's May	215.00	2896
Cardiff C C	Quarterly Hire of refuse containers	135.79	2897
L Phillips	Removal of waste from Playing Fields	220.00	2898
L Phillips	Hardware Supplies for village hall (B & Q)	8.04	2899
Cardiff C C	Supplies for Village hall	193.80	2900
Cardiff C C	½ yearly rent	92.50	2901
R Kimber	Cleansing orderly	72.00	2902
G Lewis	Caretaker & 1 village hall lettings	52.00	2903
S Hull	Groundsman	128.00	
	Additional hours	19.20	
	Supplies for mower etc	33.96	181.16
C Ryan	Clerks Fee	233.46	
	Postage	6.56	
	Rental Telephone & Broadband	18.00	
	Telephone calls	4.40	
	Equipment	15.00	277.42
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Total expenditure **£ 1954.96**

Balance carried forward	Current Account less total expenditure to 15.7.2010	£3820.57
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Capital Reserve

£16,640.79

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Income	
Table Tennis (P Atkins)	30.00
Trowbridge F.F – Hall Hire	40.00
B Dham – Hall Hire	60.00
T Norris – Hall Hire	30.00
A Johnson – July PACT	5.00
N Berg – May PACT	5.00
W.I. – (including table tennis)	35.00
Community lunch	60.00
Councillors Rees & Rogers – advert newsletter	15.00
Total income	£280.00

9. To receive reports from County Councillors Rees and Rogers

- Saturday 25 September – 10 to 12 noon – Meeting as part of Keep Wales Tidy week.
- Local Access Forum – the tyres at Bluebell Drive should have been removed.
- Started formal consultation for the use of 106 money at Beech Tree Park – to report back. to September meeting.
- Councillor Dianne Rees had opened the Village fete and everyone commented on the successful event.
- Civil parking enforcement comes into effect in July.
- Consultation taking place with residents of Wern Fawr Lane, Eastern Business park and the Nursery re painting of double yellow line and 2 hour parking bays along Wern Fawr Lane.

10. To receive Working Party reports

Playing Fields

A meeting had taken place with Andy Kendall, former president of Cardiff Naturalists Society to formulate a plan to make the Playing Fields more environmentally radical with the plants etc. and to encourage more wild life. It was agreed that an invitation should be given to Mr Kendall to join the Working Party.

Village plan

To be agenda item for the next meeting.

Village hall

The Playgroup has requested the rent of the small hall, from 10am until 12 mid-day for a Toddler group at a charge of £5 per hour as per existing terms.

The possibility of funding for the Village Hall roof from Old St Mellons Village Association to be discussed at a future date.

Fencing is needed for the front of the Village hall – 3 quotes to be obtained for the work to be done.

It was agreed that redecoration of the Village Hall to be carried out before the Playgroup return in September as the hall was in desperate need of decoration. 3 Quotes to be obtained and the cheapest quote accepted and the work to be completed as soon as possible.

Media Group

A vote of thanks was given to those Councillors who manned the Community Council stall at the fete.

11. Key Distribution

Item already discussed.

12. The Dell

This issue is already being dealt with by the Neighbourhood Management Team.

13. Correspondence

E mail from W.I. requesting planting of apple trees – approval granted.

Letter from Resident following an accident at the Village hall

E mail re concerns about the Park & Ride facility for Wern Fawr Lane

Letter from Cardiff County Council re error in Capital Times

A Community Councillor asked if correspondence had been received from the Ombudsman in connection with a complaint against another Councillor. The Chairman stated that a letter had been received but that the contents would not be disclosed as it was a copy of a letter sent to a resident. A heated discussion then took place with the demands that the letter be disclosed. The chairman attempted to bring the meeting back to order and had to ask Councillor Rees several times to refrain from interrupting other Councillors, he stated that the details of the letter would be discussed with Kate Berry and advice obtained and, if advised, disclosed at the next meeting.

14. Items for next meeting

Calor gas Money

Ombudsman Letter

Village Plan

Councillors Jones and Rees gave their apologies for September's meeting.

15. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16 September 2010