

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 18 March 2010.

Present Councillor Mrs G Jones (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs D Brown
Mrs A Davies
Mrs P Jenkins
Mr L Phillips
Mrs D Rees
Mrs J Rogers

Clerk: Mrs C Ryan

1. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors D Stroud and M Briggs

2. Declaration of Interests.

Councillor D. Rees - St Edeyrn's Churchyard
Councillor D Rees – Playing Fields/106 Monies
Councillor A Davies – St Edeyrn's Churchyard
Councillor A Davies – Old St Mellons Village Association
Councillor A Davies – Playing Fields/106 monies
Councillor A Davies – Playing fields – Fire – left meeting for this item
Councillor A Davies – Playing Fields – Dog walking “ “ “
Councillor A Davies – Western Power land behind playing fields “ “ “
Councillor A Davies – Village hall – Nursery

Councillor A Davies – Alley gating
Councillor D Brown – 106 Monies
Councillor J Rogers – 106 Monies
Councillor G Jones – Bluebell Drive

3. Police Matters.

There was no Police presence at the meeting despite receiving an invitation.
Councillor Rees had also spoken to the Inspector and requested their attendance.
There has been a spate of break ins to cars and garages in Beech Tree Park. These
have been reported to the Police. There had also been an incident on Saturday night
at the Church and armed police were called to Ty To Maen, but it was a false alarm

4. Minutes of the meeting of 18 February 2009.

Declaration of Interests:

Councillor A Davies – Member of Village Association..... delete Carillion.

Item 9 – To receive reports from County Councillors

Bullet point 1 – should read ... “A request had been sent to the County Council,
requesting details of all salt bins in the whole ward and if extra available, a decision
to be made on where they should be sited”.

Bullet point 3 – penultimate sentence should read “and are presently discussing the introduction of a 2 hour limited parking system at Wern Fawr Lane”

Item 12. 106 Money

Councillor Davies re-joined the meeting at the beginning of Item 14 – Correspondence.

Item 11 Media Working Party

The raffle prizes were donated by Councillor Jones and not Councillor Jenkins.

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

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

5 St Edeyrn’s Churchyard

Copies of the contract for the maintenance of the churchyard were found but did not clarify responsibility for the maintenance of the boundary walls and fencing. The Clerk to write to the Diocesan office in Cardiff to arrange a meeting to clarify this.

10. Finance Working Party

There has been no meeting of the Working party this month.

11. One Voice Wales

The Clerk had e mailed the other Councils and the majority of them were using One Voice Wales.

15. Alley gating

The Heritage trail boards have yet to be updated. The Heritage Trail group will look at this.

12. Village Hall

The Community Council met with the Builder re the prospective work and the start date is imminent. The works will comprise of new handrail to the front, new security lighting at the side, new surround to 1 Fire door, new window in ladies toilet, plastering work in the gents toilet

Playing Fields – The notice detailing the closing times for the playing fields has been amended.

11. Working Parties

Village Hall

A letter had been sent to the cleaner but no response received. Her employment will now be terminated.

Media Working Party

The Webmaster has been asked to provide suitable dates for a meeting.

12. Carillion Container

Thanks are to be given to Carillion for the donation of the benches, tables and fridge. Volunteers are needed to help move the items into the storage area.

14. Correspondence

A vote of thanks was given to Councillors Rees and Rogers for them completing the application for funding for the Dell area. A decision on the application should be through by end of March. If the application is successful, it was suggested that the

details should be put into the next Newsletter to inform residents of what the Community Council is trying to do for the area.

The Community Council lunch was a great success and raised £103 towards new curtains and with a further fund raising effort there should be enough to cover the total cost.

Councillor Brown looked into the installation of a loop system in the Village hall and there is a possibility that a grant from the County Council may be available for this work.

A letter received from the Brownies was discussed regarding their inability to pay the Hall charges, which led to some debate on the issue of them paying. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Brownie Leader and discuss the issue with her.

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/10/00007/E Full Planning Permission **Expected Decision Level:** DEL
Received: **Ward:** PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS
Case Officer: Geraint Roberts
Applicant: Mr Rhys Edwards, Cefn Mably, Began Road, Cardiff
Agents: Newport City Council, Vicky E Williams, Civic Centre, Newport
Proposal: Siting of a temporary on site residence for a period of 3 years (retrospective) affecting public right of way
At: Cefn Mably Farm Park, Began Road, Cardiff

There was no comment made on this application.

Councillor Brown highlighted an issued with the lights on the A48 turn off to the A48M not working. She had contacted Western Power who were dealing with it. Councillor Davies declared an interest in this item.

