

Minutes of the Council meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday the 6th July 2016

Present – Chairman Cllr. J. Davies, Cllrs. T. Jerman, R. Benyon and E.A. Lewis and Clerk L. Stanton.

40. Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at the earlier time.

41. Apologies for absence

Clerk confirmed apologies for this meeting had been received from CC. J. Shearer, Vice Chairman Cllr. H. Lewis and Cllrs. C. Davies & J. Hall.

42. Declaration of interest

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

43. Minutes of the last meeting / Matters arising from minutes / Action Points

Minutes were discussed in full, it was agreed that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting therefore minutes proposed by Cllr. R. Benyon seconded by Cllr. T. Jerman and resolved by all to accept. Cllr. T. Jerman agenda item 33: should have read "it was suggested", not "Clerk suggested", noted for future, other no other matters arising not covered by agenda.

44. Water Pressure issues, replacement of asbestos pipe between New Mills & Manafon

Apparently still some ongoing issues with water pressure and a discussion took place in respect of the water supply from Manafon to New Mills, the main had ben replaced between Berriew and Manafon but there was still the issue of an old asbestos pipe feeding New Mills, Clerk requested to inform Severn Trent Water and ask what is being proposed to resolve as this may be contributing to current issues.

45. Cefn Coch Windfarm Development

Council did not have any concerns in terms of local impact in Manafon/New Mills, it was felt that all necessary environmental assessments would have taken place before construction began and all due permissions would have been granted and these should have taken into account all aspects of the construction and it was doubtful that we would feel any impact, besides which the construction is not in our Parish.

46. Correspondence & Updates from Clerk

Invitation from Berriew to attend meeting 14th July re Broadband update presentation from BT, Cllr. R. Benyon and Clerk will attend.

Clerk said no updates received from Powys CC in respect of the fly tipping report (made per recommendations of NRW) for the recent disposal of garden waste and grass cuttings near the weir no updates expected as once reported it is up to the Council to take action.

Clerk informed meeting that the Building Regulations Committee for Wales were recruiting additional members, posts are unpaid, Clerk will post to website in case of any local interest.

Powys War Memorials Project, as a mark of respect the Government are encouraging local communities to research men and women listed on memorials, there is also funding and free training available from the project to research, clean, maintain, repair, restore and improve war memorials and their immediate surroundings. More information to be found at <http://www.growinpowys.co.uk/2091>

Web Archive National Library of Wales, it was unanimously agreed that there was no purpose in Manafon CC web Site being preserved for 'future users' as all the information contained was short term and a "living" web site with only current data displayed.

47. Planning Applications/Updates/General

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

The new procedure for Powys CC to issue a fortnightly report that lists all the decisions that have been made within their area is working

48. Highways matters

Clerk to contact Powys CC Highways and secure their policy on cutting of hedges and grass as well as grass verges, there were concerns about the cutting of the grass opposite the kiosk as Powys CC did not seem to be taking responsibility and even more concern about the lack of hedge/grass cutting in some of the narrower roads where visibility and road safety was being compromised.

Clerk informed Council that the Dolryrhoel Rock issue was now a major project for Powys CC subject to funding being made available.

Discussion on conditions of roads between parishes and what if any action could be taken by other parish councils would be taken up at Berriew meeting 14th July.

Cllr. Lewis reported the issue of the brook on the Manafon/Pantfrydd border, the drain or culvert right alongside the Pantfrydd sign is continually blocked with debris, has already been the cause of significant flooding recently and same will happen each time it rains, Clerk to report to Highways.

49. Reports from meetings / training attended

None

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

Payments, the only outstanding payment was to Clerk for postage @ £6.00, as agreed at last meeting as it was not viable to raise small frequent cheques for small amounts of expenses, the Clerk would keep a running cash sheet with receipts and minute references of payments made on behalf of Manafon CC and would be reimbursed during the year at some point as a normal payment, cash sheet total currently stands at £8.81.

Year to date expenditure is £671.89 (including £8.81 accrual for Clerk expenses) versus a total budget of £3,479.00, no expenditure over budget thus far. Balances in bank accounts – current as at 15/6 £3,044.38 high interest £1,898.24, total £4,942.62, budgeted amounts accrued £2,807.11

51. Confirmation of agenda and date of next meeting

Next meeting will take place Tuesday 2nd August @ 1930 Hours **(PLEASE NOTE AMENDED DATE AS AGREED)**

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 27th July** so that notice/summons can be issued / published in good time)

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Declaration of interest

Minutes of the last meeting

Matters arising from minutes / Action Points update

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Correspondence Updates / General updates from Clerk

Planning Applications/Updates

Highways matters

Reports from meetings / training attended, specifically Berriew CC meeting

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Confirmation of date of next meeting/s

Meeting closed at 2040 and Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Summary Action Points includes some carried forward

Absence forms to be signed off

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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 to contact Severn Trent Water vis a vis asbestos pipe issue Manafon – New Mills.

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

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

Clerk to progress logo development.