

OLD ST. MELLONS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,
Newport Road, Old St. Mellons on Thursday 18th January 2007

Present

Councillor	Mrs P Jenkins (Chairman)
Councillors	Mr L Ackerman
	Mrs G Jones
	Mrs D Rees
	Mr E Rees
	Mrs J Rogers
	Mr D Stroud

In Attendance

Councillor	Mrs G Phillips
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1. APOLOGIES Mr M Boyce, Mr C Price, PC J Francis

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None

3. LOCAL RESIDENTS

One residents and one member of the public were in attendance. Mrs A Davies, 'Parc House' was attending the meeting with regard to the trees at the Playing Fields

4. POLICE MATTERS

No police presence, apologies had been received. Claire Quick is the new PCSO for the area. Councillor D Stroud referred to the lack of response regarding the speed limit issues in Wern Fawr Lane and the dangers it is creating.

Councillor G Phillips raised the impending Police Boundary changes and the possible implications.

Clerk to write to Inspector Offside regarding these issues and inviting him to attend the next Community Council meeting to enable them to be discussed

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Newport Road, Old St Mellons on Thursday 21st December 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to the following amendment: *Councillor J Rogers was present at the meeting*

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Tree at the Playing Fields adjoining 'Parc House'

A letter had been received from Mrs A Davies following the last meeting requesting a copy of the survey report

The Chairman referred to the survey carried out by Cardiff Treescapes regarding the remaining trees. It was reassuring that there was no immediate danger. The report indicated three trees with a priority code1 requiring pruning work asap and four trees with priority code2 requiring additional pruning.

Councillor E Rees referred to the restriction in the report which required written consent from Cardiff Treescapes before the information was divulged to a third party.

It was agreed that further advice be sought regarding any Tree Preservation Orders from Mr M Frazer, Cardiff CC Parks Services

Quotes for the additional pruning to be obtained

6.1 Conservation Area Review

The Clerk had informed Annabell Evans, Cardiff CC of the Community Council's support of residents for the retention of Beechtree Park in the Conservation Area. Confirmation had been received that it had been noted for the purpose of the review

Councillor G Philips informed the meeting that Mrs M Crabtree and Ms M Nurse are the resident's representatives for the review process

6.2 Village Hall

Thomas Graham Solicitors, had requested further information for the owners of the gardens regarding the Council's intentions. Clerk had sent copies of the plans of the proposed extension

6.3 Sports Council for Wales

The Chairman had received confirmation from 'Active Lifestyle' that the application for provision of Aerobics Classes had not been successful.

The Chairman reported that the sub-committee and resident, Ms M Nurse had held an initial meeting regarding the planning of the Heritage Trail. The Clerk had returned the registration details for the grant

Councillor G Jones proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman in securing the grant

Councillor D Rees referred to the Parks and Leisure Conservation meeting that was being held on February 7th

6.4 Council Minutes and Financial Records

Report received from Mr L Jones, Members' Library Research Manager, Cardiff CC, including responses from other Community Councils, regarding access to Council documents. Similar arrangements provided by all Community Councils. Cardiff CC can be contacted if further assistance is required for the purpose of archiving documents. Issue to be raised with One Voice Wales

The Clerk had informed the Audit Office that the letter sent to a resident to arrange viewing of the financial records of the Council for 2005/06 had not had a response.

The reimbursement offered by a resident for the provision of copies of Council minutes had not been received.

6.5 Village Carol Singing

The Clerk had sent a letter of thanks to Eastern Business Park for hosting the event. The Chairman reported that several responses of thanks from residents had been received for organising the evening

6.6 Village Hall / Playing Fields

The Chairman referred to Association's last meeting where there was further discussion regarding future projects. Councillor D Stroud agreed there should be a planned programme that should include the replacement of the hall roof. To be considered by Hall Committee. Risk assessments to be carried out.

7. *PLANNING*

Welsh Assembly: Information received regarding proposed work to slip roads in conjunction with the additional lane on M4 from JCT 29 to 30 – Councillor D Rees to review

06/02862/E	Application for Demolition	Expected Decision	Delegated
Received:	20/12/2006	Level:	
Applicant:	Mr and Mrs Holt		
Address:	Droke House, 948 Newport Road, Old St Mellons Cardiff CF3 5UA		
Agent:	RPS Planning		
Address:	Mark Roberts, Park House, Greyfriars Road Cardiff CF10 3AF		
Proposal:	DEMOLITION OF DROKE HOUSE AND ADJOINING GARAGE WITH SITE GRADED AND GROUND MADE GOOD		
At:	Droke House, 948 Newport Road, Old St. Mellons, Cardiff		
Ward:	PONTPRENNAU/OLD ST. MELLONS		

Councillor D Rees informed the meeting that because of the inclusion of 'Droke House' in the Draft Review of the Conservation Area the period of consultation had been extended an extra 28days. Clerk to contact planning department and Conservation Area team for clarification

Councillor G Philips made an inquiry regarding possible closure of a footpath near the Fire Training Centre

8. FINANCE

Payee	Service or Goods	Amount	Chq No
Castleton Landscapes	Tree work at P/Fields and V/Hall	1,433.50	62
Cardiff Treescapes	Survey –Playing Field	376.00	63
Cardiff CC	Daffodil bulbs	129.76	64
Mr R Kimber	Cleansing Orderly	68.64	65
W James	Cleaning Halls	125.00	66
	Caretaking Duties	50.00	67
	Clerks Fee	250.00	
	Postage	<u>3.20</u>	
		253.20	68
HM Customs	PAYE (Oct - Dec)	549.64	69
Cardiff CC	1 months tax – Village Hall	432.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Village Hall	57.00	D.D.
Powergen	Electricity – Playing Fields	10.00	D.D.
Account Balances	Current Account	222.44	
	Capital Reserve	7,255.07	
Less	Outstanding Cheques	Nil	
Plus	Outstanding Credits	<u>Nil</u>	
Reconciled Bank Balance		7,477.51	
Income since last meeting			
Mrs L Brodie	Playgroup – 4 weeks 1hour	260.00	
Mr W James	PAYE Repayment (Oct- Dec)	398.42	

Hall Letting**Nil****Precept 2007 / 2008**

Authorisation for the Precept Request to Cardiff CC for £20,000.00 was signed

9. CORRESPONDENCES and OTHER BUSINESS**9.1 Cardiff CC**

Review of Boundaries: Boundary review to be undertaken, responses to be received by 16th February. Clerk to obtain a more detailed boundary map and circulate for Councillors to consider, comments to be referred to Chairman ASAP.

9.2 Welsh Audit Office

Information received detailing new Audit officer and Audit Companies for 2007 08

9.3 St Edeyrn's Churchyard

Request had been received from Mr N Duggan, Church Warden, regarding the repairs to main gates. The options considered were refurbishment of the existing gates, which could be at a substantial cost or replacement with new gates. Councillor D Rees to explore possibility of grant aid. Risk Assessment of Churchyard to be undertaken

9.4 One Voice Wales

Notice received regarding Area Meeting in Town Hall, Cowbridge, Monday 27th January at 7.00pm. Councillor C Price to attend