

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Rd,
Old St. Mellons at 7.00pm on Thursday 10th November 2016

Present:

Chair: Cllr Rosemary James (RJ)

Vice Chair:

Councillors: Cllr Dennis Matthews (DM)
Cllr Dianne Rees (DR)
Cllr Jane Rogers (JR)

Clerk to the Council: Mrs N Evelyn-Gauci (NG)

1. Apologies for absence (1 min)

Mr Paul Good RFO - unwell
Cllr Sarah Johns – work commitment
Cllr Len Phillips – work commitment
Cllr Suzanne Williams – work commitment
Cllr Ricky Blackmore - unwell
Cllr Derek Stroud – family commitment

2. Declaration of interests (1 min)

RJ: OSMVA,
DR: St. Edeyrn's

3. Police Matters (1 min)

At our last meeting a couple of issues were raised. Please see below response from Insp. Paul Crowley.

- *I have highlighted your concerns to the camera van team and they stated that they park up on Tyr Winch road on a regular basis and will now pay some attention to Bridge Road and Newport Road.*
- *I have briefed the traffic officers based at Rumney re Wern Fawr Lane and they will patrol the area when they are free to do so - re weight restriction.*
- *Chapel Row and Old Hill are only access only roads for heavy goods vehicles. They are not restricted in any way to cars or light good vehicles therefore there is nothing my team can do to stop vehicles taking the route as a short cut but it does baffle as why people would want to use this route as a short cut??*

PC Andrew Sweeney submitted this report:

- *There were a total of 11 ASB calls in the area.*
- *There were a total of 9 crime incidents which included 3 burglaries – 1 William Nichols Drive, 1 Allen Close, 1 Church Road (not covered by this sector). Due to these burglaries officers have an Operation planned which will take place within the week.*
- *Officers are patrolling the area's on a regular basis and also calling in see local residents at the coffee mornings in the area.*
- *Officers have previously spoken to residents in Hastings Crescent and Allen Close and provided residents with the teams contact details. The reported incidents regarding parking issues before the end of last term were minimal, but these will continue to be monitored.*
- *The access point at The Coach is every Tuesday 1100 – 1200 hours, officers are available to speak to members of the community regarding any issues they would like to discuss, or if they would like to speak to officers in confidence they can contact them via email or mobile to arrange a meeting.*
- *All the licensed premises in the area are part of the Pub Watch Scheme. This means that if there are any issues within these premises with any individuals, they are placed on a ban from licensed premises within the Pub Watch Scheme in Cardiff. The new landlord / landlady of the Bluebell have also been invited to the scheme.*
- *There have been events held over the Halloween and Bonfire night period which included CSI events and also the Emergency Services Day, amongst others.*
- *If there are any further community events that we should be aware of, can you please let us know.*

4. **Minutes – to approve as a correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2016 (5 min)**

It was approved as a true and accurate record: DR approved, DM seconded

5. **Matters arising from the minutes of 13th October 2016 (30 min)**

5.1 Meeting with St. Edeyrn's – improvement of facilities

- Representative from St. Edeyrn's (10 min)

Attended: Rev'd Mark Lawson-Jones – Leader of Cyncoed Ministry Area
Rev'd Graeme Carby – Team Vicar of St Edeyrn's
Alun Priday - Church Warden St. Edeyrn's
David Evans - Church Warden – St. Edeyrn's
Alf Holley - Committee Member St. Edeyrn's

Document submitted as follows:

Thank you for meeting with us this evening. We represent the St. Edeyrn's Church which is part of the Cyncoed Ministry Area. We requested this meeting to ask you, as the legal owners of the ground surrounding St Edeyrn's Church, if you are prepared to either lease or sell to us a portion of the land in close proximity to the Church.

The reason we require the land is that we are considering the possibility of building a facility to accommodate a kitchen and toilet. The amount of land we estimate is need for the extension will be approximately 3 metres square.

We did have a meeting with you in February 2014 when an extension to accommodate the facilities of a kitchen, toilet and a Church Hall was discussed but it was decided at that time not to proceed because of new development, St. Edeyrn's Village, was in the very early planning stage without any specific details.

Development of the village is now well under way with residents due to move in within the next few weeks so circumstances have changed. St. Edeyrn's Church is in close proximity to the development and we believe that the Church will become an integral part of the village and play an important part in helping a development to become a community. The addition of a kitchen toilet facilities will help us to achieve this aim.

This request to Old St. Mellons Community Council is just the first step towards achieving this project but it is the most important because without a positive reply there is no point in pursuing our aim. If your reply is positive then we can go forward with discussions with other parties that need to be involved, e.g. Welsh Water, Solicitors, Architects, etc.

We are aware that this request requires serious consideration on your part and if your reply is positive we will need to work together to make a success of the project.

Thank you once again for meeting with us. We look forward to your reply.

The land that has been requested, a question was asked if this was anywhere near burial grounds and it was noted that the area was not.

It was noted to obtain advice from OVW.

Headstones were removed in the area, but this was carried out over 150 years ago.

It was resolved: All agreed in principle pending legal advice, OSMCC do not have any objections to the proposal.

Chair thanked the St. Edeyrn's attendees, and they left at 7:30pm

It was noted that as Old St. Mellons is a community with its own Village Hall and Playing Fields that this should continue to be an important part of the area.

