

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Rd,
Old St. Mellons at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th November 2018

Present:

Chair: Cllr Rosemary James (RJ)

Vice Chair: Cllr Derek Stroud (DS)

Councillors: Cllr Vic Davies (VD)
Cllr Gaynor Hassan (GH)
Cllr Dennis Matthews (DM)
Cllr Charles Price (CP)
Cllr Joel Williams (JW) - later

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

In attendance: Paul Good RFO (RFO)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Dianne Rees – work commitment
Cllr Sarah Johns - work commitment

2. Declaration of interests

RJ: OSMVA, St Edeyrn's
DS: OSMVA
DR: St Edeyrn's

3. Minutes – to approve as a correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2018 (5 min)

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

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 11th October 2018 (10 min)

- 4.1 Security Camera – Ty'r Winch Playing Field - DM updating with quotes
Deferred to next meeting and agenda for discussion.
- 4.2 Charter – update – signing on 13 December 2018
- 4.3 Dogs Signs – JW to update via CC - DM will be chasing
- 4.4 CTC consultation update – Clerk sent Cllrs final version – WG website
- 4.5 Dog Fouling consultation – update? Noted nothing on CC website as yet

5. 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

6. Finance (10 min)

(RFO to present financial report)

The RFO reported that Councillors will have received the October 2018 bank reconciliation, which again shows net monthly expenditure around £2k in line with budget. Despite discussions, receipt of the bank statement was again late. The RFO stated he has increased the monthly DD for Welsh Water and renewed our gas contract with Eon for a further year after a comparison website review. HMRC are conducting regular webinars and the RFO is confident we comply with all their guidelines.

6.1 S106 funding – agree allocation

£26k to be received – expenditure to be allocated to the Village Hall roof.

The RFO has spoken to Cardiff Council and checked their requirements for the Section 106 grant monies. It is now clear that the grant will not be sufficient to pay for the roof overhaul and OSMCC will need to fund the shortfall.

6.2 Hall roof tenders – to discuss

Noted – 3 quotes obtained

The RFO presented the three hall renovation tenders, including background information on the firms, who eventually tendered. The tenders varied considerably in price dependant on the roofing quality cover. The RFO expressed concern that the lowest tenderer had failed to respond to a number of fundamental queries raised. Despite chasing by email and phone over the past 6 weeks, there has been no response regarding quality assurances, guarantees and timing of building programme. It was therefore agreed by Councillors that the next lowest tender would be offered the hall contract. The RFO was instructed to contact the firm, make arrangements and report back.

It was resolved: all agreed

6.3 Financial Review – income & expenditure

The RFO had already forwarded a spreadsheet for consideration to Councillors showing actuals to 31st October 2018 with forecasts up to 31st March 2019. The yearend figures are also compared to the budgets for 2018/19. The spreadsheet figures are then used to project forecasts for 2019/20 and calculate a Precept requirement for 2019/20. The RFO requested Councillors to review the figures as it is clear additional income needs to be generated to pay for the new roof shortfall

6.4 Setting budget for precept and acceptance of Precept recommendation

It was noted that the precept will need to be increased

It was resolved: all agreed that the precept to be increased – RFO will obtain figures for next meeting – it was agreed to propose that the minimum precept increase will be a further £12000.00 plus 5% CP proposed, DS seconded

It was resolved: all agreed to the proposal

JW arrived 8:35pm apologies see 4.3 – Signs will be delivered to office.

7. Working Party Reports (10 min)

(Working Parties to present their report)

a) Village Hall Working Party

- Recurring problem with lights – noted that this has been caused by squirrels nibbling wires

It was noted that this has been reported to pest control

b) Playing Fields Working Party

- Signs still ongoing

c) St Edeyrn's Church

- Mossfords – awaiting quote for the cleaning of memorial

8. Annual Planner (10 min)

8.1 Christmas events

Coach House – Carol singing, Caersalem musicians to take place Friday before Christmas
Noted to purchase selection boxes for Father Christmas to give out

It was noted that the Remembrance Sunday, service at the Parish Church 10:30, 12pm parade to Cenotaph, St. Johns College playing to the hymns, wreath laying, minute silence, after to meet at the Village Hall for refreshments. RJ handed out order of service to Cllrs.

8.2 Risk assessment Village Hall review

- Now completed

9. Police Matters (5 min)

Report provided as follows:

Between the 1st of October and the 7th of November 2018 there were a total of 11 South Wales Police Occurrences.

During the above time period only 1 of the above occurrences was a recorded crime.

- There were 0 incidents of violence throughout this time.
- There was 1 theft within this period.
- There were 0 burglaries within this period.
- There were 0 incidents involving Drugs.
- There was 0 incident relating to damage during this period.
- There was 0 fraud occurrences.

Speed Camera operations have been carried out on Tyr Winch road over this period and 3 vehicles/drivers have been reported for summons.

The other 7 occurrences were for non-crime related matters.

The recent period has been relatively busy due to Halloween and bonfire night; I am pleased to say Old St Mellons avoided any issues during this time with regards Anti-Social Behaviour.

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.

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.

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?

Rumney Neighbourhood Officers will be assisting in a road closure on Remembrance Day and hope to see you after the ceremony.

10. County Councillors Report (5 min)

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

- Bridge Rd – plans to re-open temporarily – but due to speeding traffic this will not take place
- Awaiting update for bids – Village Hall and Old St. Mellons area
- Speeding report – it was noted that if 15% continuous speeders of which is 20% over speed limit – the van will remain in place – noted continuation of monitoring of speeding cars
- St. Edeyrn's development – site looking in poor state, other than the building site
- Dedicated lane has been implemented on bottom of Rumney Hill

11. St. Mellons Primary School (5 min)

(Governor's Report)

- A new H&S officer is in place with a meeting in due course

12. Planning Applications (5 min)

12.1 18/02125/MNR detached Single 4 Bed Dwelling to Rear Of Hill House, Druidstone

It was noted to raise an objection as this is not in the settlement boundary

13. One Voice Wales – report (5 min)

Nothing to report

14. Village Association – report (5 min)

Table top sale – 8th December for children £5 table

15. Newsletter (5 min)

Unfortunately, not all the articles were included in this newsletter due to a computer glitch!!

16. Correspondence (5 min)

16.1 Rainbows, Guides – hall hire charges


It was noted, but the charges still apply.

17. Items for next meeting (2 min)

- CCTV – separate agenda item – for debate
- CTC – separate agenda item – for debate
- Training for Cllrs – update
- Hire charges to change to advanced payment arrangements

Meeting closed at: 21:50

Noted next meeting: 10th January 2019

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'RR James', with a large flourish underneath.

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