

# **Minutes of the Council meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016**

**Present** – Chairman Cllr. J. Davies, Vice Chairman Cllr. H. Lewis, Cllrs. T. Jerman, C. Davies,  
R. Benyon, J. Hall, and Clerk L. Stanton.

## **29. Welcome**

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **30. Apologies for absence**

Clerk confirmed apologies for this meeting had been received from CC. J. Shearer, no apology from Cllr. E.A. Lewis.

## **31. Declaration of interest**

No obvious declarations of interest, any which arose during meeting, would be dealt with under that agenda point.

## **32. Minutes of the last meeting**

Clerk offered apology for date error of meeting in minutes and notice/summons.

Cllr. T. Jerman suggested to the Clerk not to use abbreviations in minutes/correspondence (e.g. OVW) and use the full descriptive (e.g. One Voice Wales) as residents may not know what they stand for.

Minutes were discussed in full, minutes proposed by Cllr. C. Davies seconded by Cllr. R. Benyon and resolved by all to accept.

## **33. Matters arising from minutes / Action Points**

Under Highways, reference to Pantyfrydd, Cllr. T. Jerman suggested that we should not get involved in areas outside of Manafon Parish as it was not our responsibility, Clerk suggested that our residents use the road too and look to us for solutions, it was resolved to discuss course of action at next meeting.

## **34. Correspondence Updates / General updates from Clerk**

The most significant information received recently is in respect of garden waste collections.

Community Councils have been made aware of a proposal to remove local amenity site collections of paper, glass etc. Whilst most of the items are now collected on a weekly 'doorstep' basis there is considerable concern at the removal of garden refuse disposal points as there is no collection facility and only the 'Potters' sites (where there are also closure plans). Removal of community garden refuse collection points will be of considerable concern to many residents and could easily result in many more car miles for transporting garden waste and dumping of rubbish in hedgerows and ditches. Dumping of garden waste is something already evident in Manafon and there is evidence of garden waste, particularly grass cuttings being disposed of by the river, this has far reaching consequences as it is highly toxic if there is any ingress into the river.

As it is not clear if the consequences of removing garden waste collection points have been fully considered, Council asked Clerk to report to Powys CC and NRW on the implications of reducing garden waste facilities and dumping of such waste in the village.

Clerk reminded Council of the deadline and criteria for proposing any motions for the One Voice Wales Conference:

*'Member councils are invited to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on Saturday 1st October 2016, which **must arrive at this office no later than noon on Friday 1st July 2016** for consideration by the Conference Agenda Committee.*

*Please note the following:*

*For motions to be acceptable, the following requirements must be met*

*A motion must reflect a national issue or problem – One Voice Wales cannot take forward motions that are only relevant to one particular area. (Local issues/matters can be dealt with at Area Committee meetings.)*

*Each motion must be accompanied by a short explanatory note (not exceeding 150 words) in order that the Agenda Committee can fully understand the points being made.*

*The Motions Committee will sit in early July and councils will be notified of the Committee's decisions by the middle of July.*

*If a motion is accepted but amendments to it are proposed by the Committee, the relevant council(s) will be contacted. There will be a three week period for the council either to accept the recommendations or submit a new version; otherwise the amended motion will be put forward.*

*If your Council's motion is accepted then you must provide the name of both your proposer and a seconder (who must be from another council) no later than three weeks prior to the AGM taking place. We will remind councils in early September of this requirement.*

*Both the proposer and seconder must be present at the AGM for the motion(s) to be debated. Please note that they will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes each to both propose and second your motion.*

*The final list of agreed motions will be issued to councils in time for their September 2016 meetings in order for councils to have time to consider whether they wish their delegates to adopt a particular stance in relation to the vote (or whether to allow them to arrive at a judgement following the appropriate debate).'*

Minutes received from Governors meeting at Ysgol Rhiew Bechan and embellished by Cllr. R. Benyon: Head Teacher appointed Mrs. A. Whitticase, Deputy Head vacancy exists, class sizes have increased as 1 teacher short, good result from recent inspections.

Clerk made Council aware of a notice that the Community Health Council (health watchdog) were seeking 2 voluntary members, similar vacancies exist in Heritage Lottery Funding Committee, Clerk would put notices on web site in case of local interest.

Information from Powys CC received confirming that the Local Development Plan would be extended by 6 months as further work was needed.

### **35. Planning Applications/Updates/General**

Clerk made Council aware of some opportunities for training:

Planning Aid Wales “How to respond to planning applications”, no interest at this time.

One Voice Wales “Module 10 Chaining skills”, Cllr. H. Lewis would be interested at later date

No new applications and no updates on Trem Hirnant in Powys CC system.

Clerk informed Council that Powys CC have changed the parameters in respect of accessing information by Councils of planning applications and progress, Clerk has forwarded info to councillors.

‘In order to ensure consistency, from the 1st June 2016, all Town and Community Councils will be sent fortnightly reports that lists all the decisions that have been made within their area. This will ensure that Councils are aware of planning decisions within their area and also of relevant decisions in adjoining Council areas. I have attached the report and have back dated the information to the start of April 2016. The report covers all the Community Councils in Powys and is categorised by Community for ease of reference. Decision notices can be viewed where required on the Powys County Councils public website’

### **36. Highways matters**

Amey Construction on behalf of STW have a major project planned for July affecting Adfa and Llanwyddelan, there will be some road closures and disruption during the 3 phases. More details below and Clerk will update web site and notice board accordingly.