Clerk to forward to OVW for advice.

- 5.2 Boundaries Commission – update
It was noted that any comments still have up to 5th December to submit.
- 5.1 Speed cameras – Bridge Road, and Newport Road – update
See item 3
- 5.2 Weight restriction in Wern Fawr Lane – update
See item 3
- 5.3 Field open/closing – volunteers
- 5a. Representative from Persimmon Homes – Daryl Jones (10 min)
- DJ was unable to attend.
 - It was noted that the Clerk to request a meeting for DJ to attend the next Community Council Meeting.
 - It was noted that the soil which was originally to remain on site, has been seen taken away from the building area.
 - It was noted that the hedges which were to remain have been taken down.
- 5b. Summers Funeral Director – Denis Cooper (10 min)
- No representation.
6. **Local Residents (15 min)**
Under Standing Order 84 the meeting may be adjourned for up to fifteen minutes for a public session. Each member of the public may speak only once and may express observations only. Members of the Council should not enter into any discussion. The Chair may limit an individual's speech to provide equal opportunity to all members of the public.
- None.
7. **Highways and Planning (10 min)**
(Planning Working Party to present their report)
- 7.1 16/02224/MJR – Discharge of condition 33 – access to Persimmon development – update
Went to planning committee and this was permitted, which entails HGV's using Bridge Rd, until 16th December 2016
- 7.2 Ty-To-Maen – The committee voted 4,4 and the chairman had to use his casting vote, which he used to grant the application – road to be accessed at the front.
8. **Finance (10 min)**
(RFO to present financial report) – this was presented by RJ in the RFO's absence.
- 8.1 Consideration of 2017-18 Precept
This can be signed off in January – a meeting for finance needs to be arranged prior to this date.
It was resolved: all agreed on the 28th November 2016 to hold this meeting at 6pm this will be an extraordinary meeting.
- 8.2 Returning Officer's election costs to finalise
It was noted this will be £2450.00
- 8.3 Consider selling say a further 3 or 4 burial plots at £650/ £675 next year?
This is to be in line with the local authority charges.
It was resolved: all agreed to this consideration 4 plots at £675.
- 8.4 What works do HWP consider are essential out of our funds next year? e.g fascias, gutters
Deferred to next meeting.
- 8.5 Do we regard £10k as the minimum bank balance to retain?
Deferred to finance meeting.
- 8.6 Income increase from both regular and private hirers?
Deferred to finance meeting.
9. **Annual Planner (10 min)**
- 9.1 Hall Hire Charges review
Deferred to finance meeting
- 9.2 Community Carol Singing 16th Dec 6:30pm at the Coach House
It was agreed to provide £50 for selection boxes and mince pies.

10. County Councillors Report (10 min)

(Cllr Dianne Rees and Cllr Georgina Phillips to present their reports)

County Councillor Dianne Rees submitted the following report:

- Requested resurfacing of Park Stone Avenue – quality of work has not been good, some drains covered over.
- An order has been given to a local public house with regards to their hedges which are overgrown to cut them back.
- Motorcycles had been seen driving over greens in Chapel Row and Greenway Road.
- Fly tipping had been removed from Chapel Row.
- Planning application 33 Melville Avenue, 4 bedroom house has been granted. DR will be checking the footprint size as this seems a lot bigger than the original plan.
- Vaendre Lane, still have fly tipping issues, looking to possibly install cameras.
- Requested winter flowers to be put in the planters.

Cllr Georgina Phillips did not submit a report.

11. Working Party Reports (10 min)

(Working Parties to present their report)

a) Village Hall Working Party

- Security lights – Derek Stroud will be sorting this – electrician has been informed.
- Facia Board – some are missing and rotten.
- Guttering overflowing to rear door.
- Drains need clearing.
- Repair of the path outside the front door – ongoing.
- Mat in foyer, needs replacing as this is too big and catching on doors.
- Floor above bar has been rectified.
- Safety ladders need to be purchased for lights maintenance.

b) Playing Fields Working Party

- Bins in field are overflowing – DM had been cleaning this.
- Motorbike has been seen in the Playing Field.
- It was noted that a dog walker was seen in the field.
- It was noted that we were successful in the Health and Wellbeing Grant under the Neighbourhood fund, combined with the successful grant application with Persimmon Homes was sufficient to purchase the first piece of our outdoor gym equipment, including fitting and matting.
It was noted to thank DM for all his hard work for obtaining these grants.

c) Village Plan Working Party

Village Plan Survey – Results

- Noted in Newsletter to say thank you to all those that took part and to contact the same.

d) Old St. Mellons Village Association

- Awaiting donation for carpet in the Village Hall.

12. One Voice Wales – report (5 min)

12.1 Planning Aid Wales – training 8.12.16

13. Correspondence Received (10 min)

13.1 A request for sanitary units in ladies toilets.

It was resolved: all agreed to get this unit on a regular contract

14. Newsletter (5 min)

Proof read.

15. Items for next meeting (2 min)

Extraordinary meeting to be held 28th November 2016 – finance

Meeting closed at 22:15

Date of next meeting: 12th January 2017



Cllr Rosemary James MBE
Chair to the Old St. Mellons Community Council