

Minutes of a meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2014 at 7.30pm. at New Mills Village Hall.

- 1) Present – Cllrs. R. Benyon, Chairman, J. S. Davies, C. Davies, T. Jerman, H. Lewis, J. Hall, County Councillor Mrs. Joy Shearer and the Clerk Mrs. Rosemary Davies. Also in attendance was Lorraine Stanton, the new Clerk for the Council.
- 2) Apologies for absence – An apology for absence were received from Cllr. E. A. Lewis as she was on holiday.
- 3) Declaration of Interest – There were none.
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting – It was proposed by Cllr. H. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. C. Davies and agreed by all to approve the minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. They were then signed by the Chairman.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes.
  - a) Planning consultation – County Councillor Joy Shearer reported that she had spoken to the planning department and if the Council needed more time to respond in the future they should ask the planning department for an extension.
  - b) Lower Mill Bridge – Cllr. J. S. Davies reported that the new bridge had been completed with minimum disruption to the residents living across the bridge. Cllr Joy Shearer was asked to convey their thanks to Powys County Council for the way the work was carried out.
  - c) Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer – Members of the Council had met with the two short listed applicants and interviewed them. After the interviews were completed the Council discussed both applicants. It was decided the position would be offered to Lorraine Stanton and that she would be invited to the next meeting to observe in order to get an understanding of how the Council works.
- 6) Correspondence.
  - a) Planning application – A planning application number P/2014/0965 was received from 1 St Michaels Close for the erection of an extension to dwelling. This was discussed and the Council decided to support this application.
  - b) Household waste - A letter was received from Powys County Council explaining that wheely bins and recycling boxes will be delivered to every household. Those households that do not want bins can ask for purple bags instead. Recycling boxes will also be delivered.
  - c) An email was received from Lorraine Stanton accepting the offer of the position of Clerk to the Council.
- 7) Highway matters – It was reported that the signpost in New Mills was overgrown and it was difficult to see and read. It was decided that instead of reporting it to Powys County Council the Chairman Cllr. R. Benyon would ask if he could cut it back as it was not a very big job. The Council was in agreement of this.
- 8) Archive of old minute books – This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact Aberystwyth Library to ask about archiving the books and if there was a cost for this. The Clerk was also asked to enquire if they made electronic copies that we could keep.
- 9) Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible finance officer. - The process has now been completed and the new Clerk appointed. It was decided that the Chairman would write to the unsuccessful candidates thanking them for their applications.

10) Reports of meetings attended – There were none.

11) Payment of accounts – It was proposed by Cllr R. Benyon, seconded by Cllr H. Lewis and agreed by all to pay for the advert in the County Times for the vacancy for the Clerk, the amount is £274 – 32. It was also agreed to pay the Clerk the second instalment of her salary,£507

12) Agenda items for the next meeting

a) Archive of minute books

b) Planning - was decided to have Planning as a regular agenda item in the future.

13) Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30pm.

As there were was no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.