A further problem had been noted with the traffic issue at St John's college. The Police have been on duty there to assist but the problem has been caused by the flow of traffic in the road narrowing area along Newport Road, and will possibly get worse.

Councillor Rees read through a briefing note detailing the background to the work on Newport Road. Surveys will be carried out to check on the 30mph limits. 10 sets of complaints have been so far received on the work being carried out.

8. Finance matters & Payment of Creditors

Payee	Service or Goods	Amount
Chq No		
Current Account as at 18 March 2010		3549.64
<u>DD</u>		
Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	30.00
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00

Nat West	Voucher Statement Fee		3.25
<u>Cheques</u>			
S Hull	Groundsman	128.00	2857
R Kimber	Cleansing orderly	72.00	2858
G Lewis	Caretaker	40.00	
	Hall Hire x 7 sessions	56.00	
	Cleaning x 4 sessions	32.00	
		128.00	2859
C Ryan	Clerks Fee	233.46	
	Postage	7.92	
	Rental Telephone & Broadband	18.00	
	Telephone calls	4.40	
	Equipment	15.00	
	Toilet Rolls	5.97	
		284.75	2860
G Jones	Supplies for village hall	9.43	2861
	Total expenditure		£665.43
Balance carried forward	Current Account less total expenditure to 18.03.2010		£2368.36
	Capital Reserve		£6639.14
Total			£9007.50
Income			
	Entertainers – Hall Hire		10.00
	Guides – Hall Hire		35.00
	Artists – Hall Hire		15.00
	W.I. Hall Hire - & Table tennis		30.00
Total income			90.00

9. To receive Reports from County Councillors

- The Parks Department have been contacted to let them know the date of the Village Fete so that they can get the flowers etc ready.
- The pot-holes at the top of Began Road are very bad and the Councillors are chasing the repairs. Should be filled in within 21 days. There is no funding in this years budget for the resurfacing, possibly next year. Wern Fawr Lane have been repaired already. There is also an issue with Bridge Road with the drainage and sewerage overflow.
- There has been damage to the street name plate at Bluebell Drive, but again no budget this year for replacement. It is scheduled for some time after April.
- Issues re drainage at Newport Road outside the Mini market have also been identified.
- There was also a large amount of litter and debris left on Newport Road/Ty'r Winch Road following the recent bin collections, due to green bags splitting. The Supervisor has visited and inspected the site.

- Parking barriers outside the Mini Market are to be removed in the next few weeks.
- St Mellons Road, a temporary road closure will be in place for 15th March due to resurfacing work.
- Adoption of road Fford Brynhyfyrd taken place.
- Resurfacing at Lisvane end of St Mellons Road has been delayed due to difficulties encountered.

10. To receive Working Party reports

Village Hall

The Community Council have secured a letting to the Playgroup which commences after Easter. They will be using the large hall and will provide the Community Council with an income of £150 per week.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Jenkins for all the hard work she had put in, to secure this hire.

11. Alley gating

The Clerk had written to Tom Chell, the Alley gating Officer and had received a reply stating that the Community Council were unable to have a key to the gates and that as a Legal Order was in place for the gating of the lane, objections would need to be made to them next year for them to review the situation.

12. 106 Money

Councillor Davies left the meeting at this point and took no part in the discussion.

The Community Council had met with adjacent residents to the playing fields re the proposed works which are due to commence next month. Agreement was reached on the pathway, 1.8 dome and small see-saw to go half way along by the tennis courts. Mrs Thomas, a neighbour, was not in agreement for it to go in the corner by the tennis court, so it was agreed to move it 30m from her boundary.

13. Ty'r Winch Playing Fields

It was agreed that as the playing fields are privately owned, then the Community council have a right to say no dogs allowed in. Recently, there have been quite a few residents taking dogs in and being abusive when asked to leave. There was a recent incident of a dog terrorising children. The area at the back of the playing fields was considered again, but as the Licence has been withdrawn by Western Power it is not an option. The Clerk will take advice from One Voice Wales re the Community Council's legal position on the Licence.

14. Correspondence

- Letter from Cardiff County Council re Council Tax charges which are reduced from last year
- Letter from resident re fire at the playing fields. The matter is with the Community Council's Insurance company for them to deal with. The groundsman is clearing the land of the rubbish and will be put into a skip for removal.
- E mail received from PCSO re fire in the park
- E mail from Fire Service giving advice on the cutting of trees in the playing fields and their removal.

The Working Party needs to meet re implementation of a Waste Policy.

15. Items for Next Meeting

Waste Management
Playgroup – advertising in newsletter and website
Newsletter
Carillion

16. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday April 15th 2010 at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10p.m.