*When is the work taking place?*

*This essential work will commence from July this year, mostly working through private fields and along sections of the road as we progress through the village of Adfa and Llanwyddelan.*

*This work will last for approximately 7 – 8 months to fully complete and will be undertaken in phases as shown below.*

*Phase 1: This phase will take place from near to Llwyn Celyn Caravan Park through a section of private field and grass verge before then proceeding into the road travelling through Adfa village, working past the community hall, this will require the use of a road closure. The new pipe line will then proceed from parts of the private fields and road working up to Penygelli Farm.*

*Phase 2: The next phase of work will then continue heading towards Llanwyddelan along further sections of the road and private land past both St Gwyddelans Church and Llanwyddelan reservoir to the river bridge.*

*During this section of work, when works progress into large parts of private fields, signs will advertise that local access will be allowed for light vehicles along the road.*

*We expect both phase one and two will last for approximately 10 – 12 weeks to complete.*

*Phase 3: The remaining phase will then take place from Llanwyddelan River Bridge working along B4389 towards New Mills, at the junction with the road leading towards Llanfair Caereinion, we will the install the pipe within the road finishing this vital work at Manafon Reservoir.*

*Exact dates and durations for this phase will be released nearer the time of this work taking place.*

*If you want to receive regular updates on this work text ADFA to 01952 780333*

*Stephen Coventry Amey Customer Services 07841 166554*

*24 hr Call Centre Amey Customer Services 0800 521 660*

Cllr. H. Lewis was to send Clerk photos taken of the issues at Dolryrhoel Rock.

Clerk was to see if we could register at Severn Trent Water web site for getting updates.

Clerk gave a run down on updates from highways department Newtown;

*'B4390 water - The jetter is currently on Trunk road cyclic maintenance but when free I will send him to this issue.*

*Bronfynnon C2065 – I have been informed that a water pipe has been put through our drainage pipe, this requires further investigation.*

*Dolryrhoel Rock – this requires a large amount of support work, and is awaiting feedback from an engineer, in the mean time we will try to put adequate barriers in position to keep the traffic away from the edge'*

### **37. Reports from meetings / training attended**

None

### **38. Financial update from Clerk including budget comparison and payments to be made**

Councils are required to update financial information on all payments made to Clerk and Councillor's to the Independent Remuneration panel for Wales, deadline September but Clerk confirmed already completed as part of final audit procedures.

Additional payments to Clerk, Clerk duly informed Council that so far this year, there were 8 additional hours; 4 for Joomla training in Newtown 18/4 and 4 hours for additional audit work during April & May. Given there are periods when more hours than the contracted hours are worked, it was unanimously resolved that the Clerk should keep a tally monthly and inform Council at each meeting of the hours and reasons, secure signature from Chairman and retain documents so remuneration was applied at year end salary payment.

Clerk was not aware of the audit "theme" for current financial year so we will ensure full financial and budget discussion including variances against budget at each meeting and that minutes reflect same. Clerk confirmed that there have not been any enquiries from the community in respect of the accounts for 2015/2016 financial year during the window of availability advertised.

Payments, the only outstanding payment was to Clerk for recorded delivery of postage @ £2.81, Clerk felt it was unnecessary to raise cheques for small amounts and suggested that a petty cash tally was kept and could be settled when the amount justified raising a cheque. It was unanimously agreed that for small amounts of expenses Clerk would keep a cash sheet with receipts and would be reimbursed during the year at some point as a normal payment.

Year to date expenditure is £665.89 versus a total budget of £3479.00, no expenditure over budget thus far, first precept payment was received from Powys CC 29/4/16. Balances in bank accounts – current as at 15/5 £3239.38, high interest £1898.24, total £5137.62, budgeted amounts accrued £2813.11, some cheques still unpaid as at 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **39. Confirmation of date of next meeting**

Next meeting will take place Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July @ 1930 Hours

Cllrs C. Davies & H. Lewis will attend meeting in Adfa 4<sup>th</sup> June re STW/Amey works

**Please note:** Since our meeting we have been advised that Superfast Cymru at Berriew council meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2 reps from Manafon CC are invited

Future dates for OVW Montgomeryshire Area Committee Meetings: Wednesday 8th June.

**Future dates for SLCC Powys Branch meetings:** 7th July Llandrindod Wells

Meeting closed at 2110 and Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

### **Agenda items next meeting**

Proposed agenda for meeting if any additional items arise in the meantime these 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 **latest 23rd June** so that notice/summons can be issued / published in good time)

Welcome

Apologies for absence (absence forms to be signed off)

Declaration of interest

Minutes of the last meeting

Matters arising from minutes / Action Points update

Water Pressure issues, replacement of asbestos pipe between New Mills & Manafon  
Cefn Coch windfarm construction

Correspondence Updates / General updates from Clerk

Planning Applications/Updates

Highways matters, including discussion on reference to Pantyfydd from June meeting

Reports from meetings / training attended

Financial update from Clerk including budget comparison and payments to be made

Agenda items next meeting

Confirmation of date of next meeting/s

## **Summary Action Points includes some carried forward**

The village sign for Manafon on the approach from Berriew requires some attention, Clerk to report to highways.

Clerk to report to Powys CC and NRW concerns on removal of waste facilities and dumping of garden waste

Cllr. H. Lewis was to send Clerk photos taken of the issues at Dolryrhoel Rock.

Cllr. Benyon reported evidence of fly tipping of waste around area at Lower House Farm, Clerk would report to both Welshpool and Newtown highways and Environment.

There are still complaints about pot holes on Cross Lane and the lane going up to the Glyn, again Clerk will report to highways.

Clerk was to see if we could register at Severn Trent Water web site for getting updates.

Clerk to update highways spread sheet with current status on issues raised.

Clerk to update web site with all relevant information/correspondence.

Cllr. Benyon suggested Clerk gets details on the proposed changes to vehicle taxation and put on web site.

Clerk to progress logo.