

Minutes of a meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday the 4th of June 2014 at 7.30pm. at New Mills Village Hall.

- 1) Present – Cllrs. R. Benyon, Chairman, J. S. Davies, J. Hall, C. Davies, T. Jerman, H. Lewis, County Councillor Mrs. Joy Shearer and the Clerk Mrs. Rosemary Davies.
- 2) Apologies for absence – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. E. A. Lewis.
- 3) Declaration of Interest – Cllr. J. S. Davies declared an interest in agenda item number 12.
- 4) Presentation from PCSO Liann Astley – Liann gave a verbal presentation on her role as a Police community support officer. She regularly travels to smaller villages and welcomes anyone approaching her to discuss any issues they have. Liann will be in Berriew and Tregynon on the following dates,

Berriew

Saturday 26th July, Wednesday 13th August, Tuesday 9th September, Saturday 25th October, Thursday 20th November, Friday 19th December

Tregynon

Friday 11th July, Wednesday 20th August, Monday 22nd September, Tuesday 28th October, Wednesday 26th November, Saturday 20th December

- 5) Minutes of the last meeting – It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hall, seconded by Cllr. C. Davies and agreed by all to approve the minutes of a meeting held on the 21st of May 2014. They were then signed by the Chairman.
- 6) Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a) Aon insurance – Nothing has been heard from Aon, the Clerk to follow this up.
 - b) National Grid connection – The questionnaire was completed and the Clerk will return it.
 - c) Highway signs – The signs that were the wrong way around have now been turned the right way.
- 7) Council Audit – All the information has been sent to the external auditor, the Clerk is waiting to hear back from them.
- 8) Eisteddfod – Cllr. E. A. Lewis was not at the meeting but she had reported back to the Clerk that she had contacted Mr. Geraint Peate and he is prepared to act as a compare for an event in the village hall in order to raise funds for the Eisteddfod. This was discussed and two dates were selected, these being the 24th or the 31st of October. The Clerk to inform Cllr. E. A. Lewis and ask her to see which of these dates was suitable for Mr. Peate.
- 9) Correspondence.
 - a) An amended proposals consultation was received regarding full instalation of a 50 Kw micro generation wind turbine on land west of Nant Wylt, Cefn Coch. Cllr. T. Jerman declared an interest in this item and took no further part. Replies had to be returned within 7 days of the date on the letter which meant we were unable to reply within that time-scale. This point was made to County Councillor who will look into it. It was decided that any comments we made last time still stand.
 - b) Eisteddfod, proclamation ceremony – Two Councillors were given the opportunity to attend this ceremony but no-one was available on that date.

- c) Powys County Council – A letter was received from John Powell informing the Council that in future potholes will be prioritised with a ranking scheme as to what action is taken. Category 1 hazards should be corrected or made safe at the time of inspection, other lesser risk hazards will take longer to repair.
 - d) Notice was given of a One Voice Wales meeting to be held on the 11th of June at Castle Caereinion. Cllrs C. Davies and H. Lewis agreed to attend the meeting.
- 10) Highways – The following highway matters were discussed.
- a) Telegraph pole - The pole by Tyn – y – Pant is leaning over the road, Cllr. R. Benyon will check the number on the pole and report it.
 - b) Lower Mill bridge and New Mills bridge – County Councillor Joy Shearer will try and find out what is happening regarding these two bridges.
- 11) Report of meetings attended – Manafon Charities. The Trustees of the Manafon Charities held a meeting. The priority at the moment is to get a bank mandate signed and registered with the Bank. The governing documents also need checking and making sure they are updated.
- 12) Clerks salary – Councillor J. S. Davies declared an interest and left the room and took no further part in this item. The Clerk informed the Council that she was happy for the salary to stay at the same level. The Clerk was then asked to leave the room. It was decided that the Clerks salary would remain the same as last year at £1521-00, office and computer expenses to remain the same as last year at £100-00.
- 13) Payment of accounts – It was agreed by all to pay the first payment of the Clerks salary, £507 and office expenses of £100.
- 14) Agenda items for next meeting –
- a) Eisteddfod.
- 15) Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of July at 7.30pm.

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