

Minutes of a meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday the 21st of May 2014 at 7.30pm. at New Mills Village Hall.

- 1) Present – Cllrs. R. Benyon, Chairman, J. S. Davies, J. Hall, E. A. Lewis, C. Davies and the Clerk Mrs. Rosemary Davies.
- 2) Apologies for absence – Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. H. Lewis, T. Jerman and County Councillor Mrs. Joy Shearer.
- 3) Declaration of Interest – There were none.
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting – It was proposed by Cllr. E. A. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. J. S. Davies and agreed by all to approve the minutes of a meeting held on the 7th of May 2014. They were then signed by the Chairman.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a) P.C.S.O. Liann Astley – Liann Astley has confirmed that she is able to attend the June meeting.
 - b) Aon insurance – The questionnaire received by the Clerk was completed, the Clerk to return it to Aon so they can give the Council a quote for this year's insurance.
 - c) National Grid – A questionnaire was received, the Chairman will take it home to look at and report to the next meeting.
 - d) Eisteddfod – This will be discussed at agenda item number 8.
- 6) Correspondence.
 - a) An email was received from the Welsh Government giving notice of a consultation on Statutory Guidance “Access To Information On Community and Town Councils”. In summary, the Act requires Community Councils to have websites; to publish notices and papers electronically; and to publish their register of members' interests electronically (those maintained under section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000). As the Council already complies with this it was felt there was no need to respond to the consultation.
- 7) Highways – The following highway matters were discussed.
 - a) The Council asked the Clerk to contact Powys County Council to find out who is the replacement for Alan Davies and to report a number of outstanding issues, the approach to New Mills bridge, road signs the wrong way around in New Mills and the bridge by Lower Mill.
- 8) Eisteddfod – Cllr. R. Benyon reported that a Betting and Gaming Licence will cost about £40.00, Cllr. J. S. Davies reported that to get 1000 draw tickets printed will cost £63.00 plus vat. The Council discussed this and felt that tickets would not be easy to sell, so it was decided not to hold a draw. It was thought that an entertainment evening in the Hall might be a better option. Cllr. E. A. Lewis will ask Mr. Geraint Peate if he would act as a compare for an event and perhaps also take part. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 9) War Memorial – The Clerk has now received the two quotes from two reputable local Monumental Masons for work to be carried out on the War memorial. One quote was for chemically cleaning the War Memorial, waterproofing, painting the lead lettering, repairing and painting the railing by the wall and tidying up around the memorial, this was for £880 plus vat. The other quote was for power washing the Memorial, not the face, this will be done by hand so as not to damage the lettering, then painting the lead lettering, this was for £200 plus vat. It was decided to accept the quote of £200.. The Clerk to contact both parties to inform them of the Council's decision.

10) Council audit

- a) Accounts statement – The figures in the accounting statement were looked at and approved by the Council.
- b) Annual governance statement – The Clerk went through the annual governance statement, it was proposed by Cllr. R. Benyon and seconded by Cllr. J. S. Davies and agreed by all to approve these. The section “Council confirmation prior to audit” was signed and dated by the Chairman . The Clerk can now send these pages back to the external auditor.

11) Report on meetings attended – There were none.

12) Payment of accounts – There were none.

13) Agenda items for next meeting –

- a) Clerks salary
- b) Eisteddfod.

14) Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday the 4th of June at 7.30pm.

As there were was no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.