

Madeley Parish Council

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee of Madeley Parish Council
held on Monday 10th March 2008 at Jubilee House, Madeley, Telford and
commencing at 6.30pm.

**PRESENT: Councillors: S Taylor (Vice Chair), D Davies, E Evans,
J Jones, S Law, E Swift.**

Revd V Sweet
Clerk

L07/60 Apologies for Absence

Cllr David Edwards - Family commitments - Accepted
Cllr John Handley - Unwell - Accepted

L07/61 Remarks from the Chair

In the absence of the Chair the meeting was chaired by Cllr Sue Taylor.

L07/62 Public Discussion Time

No members of the public were present.

L07/63 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

L07/64 Presentation – Telford Youth Project

In November 2006 Madeley Parish Council awarded a grant of £1,000 to part fund a research project that would inform a grant application to the National Lottery Young People's Fund. The research is now complete and Revd. Vaughan Sweet had been invited back to the meeting to present the findings and to inform Councillors of future plans.

Revd. Sweet informed the meeting that consultation with young people had taken place across the priority areas – Hills Lane, Dawley/Malinslee, Donnington Wood and Arleston. The information had been compiled and would be used to inform the work, scheduled to start in Sept 08, by which date a youth worker will have been appointed.

Funding for the project has been secured from a variety of sources, in the main from church and diocese funds. Work will be developed in all of the priority areas over the course of the project. The Youth worker will be expected to make contact with young people and volunteers with a view to setting up voluntary run youth clubs and outreach provision.

Madeley Parish Council is particularly interested in the work that will take place in Hills Lane and Councillors felt that there could be numerous opportunities for partnership working. Revd Sweet was asked to keep Councillors informed of the progress of the project.

L07/65 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st January were agreed and signed as a true record.

L07/66 **Madeley Living History Project**

The Clerk presented the Business Plan (Appendix A) and emphasised particular points:

- The production of greetings cards has been put on hold due to difficulties with contacting the supplier.
- The book of historic recipes will be launched at the All Electors meeting.
- The Society of Antiquaries has approved the long term loan of the King Charles tankard for display at Coalport China Works

L07/67 **Grants**

67.1 Feedback from Previous Recipients

The Clerk presented the Feedback Report (Appendix B). Councillors were pleased to note that groups and organisations have responded as requested and there were no particular areas of concern.

67.2 Applications

The Clerk informed the meeting that a sum of £4,827.78 remained in the grants budget.

67.2.1 Visible Minorities Development Centres

Funding requested for running costs and to contribute toward the purchase of new IT equipment.

The application from the VMDC was first considered at the January meeting. No decision was reached and the Clerk had been asked to contact the group for clarification on the benefits to residents of Madeley Parish and for explanation on how the group differs from or complements the REDS scheme.

The letter from the Clerk had elicited a response in the form of a telephone call, and the representative was asked to submit the verbal information in a letter, for presentation at this meeting. No letter had been received and without further information the committee remained unable to reach a decision.

The Clerk was asked to contact the group once more and remind them of the need for additional information.

67.2.2 Samaritans

Funding required to replace chairs and a fridge and also to repair windows damaged through vandalism.

Madeley Parish Council have supported the Samaritans for many years and entirely commend the services provided. However, there was a level of disappointment that the grant provided in '07 was not spent on the items for which it was given and prior permission for alternative usage had not been sought.

Councillors recognised that the Samaritans provide a vital service and continued support was agreed, but it was felt that in the light of recent experience, it would be prudent to purchase the goods on behalf of the organisation.

Resolved:

To purchase a fridge on behalf of the Samaritans at a cost of no more than £130.00.

67.2.3 Sutton Hill Short Mat Bowls

Funding requested for the group to go on an outing to the Tram Museum at Derby.

Councillors felt that the Sutton Hill Short Mat Bowls is a well run group that provides enjoyment and companionship for a significant number of local people. They recognised that for the group to continue to thrive, trips out provide both variety and enjoyment. Most of the group members are pensioners, many are on a low income and therefore the Councillors felt that financial support would be appropriate to enable all the members to take part in the proposed outing.

