

Minutes of a meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday the 3rd of September. 2014 at 7.30pm. at New Mills Village Hall.

- 1) Present – Cllrs. R. Benyon, Chairman, J. S. Davies, C. Davies, T. Jerman, H. Lewis, A. Lewis, County Councillor Mrs. Joy Shearer and the Clerk Mrs. Rosemary Davies.
- 2) Apologies for absence – An apology for absence were received from Cllr. J Hall.
- 3) Declaration of Interest – There were none.
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting – It was proposed by Cllr. E. A. Lewis, seconded by Cllr.T. Jerman and agreed by all to approve the minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday the 2nd of July. There were then signed by the Chairman.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a) Planning consultation – The Council was unhappy that they were only given one weeks notice in which to respond to an amended planning application. Powys County Council's (P.C.C). response was that as the amendment was so small it did not warrant additional time being given. This completely missed the point that this does not give the Council enough time to call and arrange an additional meeting to discuss the application especially as the amendments had not been identified. Cllr. Joy Shearer will take the Councils comments back to P. C. C. Cllr. C. Davies also commented that this was brought up at a One Voice Wales meeting and many other Councils felt the same.
 - b) New Mills Bridge – The work has been completed and hopefully this will make it safer for crossing.
 - c) Lower Mill bridge – It was also thought that work will soon start on this bridge. Cllr. Joy Shearer said she will try and find out if anything is going to take place as no-one has heard officially.
 - d) Vacancy for Clerk – The advert was placed in the County Times for two weeks and had cost a total of £274 – 32, including VAT.
- 6) Correspondence.
 - a) Council Audit – The Annual return has been returned back to the Clerk with no matters arising, everything in order and everything has been approved. It was proposed by E. A. Lewis and seconded by C. Davies and agreed by all to approve the audited accounts.
 - b) One Voice Wales – A list of motions for the AGM was received.
 - c) Welshpool Town Council – A leaflet was sent informing the Council that due to the closure of the Cinema in Welshpool they will be holding film evenings at, the Assembly Room of the Town Hall, the notice giving the titles of the films to be put on the notice boards.
 - d) One Voice Wales –A programme of training was received, most of the trainings have been attended so no one will be attending at this time.
- 7) Highway matters – There were none. (Cllr E. A. Lewis left the meeting at this point as she had to go to work)
- 8) Eisteddfod – As no one had contacted any of the Councillors or the Clerk regarding the fund-raising event it was decided to cancel the event and the Council make a donation instead. It was decided to make a donation of £500. The Clerk to contact Cllr E. A. Lewis and ask her to contact Mr. Geraint Peate and inform him the event will not take place.
- 9) Archive of Council minute books – The Clerk was asked to contact other Council Clerks and see where they have archived their old Minute Books. This item to be put on the agenda

for the next meeting.

- 10) Vacancy for Clerk - A total of 5 applications were received for the post of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Each of the applications were discussed and it was decided to short-list two of the applicants for interview.
- 11) Reports of meetings attended – Comments were made in 5a above.
- 12) 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. This will be paid at the next meeting.
- 13) Agenda items for the next meeting
 - a) Archive of minute books
 - b) New Clerk
- 14) Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday the 1st of October at 7.30pm.

As there were was no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.