

**Minutes of the meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm. New Mills Village Hall.**

**Present** – Chairman Cllr. J.S. Davies, Vice Chairman Cllr. H. Lewis Cllrs. R. Benyon, C. Davies, T. Jerman, Co. Cllr. Mrs. J. Shearer and the Clerk Mrs L. Stanton.

- 1) **Welcome** by Cllr. J.R. Davies Chairman
- 2) **Apologies for absence** – Apologies from Cllrs. J. Hall and E.A. Lewis
- 3) **Declaration of Interest** – see agenda item 8 Planning
- 4) **Minutes of the last meeting**; minutes approved, proposed by Cllr. R Benyon, seconded by Cllr. T. Jerman agreed by all and once revisions made by Clerk to item 6 Q2 Chairman will sign, Clerk to reissue to Councillors after revisions made.
- 5) **Matters arising from minutes (not covered in main agenda)**

**Employment contract Clerk** - resolved.

**Messenger vis a vis minutes** – resolved.

**Cutting of hedge by Village Hall** – Cllr. H. Lewis advised still in progress unable to establish contact with relevant people.

**The telegraph pole that was in the road rather than in the verge at Dolryrhoel rock** – Clerk now to take up with BT/Highways, Cllr. Jerman to send any contact details he may have related to this to the Clerk to pursue.

**Retirement gift** – resolved.

**Sewage Plant** – agenda next meeting.

- 6) **Updates on Sewage Plant STW/Fischer German**

Only response to Clerk from STW/Fisher German was that people involved were on annual leave so a response would be forthcoming on their return, Clerk to chase for response.

- 7) **Correspondence / General Updates**

C. Cllr. Mrs. J. Shearer informed the meeting that there were some border changes and mergers within Powys effectively reducing the number of Councillors from 73 to 64.

Only expenditure since last month was the purchase of a new notice board for siting at the Village Hall for use by the Council.

Cllr. R. Benyon advised the meeting that some correspondence had been received in respect of the lack of mobile coverage and he would continue to pursue for a resolution to the lack of an acceptable service in the area. Current project to improve mobile coverage throughout the UK was due to end May 2016; the Government had promised 90% of the UK would have adequate coverage by December 2017 seemingly. Several Councillors voiced concerns about the effect of a lack of coverage on the emergency services, particularly Shropdoc who often have to ask local residents for assistance, often there are issues locating more remote properties and the lack of mobile coverage could have a negative effect if there are delays to the emergency services locating and reaching properties. Accidents on local roads are also an issue when there is no mobile coverage to summon assistance. Cllr. R. Benyon will formulate a response and Clerk will also involve OVW to see if they can exert pressure in the right quarters that would bring about a speedier solution.

## **8) Planning**

1 new planning application and 1 planning consent received by Clerk.

Consent had been given by Powys CC to the Bron-Y-Rhiw property.

The new planning application reference P/2015/0761 was submitted by Bronheulog and related to plans for 3 x 4+ bedroom detached properties in land adjoining Trem Hirnant, Manafon, at this point Cllrs. J.R. Davies and T. Jerman declared an interest and left the meeting. Any observations must be raised to the Planning Dept. within 21 days so expires 20<sup>th</sup> September. Matter was discussed and in principal no real objections however the 2 points Council thought they should draw to Planning Department's' attention were the impact of additional properties on the presently overloaded sewage system in the village and, should consent be given, the pavement should be extended from Trem Hirnant along the front of the proposed new development.

With regard to any updates on the Gwernydd application, Clerk had submitted points to the Planning Department but had not heard anything further.

## **9) Notice Board update**

Purchased a weatherproof, lockable board, £141.60 less VAT, Cllr. H. Lewis kindly offered to erect the notice board when it arrives.

## **10) Highways**

Cllr. R. Benyon reported that a drain in Rhiew Close is blocked, to the extent plants are growing out of it; drain at Llanfair Caereinion junction New Mills is blocked and despite being jetted a few weeks back the drain at Glyn Cogan is also blocked again with flooding occurring when raining; B4390 at the Afon caravan park, a number of local residents have complained about some subsidence on that road; Old Hall Lane is in extremely poor condition, a vehicle cannot drive up without hitting a pothole.

Ragwort has been seen growing in the area around Glyn Cogan, supposedly a "reportable" weed, Council wish to know what is Powys County Councils policy on reportable weeds.

Manafon road sign on approach from New Mills is almost obliterated and in need of painting or replacement.

Clerk to report on all the above to the highways department.

## **11) Reports of Training / Meetings attended**

None

## **12) Payment of accounts**

Clerk gave an overview of current accounts and provided hard copy to Councillors; Update on accounts from Clerk, balance on current account as at the 15<sup>th</sup> August on £3,514.31, balance on high interest £1,896.92. Expenditure so far amounts to £873.82 including VAT, including notice board. At next meeting Council will discuss a Remembrance donation.

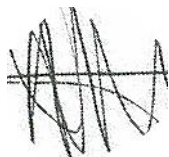
**13) Proposed agenda for meeting** (any additional items arising in the meantime will be added before issuing prior to meeting, please inform the Clerk of any amendments to minutes above or of any **additional agenda items by the 30<sup>th</sup> September**)

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declaration of interest (as agenda points arise)
4. Minutes of the last meeting
5. Matters arising from minutes
6. Updates on Sewage Plant from STW/Fischer-German
7. Correspondence / Updates from Clerk
8. Remembrance donation
9. Highways matters
10. Reports from meetings / training attended
11. Payment of accounts/Accounts update
12. Agenda items next meeting
13. Confirmation of date of next meeting

**14) Date of next meetings**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on **7<sup>th</sup> October at 1930 hours.**

**Meeting closed at 2055 and Chairman thanked everyone for attending.**



Lorraine Stanton  
Clerk & RFO to the Council

## **Action Points from Meeting Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015**

### **Clerk**

Chase STW in respect of sewage plant responses

Cllr. H. Lewis to erect new notice board

Email highway's department re highways issues per agenda point 10 above

Update web site with current information

Clerk to inform OVW on lack of improvement/development on mobile coverage.

### **Councillors**

Cllr. H. Lewis attend to New Mills hedge cutting

Cllr. T. Jerman to provide Clerk with contact details re telegraph pole issue

Cllr. R. Benyon to provide Clerk with information on mobile coverage for Clerk to send to OVW.