Resolved:

To make an award of £175.00 to Sutton Hill Short Mat Bowls to part fund the coach hire for a trip to Derby.

67.2.4 Citizens Advice Bureau

£1,310.00 requested to support the outreach advice surgeries at Madeley and Woodside.

Since moving to new premises at Ketley the CAB have been aware that the new location has presented difficulties of access for people in South Telford, particularly those without a car. To address this need they submitted an application to the Big Lottery Fund for an outreach advice service. The application was successful and provides sufficient funding for employment costs. Madeley Parish was approached for the shortfall, that being rental of premises, publicity, home visits and telephones.

Councillors had been very disappointed to lose the local CAB service in Madeley but recognised that significant effort has been made to secure some level of provision, albeit reduced. Councillors were inclined to support the request but felt that the award should be staged and should be dependent on the receipt of satisfactory reports at future meetings.

Resolved:

That an award of £1,200 be made to the Telford & Wrekin Citizens Advice Bureau to support the Outreach Service and to be paid in 3 equal instalments of £400 in March, June and November.

67.2.5 Telford Pensioners Action Association

£400 requested to assist with transport costs for a 5 day holiday at Blackpool.

The Telford Pensioners Action Association meet at Jubilee House on a monthly basis, the majority of their members are residents of Madeley Parish. Since 1991 the Parish has provided relatively small sums of money to support the work of the group and has established a tradition of assistance. The meeting felt that as there remains a healthy balance in the grants budget, on this occasion a higher level of support could be justified as a one off payment for a specific purpose.

Resolved:

That an award of £400.00 be made to Telford Pensioners Action Association to assist with transport costs for a planned holiday.

67.2.6 T&W Sports & Active Recreation

£1,000 requested to promote 'Bike Month' and to officially open and promote the refurbished play area, BMX track and ball court at Hills Lane.

Councillors are very keen to support activities for young people and are particularly interested in areas where current provision is poor; Hills Lane is one such area. Councillors further felt that this proposed event presented an opportunity for a number of proposed projects such as the scheme outlined by Revd Sweet in his presentation and the 'Tripping Out' Scheme to make positive contact with young people.

Resolved:

That an award of £1,000 be made to Telford & Wrekin Sports & Active Recreation to support the 'Bike Month' event at Hills Lane on June 1st 2008.

67.3 Donation request – PCAS

Shropshire Peer Counselling & Advocacy Service offers support to people with all disabilities and is backed by both Telford & Wrekin Council and Shropshire County Council. It has also attracted Lottery funding for a new befriending service 'Chums'

Although previously not known to this Council, the organisation appeared to be well organised and worthy of support.

Resolved:

That a donation of £100 be made to Shropshire Peer Counselling & Advocacy Service.

L07/68 Community Events

The Clerk presented the Business Plan (Appendix A)

Preparations are well underway for Spring Clean which will take place in April with community litter picks and drama workshops in the schools.

The clerk requested that the date for the World on a Plate be given consideration and suggested that a Saturday might be more convenient for the contributors and for the guests. Staff considered that an event that started in the afternoon would control the numbers more effectively.

It was agreed that the World on a Plate would take place on Saturday 29th November.

L07/69 Community Groups

The Clerk presented the Business Plan (Appendix A) for Councillors information.

Councillor Janice Jones expressed her interest in the Youth Club at Sutton Hill, the Clerk undertook to make contact with the Youth Worker and arrange Cllr Jones to visit and assist at a session.

It was requested that the Cuckoo Oak ward Councillors be kept informed of the meetings and progress of the Stebbings Residents Group

L07/70 **Correspondence**

70.1 Telford Pensioners Action Association – Letter of thanks & copies of Records of Parliamentary Bills passed by the Fifteenth National Pensioners Parliament – noted.

70.2 Telford & Wrekin Council – Invitation to the launch of the ‘Local Involvement Network’, Councillors Evans and Law expressed their interest in attending.

70.3 Samaritans – Invitation to send representatives to the AGM – noted.

L07/71 **Information**

There was none.

L07/72 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Leisure & Community Committee of Madeley Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Monday 2nd June 2008, commencing at 6.30pm.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed..... Dated.....