

Minutes of a meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday the 2nd of July 2014 at 7.30pm. at New Mills Village Hall.

- 1) Present – Cllrs. R. Benyon, Chairman, J. S. Davies, J. Hall, T. Jerman, E. A. Lewis, County Councillor Mrs. Joy Shearer and the Clerk Mrs. Rosemary Davies.
- 2) Apologies for absence – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C. Davies and H. Lewis,
- 3) Declaration of Interest – There were none.
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting – It was proposed by Cllr. R. Benyon, seconded by Cllr. J. S. Davies and agreed by all to approve the minutes of a meeting held on the 4th June 2014. They were then signed by the Chairman.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a) Wind turbine notice – County Councillor Joy Shearer had not had a reply regarding the short period of time the Council was given in which to reply to the consultation.
 - b) Pole at Tyn-y-Pant – This pole had been reported and Cllr. R Benyon reported that it has been put back upright.
 - c) Lower Mill Bridge – Additional metal plates have now been put on the bridge.
 - d) Manafon Charities – Cllr R. Benyon has been in touch with Black Rock investments to inform them we are in the process of updating information and getting new Trustees signed up. Cllr. J. S. Davies has written to the Charity Commission to try and find out exactly what information is held regarding the Charity. No reply has been received yet.
- 6) Correspondence -
 - a) Planning applications – A planning application was received from Mr David Jones to renovate former dwelling Gelli Gron Manafon. Another application was received from Miss Laura Jones for the conversion and extension of redundant agricultural building to form a residential dwelling at Penmaesprydd Manafon. It was decided by the Council to support both applications, the Clerk was asked to inform Powys County Council.
 - b) National grid – A letter was received thanking the Council for completing their questionnaire.
 - c) Powys County Council - A copy of the One Powys Plan was received.
 - d) A letter was read out by the Chairman from the Clerk of the Council. Notice was given by the Clerk that she is giving the required three months notice that she will be retiring as the Clerk to the Council and Responsible Finance Officer at the end of October. It was decided that the Chairman and Vice Chairman design an advert for the County Times and circulate to all Councillors to look at. The advert for the vacant position will then be placed into the County Times for two weeks. The deadline for applications to be August 29th a few days before the next meeting of the Council. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllrs. C. Davies and H. Lewis to inform them.
 - e) Aon Insurance – The insurance was discussed, it was decided to keep the cover the same as before. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hall, seconded by Cllr. J. S. Davies and agreed by all to pay the bill of £297.14.
- 7) Highway matters.
 - a) New Mills bridge – Powys County Council have reported that they will remove the existing road markings from the bridge and replace them with different white lines that will give the impression that the road is narrower and hopefully vehicles will cross in single file, thus making it safer.

- 8) Eisteddfod – It was decided to hold the entertainment evening to raise funds for the Eisteddfod on the 24th of October at 7.30 pm, this will be compared by Mr. Geraint Peate. More details will be discussed at the next meeting. An advanced notice to be placed in the Manafon Messenger.
- 9) Report of meetings attended – There were none.
- 10) Council audit – The Clerk has not yet heard back from the auditors. It was decided to pay Mrs. Beryl Foulkes for the internal audit.
- 11) Payment of accounts – It was decided to pay the following accounts.
 - a) Aon insurance -£ 297.14.
 - b) Internal Audit - £ 30
- 12) Agenda items for next meeting -
 - a) Archive of Council minute books
 - b) Appointment of new Clerk
 - c) Eisteddfod
- 13) Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday the 3rd of September at 7.30pm.

As there were was no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.