

Minutes of the Council meeting of the Manafon Community Council held on Wednesday 4th October 2017

Present – Cllrs J Davies (Chair), J. Hall, R. Benyon, C. Davies, T. Jerman, E. A. Lewis & I. Prentice, & Clerk L. Stanton

Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies – Cllr. Hulme would be arriving late due to other prior meeting

230 Declarations of interest – Clerk advised that there was a reference to a planning application; previous declarations of interest will not apply in respect of Cllrs. J. Hall, T. Jerman & J. Davies as it is only a status update.

231 Minutes of the last meeting - Cllr. Jerman did not agree with translation in 225 – Bwngns Hole – Clerk manually struck Devils hole from minutes prior to Chair signing. Acceptance of minutes for accuracy, proposed by Cllr. Benyon, seconded by Cllr. Lewis, unanimously agreed by all to accept as a true record of meeting.

232 Matters arising from minutes

(224) – War memorial, Clerk advised to contact Leech re major repair as paint flaking, Cllr. J Davies to look out old records

(STW) – Clerk had received documents from STW related to residents who may have an interest in mains sewerage, Council only a facilitator for information, all information provided by STW to be put on website, in Messenger and a reference to website on notice boards.

233 Correspondence Updates / General updates from Clerk

SP Energy, have provided Clerk with contact details for ‘vulnerable’ customers to register, details to go on website, Messenger and notice boards.

IRP – review of Town and community Councils in Wales, Clerk to make consultation available on web site and notice board. Agenda item next meeting so Councillors have time to consider for a collective response.

Fast Hosts – (Email platform provider) costs for subsequent years’ domain registration going to rise, offer on table to extend and save £3 per annum, a unanimous decision by all to extend renewal and avoid cost increases, Clerk to arrange.

234 Highways matters - Standing water on B4390 between Finnant and Henllys, Clerk to report to Highways Department. Speed at Llanfair Road still a concern as is Cefn Bach Lane to Llanwyddelan Bridge and Bryn Teg corner, unanimous decision to call on highways for site meeting to discuss all highways issues/concerns, Cllrs. Benyon, C. Davies and T. Jerman to attend, Clerk to organise.

235 Planning - Communication received from Powys CC planning dept. in respect of application P/2017/0245, given conditional consent at planning meeting 14/9/2017.

236 Broadband/Mobile updates - Mobiles – Efforts to secure mobile coverage for the valley continues, no further information available, latest update on Superfast broadband is Oct/Nov before operational, Clerk will update website as more info available.

237 Promoting Village Hall amenities in relation to Well-Being Act - Council agreed unanimously to organise social events at the Village hall for the whole community to benefit from, especially those who

had difficulty travelling to socialise, Council have proposed 2 dates to trial, 25th October and 29th November, if successful and supported proposal was to stage on the 4th Wednesday of each month. 7:30 PM start, informal, refreshments available, Clerk to advertise on web site, in Messenger and on notice boards immediately. Clerk to coordinate on lifts, as many people as possible to bring board games etc.

238 Reports from meetings and/or training attended - Training – Clerk & Cllr. Prentice attended Model code of conduct training, very informative well delivered training. Again the matter of declarations of interest were raised and whilst rules are different between England and Wales now it may change, if a Councillor decides not to complete the forms then they take responsibility for the consequences should there be a breach or enquiry by the Ombudsman. Cllrs. Prentice and Lewis attend Induction training for councillors, again found to be a very useful training course that all Councillors could benefit from as much has changed over the years and not just relevant to new Councillors. Chair instructed to re-issue forms to Councillors.

239 Clustering – Clerk contacted Newtown to see if any new discussions are imminent, nothing in the foreseeable future, Chair stated that any discussions now on clustering is premature given the 12 month review on Town & Community Councils taking place.

Cllr. Lewis left the meeting at 2100 hours due to work commitments.

240 Data Protection Act 2018 – To ensure we are getting to grips with the obligations of Community Council's to implement changes, Clerk reminded members that as a Council we have to appoint a Data Protection Officer, could be the Clerk could be someone else but has to be a person adequately trained. C. Cllr. Hulme is attending a seminar shortly and Clerk asked if maybe Community Council's could use the Powys CC Data Protection Model/Officer, Clerk suggested participating in an online webinar being run by SLCC, cost approx. £30 and no travel costs, Cllr. Jerman felt not necessary but as compliance and being adequately prepared was essential before May 2018, training for Clerk was proposed by Cllr. C. Davie seconded by Cllr. Hall, Clerk to arrange.

241 Financial update from Clerk – accounts YTD, pension/payroll updates & payments to be authorised - Clerk gave an overview of expenditure versus budget, YTD expenditure excluding VAT is £538.65, Clerk confirmed precept for August received into account. Balance in current acc. £4905.32, high interest act. £2426.71 total funds £7332.03. Payments to be made: £6.40 to Clerk for mileage (course & speed awareness meeting), £7.20 to Cllr. Prentice for mileage (course). Payments agreed by all in favour and duly authorised.

242 Updates from County Councillor – Pen Y Bryn entrance has been cut back hard to improve visibility; contractors working on Ysgol Rhiew Bechan under review not proving satisfactory; under the proposals for the LDP the plans for 15 properties within the original LDP will remain in place & important to remember because of the STW situation.

Cllr. Jerman left the meeting at 2125 hours.

243 Agenda items next meeting

Welcome

Apologies for absence

Declarations of interest

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Correspondence received / General information updates from Clerk

Highways, including site meeting 20th October

Planning
Broadband/Mobile updates
Community social evening
Reports from meetings and/or training attended
Data Protection Act 2018 update
IRP Review Panel update
Financial update from Clerk – accounts YTD, pension/payroll updates & payments to be authorised,
Budget discussion 2018/2019
Meetings 2018
Updates from County Councillor
Any additional items arising deemed as urgent as no meeting till January 2018
Agenda items next meeting

Date of Council meetings - next meeting Wednesday Nov 1st (budget discussion) no December meeting scheduled.

Dates of external meetings: - OVW- Tuesday 23rd January 2018, Wednesday 18th April 2018 and Wednesday 13th June 2018, Clerk @ SLCC Powys branch meeting Llandrindod Wells 7th December.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending, meeting closed at 2130 hours.