

Minutes of the Council meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday 21st June 2017

Present – Cllrs. J. Davies, Chairman, R. Benyon, J. Hall, T. Jerman, Clerk L. Stanton & County Councillor Heulwen Hulme

183. Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and welcomed County Councillor Heulwen Hulme to her first meeting since election.

184. Apologies – Cllrs C. Davies & E. A. Lewis.

185. Declarations of interest – None apparent from initial agenda, if any arise they would be dealt with under specific item.

186. Minutes of the last meeting

Acceptance of minutes for accuracy, proposed by Cllr. J. Hall, seconded by Cllr R Benyon, unanimously agreed by all to accept as an accurate record of meeting.

187. Matters arising from minutes

Co-option - to fill vacancy, see main agenda point.

Charitable donations – Clerk had received letter from New Mills Village Hall outlining the need for additional financial support, letter read to Council. At his point Councillor J. Davies declared an interest and took no further part in the meeting., Vice Chair took over the meeting, after much discussion and reviewing other request for charitable donations it was agreed by all that local needs must be met first and that the £100 set aside for charitable donations should go to the village hall, proposed by Cllr. R. Benyon, seconded by Cllr. T. Jerman, unanimously agreed by all with a proviso that the village hall grant be reviewed before year end when next payment due.

Councillor training/Correspondence – New Councillor's to undergo training, Clerk to check with surrounding councils to see if they had any training needs which could be consolidated to make more cost effective to hold locally and check what courses were available with OVW going forward.

All other points arising covered in main agenda items.

188. Vacancy/Co-Option of Councillor

One application only received from Ms. Isabel Prentice residing in Manafon, matter discussed in full, candidate proposed by Cllr. J. Hall, seconded by Cllr R Benyon, there being no other proposals or applications it was unanimously agreed by all to appoint Ms. Prentice, Clerk to complete paperwork and formally invite new Councillor to next meeting.

189. Updates from County Councillor

C.C. Cllr. Hulme updated Council on new Cabinet members and responsibilities within Powys CC, she is committed to supporting local communities in respect of issues that arise, for example there are reviews underway to have Potters recycling centres restored to previous modus operandi, another example being pothole repairs; why can't contractors or Powys CC effect the same repairs as STW which are far more robust.

190. Correspondence Updates / General updates from Clerk

Election of Town or Community Councillor from Montgomeryshire to the Standards Committee - Clerk outlined CV of candidates eligible John Nigel Bowen and Joyce Gethin Shearer, each Community Council has one vote, after much discussion it was unanimously agreed to vote for Joyce Gethin Shearer, Clerk to post.

191. STW and sewerage

No responses from STW nor Fischer German, all previous staff involved at Fischer German appear to have left, Clerk to send a polite email to STW copy Russell George about the situation in Manafon, the objections were to siting not the provision of a new sewerage facility and the need is even greater with building development likely in the near future.

192. Broadband/Mobile updates

Broadband summit in Newtown 17th July, Clerk & Cllr. Benyon will attend, Clerk to chase BT Openreach and the June deadline (end of June was last commitment) for rolling out superfast is looming. In respect of mobile comms., Cllr. Benyon is pursuing various angles on use of Tetra mast and will contact a company called Shared Access (contact provided by Cllr. Hall) as they may be a solution, Clerk to chase EE about possibilities of units in public places.

193. Planning Applications / Updates

No new plans received no updates.

194. Highways matters

Cllr. Jerman reported some damage to new rails around Llanwyddelan Bridge, but these have been repaired.

30 MPH Llanfair Road/ New Mills – C. C. Cllr. Hulme asked what response from Highways, Clerk to investigate and revert ASAP. C. C. Cllr. Hulme mentioned about the speed watch campaign in Tregynon, Clerk to invite PCSO to next meeting to discuss as there are concerns about speed around New Mills/Manafon particularly HGV's.

195. Reports from meetings / training attended

Cllr R. Benyon gave overview of OVW meeting, guest speaker was the Police Commissioner who outlined plans for making the '101' service more personal not machine orientated, greater security for farms, restructuring to save costs, no plans to close small stations and plans to re-open Welshpool station as a manned facility, also discussed the use of Tetra mast at Manafon for mobile communications.

196. Financial update from Clerk

Clerk confirmed the VAT repayment of £58.94 had been received. Council suggested that the Clerk produces the financial summary sheet to Council every 3 months unless anything out of the ordinary.

Payment to be made: - £27.60 to Cllr. E. A. Lewis mileage claim; £15.64 to Clerk for postage stamps and special delivery of audit return; £2.80 to Clerk mileage claim. Payments proposed by Cllr. R. Benyon, seconded by Cllr. J. Davies, all in favour payments duly authorised.

197. Web site general & content

Chair felt the web site was very good and contained useful information to the community as well as being compliant, unanimously agreed to leave as is and review on annual basis.

198. Urgent items not on the agenda but at the discretion of the Chair

Cllr. Benyon had been contacted by a number of residents in the bungalows to advise of a rat infestation probably caused by land adjacent to the bungalows being very overgrown, after discussion Clerk was instructed to write to the land owner asking if they could rectify the matter.

199. Agenda items next meeting

Welcome

Apologies for absence

Declarations of interest

Minutes of the last meeting, Matters arising from minutes

Updates from County Councillor

Cae Post (carried forward)

Royal Mail post box @ New Mills

Commemoration of the end of World War one

STW and sewerage

Reserves Policy (carried forward)

Correspondence Updates / General updates from Clerk

Broadband/Mobile updates

Planning Applications / Updates

Highways matters

Reports from meetings / training attended

Financial update from Clerk – accounts, payroll updates & payments to be authorised,

Agenda items next meeting

Date of next meeting/s

Dates of external meetings and attendees

200. Date of next meetings

Next meeting 26th July, no meeting in August and revert to normal, original schedule: Sept 6th, Oct 4th. Nov 1st no Dec meeting, Clerk to update website ASAP

Chairman thanked everyone for attending, meeting closed at 2115 hours.