

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting to be held in the Village Hall, Newport Rd,
Old St. Mellons at 7.00pm on Thursday 12th October 2017

Present

- Chair:** Cllr Rosemary James (RJ)
Vice Chair: Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ) - apologies
Councillors: Cllr Vic Davies (VD)
Cllr Gaynor Hassan (GH)
Cllr Dennis Matthews (DM)
Cllr Charles Price (CP)
Cllr Derek Stroud (DS)
Cllr Joel Williams (JW)

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

In attendance: Mr Paul Good (RFO)

1. Apologies for absence (1 min)

Cllr Sarah Johns – work commitment
Cllr Dianne Rees – family emergency

Noted: Accepted

2. Declaration of interests (1 min)

DS: OSMVA
RJ: OSMVA

3. Minutes – to approve as a correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2017 (5 min)

It was approved as a true and accurate record – GH proposed DM seconded

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 14th September 2017 (20 min)

4.1 St. Edeyrns War Memorial

A local resident has offered his services to try and resolve this issue to get the memorial cleaned. RJ to contact resident.

4.2 St. Edeyrns Burial Records arrangement & storage of same.

As the records were created by the Community Council it was confirmed that the records would be deposited at Glamorgan Archives.

4.3 Signage to Tyr Winch Playing Fields & Rota

It was noted that one quote would cost £1000, awaiting another quote.

4.4 Noticeboard – St. Edeyrns Village

Clerk has confirmed that a request to Persimmon has been made to place a noticeboard at St. Edeyrns Village - awaiting results of this application.

5. Police Matters (1 min)

Between the 1st of September and the 12th of October there were a total of 10 crime Occurrences. During the above time period there were 2 reported Anti-Social Behaviour reports from local residents.

There were 2 incidents of violence throughout this time – these numbers relate to a domestic incident and road rage.

There was 1 theft and this was from a motor vehicle.

There were 0 burglaries within this period.

There were 0 incidents involving Drugs.

There were 0 incidents relating to damage during this period.

Speed Camera operations have been carried out on Tyr Winch road over this period and 6 vehicles/drivers have been reported for summons.

St Mellons Neighbourhood Team have been aware of ongoing issues with ASB being caused by motorcycles in the area. Over the summer months 10+ motorcycles have been seized by officers in the surrounding area; these varied from mopeds to off road scrambler type bikes.

Officers are patrolling the area on a regular basis and also calling in to see local residents at coffee mornings.

The access point at The Coach House 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.

On a broader note....

The Operation Bang period is fast approaching which will cover Halloween and bonfire night. There will be a greater police presence covering evening shifts which will allow us to tackle any Anti-Social Behaviour that is taking place.

St Mellons shopping precinct remains a way-marker for our area and at the moment. There is a concerted effort from PC's and PCSO's alike to target this location with a view to reducing the number of ASB calls we have previously had.

1 local youth was issued with an Anti- Social Behaviour Civil Injunction which excludes him from the area in and around Tesco in St Mellons.

A number of other initiatives are being used to combat ASB in St Mellons and this is a top priority for the St Mellons team.

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.

The PCSO's and myself are available should you wish to utilise us for any particular event that may be planned in the future.

If there are any further community events that we should be aware of, can you please let us know?

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.

Noticed the mast has been moved from St. Edeyrns Village resulting in signal weakness.

7. Finance (10 min)

(RFO to present financial report)

The RFO reported that Councillors will have received the October finance and bank reconciliation last week. No issues have been raised by any of the councillors. In addition, to the Tesco Grant of £5k, which is reflected in the current bank balance, he understands Persimmon Hames have approved a grant of £1k for a boules court.

7.1 Staff Salaries -The Chair to update – noted agreed to salary in accordance with recommendations from the approved NALC salary scales 17/18 The Chair confirmed that the matter was considered and resolved in private session at the end of last month's meeting.

7.2 Income/Expenditure to Budget - The RFO is concerned that this item requires consideration prior to the November meeting. It is important that the timing and date of future commitments/works on our three assets are accurate otherwise the 2017/18 budget may require adjustment. The RFO briefly mentioned the I/E variances last month. It is clear the Wales Audit Office will allow the Council to carry forward any surplus monies and even make extra provision in the 2018/19 Precept providing we can demonstrate the extra monies are earmarked for specific future projects. The RFO will update all I/E to Budget figures to 31st October 2017 and request a separate finance meeting prior to 8th November 2017.

7.3 Precept for 2018/19 – Figures to be available for consideration at the 9th November meeting.

7.4 Internal Auditor – The RFO reported that Mr. Peter Morgan, the Internal Auditor, is stepping down, after many years of excellent service to the Council. The RFO has asked the Chair to write thanking him for his service. The RFO will make enquiries regarding a replacement Internal Auditor, while several councillors mentioned an individual, who could possibly be interested. Update next month.

7.5 Grass Contract - Tender details for the grass contract have been advertised on the Notice Board, while the RFO also contacted and sent details to three contacting firms, known to the Council. The RFO reported that two firms have submitted tenders, while the third firm decided not to tender. After discussion, Council decided to extend the tender date to next month.

