

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Rd,
Old St. Mellons at 7.00pm on Thursday 9th February 2017

Present:

- Chair:** Cllr Rosemary James (RJ)
Vice Chair: Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ) - Apologies
Councillors: Cllr Derek Stroud (DS)
Cllr Dennis Matthews (DM)

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

In attendance: Mr Paul Good (RFO)

1. Apologies for absence (1 min)

Cllr Ricky Blackmore – Sickness
Cllr Sarah Johns – work commitment
Cllr Jane Rogers – work commitment
Cllr Len Phillips – work commitment
Cllr Dianne Rees - Sickness
Cllr Suzanne Williams – work commitment

2. Declaration of interests (1 min)

RJ: OSMVA
DS: Entertainers

3. Police Matters (1 min)

No Police Report was submitted.

4. Minutes – to approve as a correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2017 (5 min)

It was approved as a true and accurate record

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 12th January 2017 (30 min)

5.1 Field open/closing – volunteers - ongoing

5.2 St. Edeyrn's Church – request for facilities – update

After seeking legal advice, it was noted that the legalities are complicated and needs further investigation – ongoing.

5.3 Sanitary Units – quotes

3 quotes were obtained Europest, Cannon Hygiene and PHS Group, noted PHS Group was the cheapest £256 (excluding VAT) for 2 units and a nappy unit.

It was agreed to use PHS Group – DS proposed, DM seconded.

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 17/00024/MNR Variation of conditions The Blandings, Druidstone Road, Old St Mellons, Cardiff, CF3 6XD

Query – planning.

7.2 16/02561/MNR, Part Of Land At Southlands, 33 Melville Avenue, Old St Mellons, Cardiff

Query - planning

7.3 Began Road Cottage – when and what planning permission was made.

7.4 Ton-y-Rhian – query planning

7.5 Query signage on new fence top of Bridge Road – advertising board – still there.

8. Finance (10 min)

(RFO to present financial report)

The RFO confirmed the signed precept form has been forwarded to the Council. The exterior lighting to the Hall, which was a H&S issue following complaints, has been completed and payment of £468 including VAT of £78 is included in the approval and signature list. Also included is a payment of £154 to the Wales Audit Office in respect of the 15/16 Accounts, which is £250 less than expected. The Hall bond of £75 discussed at the last meeting has been transferred to Hall Hire income. Hall income due from hirers is up to date.

The RFO stated he has carried out a review to date of 2016/17 Budget to Income & Expenditure. Income is up due to the £1,200 donation from the Village Association and £2,061 of Playing Field grants, which are to be spent in the next months, although Hall income is slightly down. General Administration, Playing Fields & Burial Grounds are in line with Budget, although the tree work budget of £750 is yet to be committed. However, expenditure with ongoing Village Hall maintenance work, such as the above mentioned electrical works, continue in excess of budget, although the Village Association donations make a significant impact. Additionally, there may well be savings on the heating/lighting budget dependant on the weather in the next two months. The RFO considers that overall the bank balance will be in line at year-end with original budget figures.

8.1 To agree a donation for defibrillator – under well-being £100

It was resolved – all agreed

8.2 It was agreed that the Clerk was granted 4 hours' overtime to attend the OVV meeting.

9. Annual Planner (10 min)

9.1 Review Pest Control

Contract expires – 1st April 2017 awaiting confirmation of costs – Review in March.

9.2 Fixed Asset Register review

RFO to meet with Cllrs to go through the register and update accordingly.

10. County Councillors Report (10 min)

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

Cllr Dianne Rees – due to not being able to attend but following report submitted.

County Councillor Report - from Councillor Dianne Rees

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Since our last meeting, when Persimmon Homes Representation, Daryl Jones attended, I have met with Andrew Gregory, Director City Services at the Council and David Davies, Planning Officer to ask them to address comments made by Persimmon.

The confirmed that no development would be permitted on the land opposite Ty'r Bont cottage, Bridge Road, despite Daryl Jones assumption that the test dig carried out there by Persimmon employees was to done in case Persimmon wished to build there in the future. Daryl Jones had confirmed that Persimmon owned the land and had done so for some years.

I also expressed the concerns voiced at the last community meeting that the application for another 90 houses on the strategic site for more expensive homes costing from £350, 000 to £450,000 was disappointing in its design concept. The houses were hardly different in design from the earlier phase of smaller homes, just larger and with black window frames instead of grey. Andrew Gregory said that he would liaise with his design officers and come back with a view but in any event the application was unlikely to be heard at planning committee before the end of February / March.

The temporary closure of Bridge Road was discussed. Persimmon intends to move their goods compound to behind Bridge Farm. This would necessitate temporary closure ahead of the planned permanent closure. It was state later by David Davies that he did not approve of the placing of boulders on Bridge Road as a means of closure and would be in dialogue with highways to see what alternatives were possible.

At the same meeting, I raised the issue of the section 106 monies available from Ty'n Y Gollen. At an earlier meeting, it was agreed that approximately £10,000 could possibly be available to support the community council's outdoor fitness equipment in Ty'r Winch Road Playing Fields. Approximately £20,000 is available in total. However, at a later meeting called for Cllr Phillips to hear the proposals, as she had not attended the first meeting during which Cllr Phillips stated she would not support the community council project, stating she had other priorities. Both councillors have to agree on expenditure of 106 monies.