Last month, Council requested the RFO look at the monthly TalkTalk cost for broadband and line rental. He reported that if Council no longer require broadband / WiFi in the Village Hall, the DD could be cancelled. The monthly line rental costs £16.95 with broadband £5 plus vat. Other firms charge similar amounts and our own review is early 2018.

7.6 Approved the expenses from JW and VD for their attendance to OVW conference.

Approved.

8. Annual Planner (10 min)

8.1 Quotes for guttering/faciaboard

Gutters /Facia boards at Village Hall - The RFO has had meetings with 2 contractors on site. It is clear a long term solution may be necessary as any significant work to improve these areas may impact on the roof edges. The RFO has therefore asked the contractors to provide estimates by the next meeting together with recommendations for the future.

9. Policies & Procedures

Noted Cllrs to check the website for available up to date documents – in readiness to discuss over the coming months.

£25 proposed for a wreath for British Legion

It was resolved: Agreed

Coach House – Christmas Carol event – 15th December 6:30pm
Proposed £50 for selection boxes, mulled wine, mince pies.

It was resolved: All agreed

Remembrance Day Service 12th November – Village Hall.

Noted - Caersalem will provide refreshments in the Village Hall.

10. County Councillors Report (10 min)

(Cllr Dianne Rees and Cllr Joel Williams to present their reports)

Cllr Rees sends apologies

- Sign for fly tipping will be posted around the village – ‘Cardiff Council - No Fly Tipping CCTV In Use’. Began Road, Bridge Road, Ty'r Winch Road, Druidstone Road.
- Vaendre Lane – recently been surfaced. – sign placed here as well.
- Tour in November director of City Operation Andrew Gregory and Head of Transportation Paul Carter - for Cardiff Council to look at the infrastructure in the area.
- Residents of St. Edeyrns have asked where to meet – JW suggested Village Hall as they have a few issues – Agreed no fees for this public meeting.
- A request has been made by Tyn-y-Gollen residents for a pedestrianised crossing. Costings are being sourced.
- Boundary review – will be checking for any revised plans.
- Bridge Road – temporary closure expires November. Request for this to remain closed permanently, there has been suggestions for providing this as a bus only route.

11. St. Mellons Primary School (5 min)

(Governor's Report)

New deputy head appointed. – New school being built on the St. Edeyrns site. Possibility that this will be a Church in Wales School.

OSMCC strongly supports exploring relocating the voluntary controlled community school to the newly identified provision for the school in Old St Mellons as part of the Persimmon development.

12. Planning Applications (5 min)

None.

13. Working Party Reports (10 min)

(Working Parties to present their report)

a) Village Hall Working Party

Some damage to the stage lights – electrician has carried out repairs.

b) Playing Fields Working Party

There are 4 pieces of equipment ordered as a result of the Tesco grant – awaiting installation date.

Boules court – have enough money for materials, but need manpower – to ask Persimmon.

Hinge needs to be repaired to the metal storage unit.

c) Village Plan and Planning Working Party

None – a meeting to be arranged with the RFO to discuss budgets.

14. One Voice Wales – report (5 min)

Report on the AGM of One Voice Wales -attended by Cllr V. Davies and Cllr J. Williams

Date of meeting Saturday 30th September 2017

Knowing little of the activities of Cllr Davies was very interested in the whole of the meeting. The meeting started 15 minutes late which is never a good time, meaning that continued for the whole day.

The CEO announced that the President had resigned ten days ago with no notice and we were soon find out that the Chairman was at the end of his term and will not be renewing, in any format. His Vice Chair was to take up the Chair's position.

The new was to get worse. In the afternoon, a point which was looked was a point interested in the Annual Report. This point was first picked up by Cllr Williams and it appeared that the Pension Deficit was £155,000 in 2016 and £223,000 in 2017.

Whilst this is a figure arrived at by Actuaries and therefore not necessarily payable in full some of it will be one day.

We have an obligation to pay a fair share of this if One Voice Wales is wound up.

This is potentially a serious situation that should be considered at our next meeting. Most other attendees are going to have the same discussions with their councils.

There was some good news in that some apparatus is available which could increase the use of the Park. Maybe this can be discussed at a future meeting.

There followed a discussion and all agreed that this was a concern. It was noted that there is an OVV meeting 23rd October – RJ asked for any Cllrs if they could attend.

15. Village Association – report (5 min)

To thank the OSMVA for the £1000 grant received via Persimmon.

16. Correspondence Received (10 min)

16.1 WI – Concerns over accessibility to Village Hall
With regards to handrail – this is for the fire exit to allow people to leave the premises.
It was noted that the lighting has been updated.
Wheelchair access needs to be via small hall.
Will look into the access to the door up the ramp.
RJ – noted that this will be part of our future plans and will contact WI

16.2 Hall Hire for art classes - local resident
It was resolved: all agreed

16.3 Hall Hire – New Year's eve party
Clerk will make further enquiries

16.4 Mapping Toolkit
RJ handed booklets.

16.5 In Bloom – results
Thank you letter has gone to Blooms for their adjudication and prizes.

17. Newsletter (5 min)

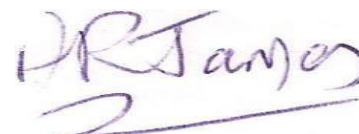
Articles still need to be sent.

18. Items for next meeting (2 min)

None

Meeting closed at 22:05pm

Next Meeting 9th November 2017



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