I asked what she said they were and was told a pedestrian crossing on Newport Road near to the Gatehouse on the north side and the bus stop on the south. I have asked officers to look at the cost

of a pedestrian crossing, which is of course one of my priorities too and see whether it would be possible to have monies left to support the community council project. I have not had an answer as yet.

VAENDRE LANE- Fly tipping clearance and general tidy up.

Work has taken place to clear Vaendre Lane of fly tipping with on going surveillance. Bushes have been cut back and laid to discourage tipping in the wooded copse but the condition of the road is still abysmal.

St Edeyrns Village.

40 houses have been sold and quite a few are occupied. I suggest the next community council newsletter is delivered to the new houses with names and contact details of community councillors, Clerk and RFO, with a brief outline of what the community council can do for them and the services it provides. The sales are leasehold and the non-council adopted roads and footpaths will be maintained by an additional charge levied by the developer and operated by a management company which is yet to be set up. Not difficult to envisage problems ahead!

In response to a local resident's request to open the gate into the pond area at Beechtree Park, College Green, I requested it be opened and work programmed to maintain the pond area. The gate is opened and I am waiting to hear from the officer about ongoing work.

I have asked for additional cleaning of litter Newport Road. Good clean ups have been undertaken when the road and verges were left impeccable, only to be covered with drinks cans, fast food cartons, general litter dropped from cars and by passers by to be there the next day. Would the community council consider signage discouraging litter dropping. My personal favourite is "Don't mess with Old St Mellons ", similar to the campaign successfully waged by Croydon council.

Cllr Georgina Phillips – did not attend or submit a report.

11. Working Party Reports (10 min)

(Working Parties to present their report)

a) Village Hall Working Party

- Guttering – fascia boards are rotten in places – DS and DM to obtain quotes.
- 5-year plan needs updating.
- Noted – locks renewed on kitchen cupboards.
- Heating issues timer – rectified.

b) Playing Fields Working Party

- Awaiting to hear about the Tesco grant – S106 has become available wrote to the two County Councillors for support, to proceed with the gym project. County Councillor Dianne Rees was in favour, still awaiting to have a response from County Councillor Georgina Phillips.

c) Village Plan Working Party

- Survey results – Suggestions have been taken on board, this will be ongoing.

d) Old St. Mellons Village Association

- Table Tennis, Gardening Club and Knit and Knatter will be covered by OSMVA's insurance.
- It was noted that anybody can come and join.

12. One Voice Wales – report (5 min)

12.1 FCFCG Events – Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens.

- FCFCG are hosting THREE events in CARDIFF this spring, each of them is FREE,
PITCH PERFECT
When: Thursday 16th February 12pm – 4pm (Including Light Lunch)
Where: Spectrum (Vision 21 [1]), Bwlch Road, Fairwater, Cardiff, CF5 3EF
Growing Better Together
When: Thursday 9th March 9:30am - 12:30pm
Where: Stride Trelgown [3], Treglown Court, Dowlais Road, Cardiff, CF24 5LQ
Fill The Streets With Food And Flowers
When: Friday 17 March 9am To 2pm Including Lunch
Where: Chapter Arts Centre, Canton, Cardiff CF5 1QE

12.2 OVW Committee Meeting

Clerk attended this meeting on behalf of Chair, the main focus of the meeting was in relation to the Cardiff capital Region (CCR) City Deal summary as follows:

The CCR Investment Fund stood at £1.221bn, £734m was to be invested in Metro and £495m for wider investment such as housing, site regeneration and other ambitions. CCR included 10 local authorities (Bridgend, Cardiff, Vale, RCT, Merthyr, Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouth and Newport). It was hoped CCR would bring in £4bn of private sector funding. CCR was overseen by a Cabinet to provide robust investment and programme governance. Regional priorities would be independently measured against a verified economic model.

Some local authority functions would be delegated to CCR including management of the Investment Fund, strategic transport planning and co-design of the Metro, strategic economic development planning, including housing, transport and land use, inward investment and marketing the region, an integrated business support delivery unit and subject to Welsh Government approval control over business rate income.

The 10 local authorities' collective contribution would be £120m, UK Government's £10m per year for years 1-5 and approximately £21m per year until 2036. The total maximum cost to the 10 councils would be £210.8m to release £1bn of UK Government/Welsh Government funding and £4bn of private sector funding. This equated to £23 return on each £1 spent.

The 10 councils were seeking to commit to the funding and deliver the CCR by February 2017.

13. Correspondence Received (10 min)

13.1 St. Edeyrn's War Memorial – Clerk to search for funding

13.2 Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute 11th Nov 2018 – Beacon request

It was decided that OSMCC will decline on this occasion.

13.3 M4 new proposed route – Anne Picton

Noted.

13.4 Entertainers – purchasing tables

It was noted that The Entertainers have kindly donated to replace 8 small square tables to the Village Hall.

It was noted – all agreed and thanked The Entertainers for their generosity.

14. Newsletter (5 min)

14.1 Articles still required from Entertainers, Gardening Club, Table Tennis, Knit and Knatter, Playing Field gym update, survey update, village plan, elections.

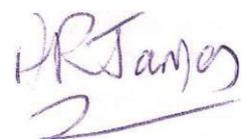
15. Items for next meeting (2 min)

Review Policies and Procedure email sent February

Review Pest Control

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

Date of next meeting: 9th March 2017



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